Foreword

We congratulate you on having selected the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) at the American University of Beirut (AUB). We welcome you to the student ranks of the department and look forward to having you join us as professional peers in the near future. In order to do this, you will of course, have to successfully complete all of the requirements for your degree as described in this manual.

Both of the undergraduate programs offered by the ECE department, Computer and Communications Engineering (CCE) and Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) are ABET accredited. ABET, Inc. is an organization that accredits programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology. It is the main body that accredits engineering programs in the US and Canada and it is increasingly accrediting programs internationally. Graduating from an ABET accredited program assures that the quality of the program meets standards for engineering education set by a well-established organization. It also means that the program is striving to keep up with developments in the field and continually working to improve the quality of education you receive. Students who graduate from ABET accredited programs have easier access to graduate programs in engineering, professional engineering registration, and membership in certain professional societies.
Purpose of this manual

This manual has been designed to aid students enrolled in the ECE department to plan their studies as they progress through the curriculum. In the manual you will find the answers to many questions that may arise about the departmental programs of study, policies, rules and regulations; in addition to many Faculty and university policies. It is a handbook of information with which all undergraduate students should be familiar. This manual will save you time, call your attention to various services available to students, make our classes run smoothly, and help to provide you with the best learning experiences possible.

We are always interested to hear your suggestions and comments about our programs and courses, and about your experiences as a student in the ECE department, or anything else you might want to mention.

With our best wishes for a productive and successful academic year in 2012-13.