

**Faculty of  
Health Sciences  
(FHS)**

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## Historical Background

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The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) was established in 1954 as an independent School of Public Health, the first of its kind in the region. The name of the school was changed to the Faculty of Health Sciences in 1978 to accommodate programs in allied health.

FHS serves to educate and train professionals and competent leaders to help meet the health needs of Lebanon and the region. Currently, FHS hosts four departments: Epidemiology and Population Health (EPH), Environmental Health (EH), Health Promotion and Community Health (HPCH), and Health Management and Policy (HMP); and a Division of Health Professions hosting three programs in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine: Medical Audiology Sciences, Medical Imaging Sciences and Medical Laboratory Sciences. FHS offers a BS degree in: Environmental Health, Medical Audiology Sciences<sup>1</sup>, Medical Imaging Sciences and Medical Laboratory Sciences; a BA degree in Health Communication; an MS in Public Health (MPH) (concentrations in Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Health Promotion and Community Health, and Health Management and Policy); and an MS in Epidemiology. FHS also offers an MS in Environmental Sciences, major: Environmental Health (as part of an Interfaculty Graduate Environmental Sciences Program), an Executive Master in Health Care Leadership, and a PhD program in Epidemiology. In addition, FHS provides teaching of public health to students in the Faculty of Medicine.

## Accreditation

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In October 2006, the Public Health Program (PHP) of the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) became accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) and was reaccredited in 2012 for seven years term extending to 2019. In December 2019, the CEPH Board voted to renew the accreditation of the program for another seven-year term ending in 2026. The PHP includes the Master of Public Health, Master of Science in Epidemiology, Master of Science in Environmental Health, and the PhD in Epidemiology, as well as the newly launched Bachelor of Arts in Health Communication and most recently, in 2021, the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health. CEPH is an independent agency in the United States, which is recognized to accredit schools and programs of public health. The PHP at FHS was the first graduate public health program to be accredited by CEPH outside the Americas and remains the only program in the Arab region. Accreditation indicates that the PHP of the FHS meets standards for Public Health Education of leading schools of public health in the world.

## Mission

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To improve the health of populations and advance the public health discipline and field of health professions in the region and beyond, through excellence in education, research, and community engagement.

## Vision

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The leading academic voice and driver for equity, justice, and better health in the Arab region and beyond.

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<sup>1)</sup> frozen for the current year

# Undergraduate Programs

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## Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to the programs leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science, candidates must have satisfactorily completed the freshman program in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences or its equivalent with a minimum cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2) and a minimum science average of 70 (GPA: 2.2).

Freshman students applying to Environmental Health, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Medical Imaging Sciences or Medical Audiology Sciences must complete the following science requirements: BIOL 101, CHEM 101, CHEM 101L, MATH 101 and PHYS 101 or 103, (see page 44). In addition to these courses, applicants to the Medical Imaging Sciences or Medical Audiology Sciences must complete PHYS 103L.

Freshman students applying to Health Communication must attain a cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2) in the Freshman year and a cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2) in English courses taken in the Freshman year.

Courses taken before the student is admitted to any of the programs may be credited at the discretion of the appropriate department.

To be eligible for admission to advanced standing (second and third year) in science majors, a candidate must have completed the equivalent requirements for the first (or second) year of undergraduate study in the Faculty of Health Sciences in the respective major and have met the following criteria:

- a minimum cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2)
- and a minimum average of 70 (GPA: 2.2) in science courses.

To be eligible for admission to advanced standing (second and third year) in Health communication major, a candidate must have completed the equivalent requirements for the first (or second) year of undergraduate study in the major and have met the following criteria:

- a minimum cumulative average of 75 (GPA: 2.5).

A student who has completed a minimum of two terms of study as a sophomore or its equivalent is eligible for admission to the first year in the Faculty of Health Sciences in science majors if the following criteria are met:

- a minimum cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2),
- a minimum average of 70 (GPA: 2.2) in science courses,
- and completion of a minimum of 6 credits in basic science.

A student who has completed a minimum of two terms of study as a sophomore or its equivalent is eligible for admission to the first year in the Health communication major if the following criteria are met:

- a minimum cumulative average of 75 (GPA: 2.5)

Admission decisions are subject to availability of places in the desired program of study. Lebanese students must present the Lebanese Baccalaureate or its equivalent and should be considered eligible by the AUB Office of Admissions for admission to the first year in health sciences. These candidates are evaluated based on SAT I scores and school performance.

Candidates holding the Lebanese Baccalaureate Part II—literature and humanities—or its equivalent are required to take CHEM 101, 101L and MATH 101 as remedial courses

if joining the Environmental Health or Medical Laboratory Sciences program, or MATH 101 if joining the Medical Imaging Sciences or Medical Audiology Sciences program. Candidates holding the Lebanese Baccalaureate Part II—sociology and economy—or its equivalent are required to take CHEM 101 and 101L as a remedial course if joining the Environmental Health or Medical Laboratory Sciences program.

For complete and detailed information regarding admission to AUB, including recognized certificates, see the Admissions section and Certificate and Class Chart on of this catalogue.

## Graduation Requirements

All recommendations for graduation are made by vote of the faculty, upon the recommendation of the Undergraduate Curriculum and Undergraduate Student Academic Affairs and Student Affairs (UGCA-SA) Committee.

**BS in Environmental Health:** To be eligible for graduation with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health, a student must:

- pass a minimum of 96 credit hours after freshman science class or its equivalent,
- achieve a total cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2) and achieve **a cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2) in the major field of study.**

**BA in Health Communication:** To be eligible for graduation with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Health Communication, a student must:

- pass a minimum of 95 credit hours after freshman science class or its equivalent,
- achieve a total cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2) and achieve **a cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2) in the major field of study.**

**BS in Medical Audiology Sciences:** To be eligible for graduation with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Medical Audiology Sciences, a student must:

- pass a minimum of 103 credit hours after freshman science class or its equivalent,
- obtain a minimum grade of 70 (GPA: 2.2) in each of ORLG 220, ORLG 230, ORLG 240 and ORLG 250,
- achieve a total cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2),
- and achieve **a cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2) in the major field of study.**

**BS in Medical Imaging Sciences:** To be eligible for graduation with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging Sciences, a student must:

- pass a minimum of 102 credit hours after freshman science class or its equivalent,
- achieve a total cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2),
- and achieve **a cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2) in the major field of study.**

**BS in Medical Laboratory Sciences:** To be eligible for graduation with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Sciences, a student must:

- pass a minimum of 103 credit hours after freshman science class or its equivalent,
- achieve a total cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2),
- and achieve **a cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2) in the major field of study.**

## Residency Requirements

Students of the Faculty of Health Sciences must meet the following minimum residency requirements.

**Environmental Health Major:** A student must register in residence at the Faculty of Health Sciences—Environmental Health major for the last three regular terms.

**Medical Laboratory Sciences/Medical Audiology Sciences/Medical Imaging Sciences/Health Communication Majors:** A student must register in residence in the major of study for the last four regular terms.

## Minors

The Faculty of Health Sciences offers three minors, which require the completion of a number of courses as specified in the list below.

### Minor in Environmental Health

The minor in Environmental Health introduces students to the environmental system and the interactive processes that affect human health, environmental protection and development. The minor in Environmental Health requires 15 credits, including the following: HPCH 205, ENHL 220, plus a minimum of 9 credits selected from the following ENHL courses: ENHL 221, ENHL 227, ENHL 231, ENHL 234, ENHL 235, ENHL 238 and ENHL 239.

### Minor in Public Health

The minor in Public Health introduces students to substantive issues and methodological approaches in public health. Students are given an overview of the field in HPCH 205 an introduction to epidemiology and biostatistics in EPHD 203. For the remaining courses towards the minor, students can choose from the list of approved electives from across the disciplines of public health according to their interests. A minor in public health allows students to become more aware of the factors influencing health and hence more capable of making choices that influence their own health and that of their communities. In addition, a minor in public health expands students' career options by exposing them to an increasingly important and expanding profession.

Students will be required to take:

- HPCH 205 Introduction to Public Health (3 credits)
- EPHD 203 Epidemiology and Biostatistics (3 credits)

The remaining 9 credits may be fulfilled through any combination of the following FHS courses (all courses are 3 credits unless otherwise noted):

Table 1: Elective courses for the Minor in Public Health

Department\Course	GE Social Science	GE Natural Science	GE Quant Thought
<b>Environmental Health</b>			
ENHL 220: Fundamentals of Environmental Health Sciences		X	
ENHL 221: Management of Domestic and Hazardous Waste			
ENHL 234: Occupational Health			
<b>Epidemiology and Population Health</b>			
EPHD 213 (2 crs): Survey Methods			X
<b>Health Management and Policy</b>			
HMPD 204: Introduction to Health Services Administration	X		
<b>Health Promotion and Community Health</b>			
HPCH 200: Global Health	X		
HPCH 201: Health Awareness	X		
HPCH 202 (2 crs): Sexuality & Public Health	X		
HPCH 210: Health Communication Theory			
HPCH 211: Research Methods			
HPCH 237: Theories & Practice of Health Promotion	X		
<b>Public Health</b>			
PBHL 210: COVID-19, Inequality and Well-Being	X		
PBHL 220: Design of Engineering Solutions for Health Challenges in Crisis	X		

The list of eligible electives was selected to include courses that cover broad public health content and/or introductory content to a subfield of public health. The student will be expected to develop her/his plan for the minor according to the student's interests and in discussion with the academic advisor.

To graduate with a minor, a student must attain a cumulative average of 70 or more in courses taken to satisfy the requirements of that minor.

## Minor In Humanitarian Engineering And Health Innovations

The Minor in Humanitarian Engineering and Public Health Innovations is offered jointly by the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture.

The minor is open to undergraduate students from all majors. It is a multidisciplinary offering that provides undergraduate students with the knowledge of the humanitarian engineering field, and equips them with the skills required to find innovative design solutions for challenges faced by disadvantaged populations taking into consideration two complementary perspectives; public health perspective and engineering perspective.

Students who complete the minor will be able to:

1. Apply participatory needs assessment tools and analyze the different dimensions of a public health problem



Upon prior approval of the students' advisor and the coordinators of the Humanitarian Engineering Initiative, students who are required, as part of their degree requirement, to complete a capstone or final year project, can count that experience towards fulfilling the capstone requirement for the minor.

To graduate with the minor, a student must attain a cumulative average of 70 or more in courses taken to satisfy its requirements.

### **Certificate Option**

Students can opt for a certificate in Humanitarian Engineering and Public Health Innovations.

The “Humanitarian Engineering and Public Health Innovations” certificate requirements are:

- HEHI 201, “Foundations of Humanitarian Engineering and Public Health Innovations”
- HEHI 202, “Capstone: Humanitarian Engineering and Public Health Innovations Capstone”
- An internship approved by the Humanitarian Engineering Initiative of at least 8 weeks full-time

Students should declare the certificate before completing the requirements.

Upon prior approval of the students' advisor and the coordinators of the Humanitarian Engineering Initiative, students who are required, as part of their degree requirement, to complete an internship or practicum, can also count that experience towards fulfilling the internship requirement for the certificate.

University minimum requirements for a minor are as follows:

- A minimum of 15 credit hours earned on the basis of regular graded courses (not tutorial or special project type courses) is required for a minor.
- At least 9 credit hours of coursework must be completed at AUB.
- No more than 9 credit hours taken in the major field of study may be used to satisfy a requirement for another minor.
- Minor courses may not be taken on a pass-fail basis at AUB.

## **General Education Requirements**

Please refer to the General Education Requirements section in this catalogue (page 48).

## **Dual Degree**

Students may, upon approval of the faculty concerned, complete the requirements for a second degree while registered in another faculty at AUB. In such a case, a student will be granted two degrees at the same time of graduation. If tuition differs, students will pay the higher of the tuitions. Please refer to the section on General University Academic Information (page 46) for more information.

## **Academic Rules and Regulations**

Please refer to the section on General University Academic Information for information on attendance, classes and laboratories, examinations and quizzes, course loads, premedical requirements, incompletes, probation (placement on academic probation, removal of probation), dismissal and readmission, repeating courses, special students not working for a degree, tutorials and withdrawal from courses.

## Full-time Students and Credit Load

A full-time student must carry a minimum load of 12 credits per term. If a student wishes or is forced to reduce her/his load to fewer than 12 credits, s/he must first apply to the UGCA-SA Committee for approval. This should be done no later than 10 weeks after the start of the term.

Students on probation for the first time are allowed a maximum load of 17 credits. Students who continue on probation beyond one term can register for a maximum of 13 credits per term.

Students can normally register for up to 18 credits per term and 9 credits during the summer term. Students who wish to register for more than 18 credits (or 9 credits in summer) must petition the appropriate faculty committee for permission to do so.

## Promotion

For class promotion from year I to year II, a student must complete a minimum number of credits per year as listed in the table below: <sup>1</sup>

	For Class Promotion from Year I to Year II <sup>1</sup>	For Class Promotion from Year II to Year III
EH major	30 credits	63 credits
MLS major	31 credits	66 credits
MAS major	33 credits	68 credits
MIS major	34 credits	65 credits
HCOM major	32 credits	66 credits

## Majorless Status

Students who refrain from following the assigned course curriculum will automatically be given the status of majorless. Majorless students in the Environmental Health program are required to take ENHL 220. Majorless students are given two academic terms to transfer to the desired major. If by the end of the second term the student does not secure acceptance to the desired major, s/he is dropped from the faculty.

## Curriculum for Bachelor of Arts in Health Communication

### First Year

		Lecture Hrs./ Week	Lab Hrs./ Week	Credits Hrs.
<b>First term</b>				
HPCH 210	Health Communication Theory	2	2	3
EPHD 203	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	2	2	3
HPCH 205	Introduction to Public Health	2	2	3
HPCH 211	Research Methods	2	2	3
ENGL 203	English Communication Skills	3	0	3
				<b>Total 15</b>

1) Excluding credits for ENGL 102

<b>Second term</b>				
EPHD 213	Survey Methods	1	2	2
HPCH 203	Health Communication	3	0	3
HPCH 211	Research Methods	2	2	3
MCOM 202	Communication Theory	3	0	3
MCOM 228	Introduction to Digital Media	3	0	3
ENGL 204	Advanced English Communication	3	0	3
				<b>Total 17</b>

## Second Year

		<b>Lecture Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Lab Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Credits Hrs.</b>
<b>First term</b>				
HPCH 237	Theories & Practice of Health Promotion	3	0	3
MCOM 215	Media Law and Ethics	1	2	3
ARAB 223	Arabic for the Media	3	0	3
Social Science Elective I		3	0	3
HPCH 212	Evaluation of Health Communication Activities	2	2	3
				<b>Total 15</b>

<b>Second term</b>				
HPCH 204	Social Marketing	2	2	3
HPCH 207	Risk Communication in Public Health Practice	1	2	2
Humanities Elective I		3	0	3
MCOM 247	Trauma Journalism	3	0	3
Natural Science Elective I		3	0	3
Humanities Elective II		3	0	3
				<b>Total 17</b>

<b>Summer Session</b>				
HPCH 250	Practicum	–	–	2
				<b>Total 2</b>

## Third Year

		Lecture Hrs./ Week	Lab Hrs./ Week	Credits Hrs.
<b>First term</b>				
HPCH 200	Global Health and Conflict	3	0	3
HPCH 208	Advocacy and Activism for Social Change	2	2	3
HPCH 206	Media Relations	1	2	2
MCOM 246	Digital and Multimedia News	3	0	3
Humanities Elective III		3	0	3
				<b>Total 14</b>
<b>Second term</b>				
HPCH 215	Project Management Skills	1	2	2
Natural Science Elective II		3	0	3
Social Science Elective II		3	0	3
Humanities Elective IV		3	0	3
HPCH 209	eHealth for Public Health	1	2	2
HPCH 251	Capstone Seminar	0	2	2
				<b>Total 15</b>

Curriculum for Bachelor of Science  
in Environmental HealthFirst Year<sup>1</sup>

		Lecture Hrs./ Week	Lab Hrs./ Week	Credit Hrs.
<b>First term</b>				
BIOL 200	Diversity of Life	3	3	4
CHEM 208	Brief Survey of Organic Chemistry	3	0	3
CHEM 209	Introductory Organic Laboratory	1	4	2
ENGL 203	Academic English	3	0	3
ENHL 220	Fundamentals of Environmental Health Sciences	3	0	3
				<b>Total 15</b>

1) CHEM 101 and 101L is a remedial course required of Literature and Humanities and Sociology and Economics Baccalaureate holders. MATH 101 is a remedial course required of Literature and Humanities Baccalaureate holders.

<b>Second term</b>				
ENHL 221	Management of Domestic and Hazardous Wastes	3	0	3
ARAB 2xx	Arabic Communication Skills	3	0	3
ENGL 204	Advanced Academic English	3	0	3
ENHL 227	Environmental Microbiology	2	2	3
Humanities Elective		–	–	3
				<b>Total 15</b>

**Second Year**

		<b>Lecture Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Lab Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Credit Hrs.</b>
<b>First term</b>				
ENHL 231	Water and Wastewater Quality Control	3	0	3
ENHL 232	Instrumentation, Analytical Techniques and Sampling	3	1	3
ENHL 238	Indoor and Outdoor Air Pollution	3	0	3
EPHD 203	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	2	2	3
EPHD 203A	Biases in Epidemiology	1	0	1
Humanities Elective		3	0	3
				<b>Total 16</b>

<b>Second term</b>				
ENHL 233	Quality Determination of Water and Wastewater	2	2	3
ENHL 234	Occupational Health	2	2	3
ENHL 235	Toxicology and Risk Analysis	3	0	3
ENHL 239	Food Safety	3	0	3
EPHD 213	Survey Methods	1	2	2
Social Sciences Elective		–	–	3
				<b>Total 17</b>

**Third Year**

		<b>Lecture Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Lab Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Credit Hrs.</b>
<b>First term</b>				
ENHL 242	Environmental Management Tools and Applications	3	0	3
HMPD 204	Introduction to Health Services Administration	3	0	3
HPCH 237	Theories and Practices of Health Promotion	3	0	3
				<b>Total 15</b>
<b>Winter session</b>				
ENHL 236	Practicum	–	–	3

		Lecture Hrs./ Week	Lab Hrs./ Week	Credit Hrs.
<b>First term</b>				
Free Elective		–	–	3
PHIL 209	Environmental Ethics	3	0	3
				<b>Total 15</b>
<b>Winter session</b>				
ENHL 236	Practicum	–	–	3
<b>Second term</b>				
ENHL 243	Global Environmental Issues	3	0	3
Free Elective			3	3
Free Elective			–	3
ENHL 245	Environmental Economics	3	0	3
Humanities Elective		–	3	3
				<b>Total 15</b>

## Curriculum for Bachelor of Science in Medical Audiology Sciences<sup>1</sup>

### First Year

		Lecture Hrs./ Week	Lab Hrs./ Week	Credit Hrs.
<b>First term</b>				
MAUD 200	Overview of Audiology and Clinical Practice	1	0	1
ENGL 203	Academic English	3	0	3
PHYS 204	Classical Physics for Life Sciences	3	0	3
PHYS 204L	Classical Physics for Life Sciences Laboratory	0	3	1
Social Sciences Elective		3	0	3
Humanities Elective		3	0	3
HUMR 246	Human Morphology	2	1	3
				<b>Total 17</b>
<b>Second term</b>				
ARAB	Arabic Communication Skills	3	0	3
MAUD 204	Acoustics, Psychoacoustics and Instrumentation	2	2	3
ENGL 204	Advanced Academic English	3	0	3
PHYL 246	Physiology	4	0	4
Free Elective		3	0	3
				<b>Total 16</b>

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**Second Year**

		<b>Lecture Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Lab Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Credit Hrs.</b>
<b>First term</b>				
MAUD 201	Anatomy and Physiology of the Auditory- Vestibular System	3	0	3
MAUD 202	Basic Audiological Procedures	3	0	3
MAUD 203	Pediatric Audiology	3	0	3
ENGL 227	Introduction to Language	3	0	3
EPHD 203	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	2	2	3
ORLG 220	Screening Procedures	1	9	3
				<b>Total 18</b>
<b>Second term</b>				
PHIL 205	Bio-Medical Ethics	3	0	3
MAUD 205	Amplification I	2	2	3
MAUD 207	Auditory Evoked Potentials	3	0	3
HCPH 203	Health Communication	3	0	3
ORLG 230	Basic Clinical Procedures	1	15	5
				<b>Total 17</b>
<b>Summer Session</b>				
MAUD 208A	Practicum Project I	0	0	0
				<b>Total 0</b>

**Third Year**

		<b>Lecture Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Lab Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Credit Hrs.</b>
<b>First term</b>				
MAUD 206	Amplification II	2	2	3
MAUD 209	Vestibular-Balance Assessment and Management	3	0	3
MAUD 210	Aural Rehabilitation and Counseling	3	0	3
HMPD 204	Introduction to Health Services Administration	3	0	3
ORLG 240	Advanced Clinical Procedures	1	15	5
				<b>Total 17</b>

<b>Second term</b>				
MAUD 208B	Practicum Project II	1	4	3
MAUD 211	Medical Audiology	2	2	3
MAUD 212	Special Topics in Audiology	1	0	1
MAUD 213	Environmental Audiology	3	0	3
Humanities Elective		3	0	3
ORLG 250	Comprehensive Practice	1	15	5
				<b>Total 18</b>

## Curriculum for Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging Sciences

### First Year

		<b>Lecture Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Lab Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Credit Hrs.</b>
<b>First term</b>				
ENGL 203	Academic English	3	0	3
ARAB	Arabic Communication Skills	3	0	3
Humanities Elective		3	0	3
HUMR 246	Human Morphology	2	2	3
MIMG 201	Introduction To MIS	2	0	2
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychological Sciences	3	0	3
				<b>Total 17</b>

<b>Second term</b>				
ENGL 204	Advanced Academic English	3	0	3
MIMG 206	Principle of Imaging I	3	0	3
MIMG 206L	Principle of Imaging I Laboratory	0	4	2
NURS 201	Introduction to Nursing Practice	1.2	3	2
PHYL 246	Physiology	4	0	4
PHYS 205	Modern Physics	3	0	3
				<b>Total 17</b>

<b>Summer Session</b>				
MIMG 202	Imaging Physics	3	0	3
DGRG 220	Clinical Practicum I	0	12	2
				<b>Total 5</b>

**Second Year**

		<b>Lecture Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Lab Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Credit Hrs.</b>
<b>First term</b>				
DGRG 230	Clinical Practicum II	0	12	4
MIMG 203	Medical Imaging Equipment I	3	0	3
EPHD 203	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	2	2	3
HPCH 203	Health Communication	3	0	3
MIMG 207	Principle of Imaging II	3	0	3
				<b>Total 16</b>
<b>Second term</b>				
DGRG 240	Clinical Practicum III	0	8	2
MIMG 208	Sectional Anatomy	3	0	3
MIMG 204	Medical Imaging Equipment II	3	0	3
EPHD 213	Survey Methods	1	2	2
MIMG 205	Introduction to Principles of Diseases	3	0	3
				<b>Total 13</b>
<b>Summer Session</b>				
DGRG 250	Clinical Practicum IV	0	12	2
MIMG 210A	Research Project I	3	0	0
				<b>Total 2</b>

**Third Year**

		<b>Lecture Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Lab Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Credit Hrs.</b>
<b>First term</b>				
DGRG 260	Clinical Practicum V	1	12	4
Social Sciences		3	0	3
PHIL 205	Bio Medical Ethics	3	0	3
Humanities Elective		3	0	3
HMPD 204	Introduction to Health Services Administration	3	0	3
				<b>Total 16</b>
<b>Second term</b>				
DGRG 270	Clinical Practicum VI	0	12	4
MIMG 209	Quality Management and Image Analysis	3	0	3
MIMG 210B	Research Project II	3	0	3
Humanities Elective		3	0	3
Free Elective		3	0	3
				<b>Total 16</b>

## Curriculum for Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Sciences

### First Year

		Lecture Hrs./ Week	Lab Hrs./ Week	Credit Hrs.
<b>First term</b>				
BIOL 201	General Biology I	3	3	4
CHEM 208	Brief Survey of Organic Chemistry	3	0	3
CHEM 209	Introductory Organic Laboratory	1	4	2
ENGL 203	Academic English	3	0	3
Humanities Elective		3	0	3
				<b>Total 15</b>
<b>Second term</b>				
ARAB 2xx	Arabic Communication Skills	3	0	3
BIOC 255	Biochemistry for MLSP	3	0	3
ENGL 204	Advanced Academic English	3	0	3
PHYL 246	Physiology for Nursing Degree Students and Undergraduates	4	0	4
Humanities Elective		3	0	3
				<b>Total 16</b>

### Second Year

		Lecture Hrs./ Week	Lab Hrs./ Week	Credit Hrs.
<b>First term</b>				
LABM 201	Clinical Chemistry I	2	0	2
MLSP 201	Clinical Hematology I	3	0	3
MLSP 203	General Microbiology	2	2	3
MLSP 207	Immunology and Blood Banking	2	0	2
MLSP 208	General and Diagnostic Virology	2	0	2
Social Sciences Elective		3	0	3
Humanities Elective		3	0	3
				<b>Total 18</b>
<b>Second term</b>				
LABM 202	Clinical Chemistry II	3	0	3
LABM 210	Cytology and Histological Techniques	2	0	2
MBIM 223	Parasitology for MLS students	2	4	4
MLSP 202	Clinical Hematology II	3	0	3
MLSP 204	Systematic Bacteriology	2	4	4
MLSP 259	Diagnostic Serology	1	0	1
				<b>Total 17</b>

<b>Summer Session</b>			
Practical Training in Laboratory Medicine	–	–	4
			<b>Total 4</b>

**Third Year**

		<b>Lecture Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Lab Hrs./ Week</b>	<b>Credit Hrs.</b>
<b>First term</b>				
EPHD 203	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	2	2	3
HMPD 204	Introduction to Health Services Administration	3	0	3
LABM 233	Genetics and Molecular Biology	2	0	2
LABM 235	Medical Mycology	1	0	1
Practical Training in Laboratory Medicine		–	–	8
			<b>Total 17</b>	

<b>Second term</b>				
PHIL 205	Bio-Medical Ethics	3	0	3
HPCH 203	Health Communication	3	0	3
LABM 231	Clinical Laboratory Quality Systems	1	0	1
MLSP 211	Seminar	1	0	1
Practical Training in Laboratory Medicine		–	–	8
			<b>Total 16</b>	

**Practical Training in Laboratory Medicine**

A total period of 30 weeks to cover practical experience and application of theoretical knowledge in the following areas of laboratory medicine for the periods and credits indicated below:

		<b>Duration</b>	<b>Credits</b>
LABM 220	Clinical Chemistry and Endocrinology	6 weeks	4
LABM 230	Clinical Hematology and Reception	6 weeks	4
LABM 240	Clinical Microbiology	6 weeks	4
LABM 250	Clinical Parasitology and Urinalysis	3 weeks	2
LABM 260	Serology	3 weeks	2
LABM 270	Blood Banking	3 weeks	2

## Interdisciplinary courses

### **PBHL 210                      COVID-19, Inequality and Well-Being                      3.0; 3**

This course will introduce students to the COVID-19 pandemic as both a global and regional public health crisis, with a focus on prevention, mitigation and impact. Geographically, it would focus on low and middle-income countries across the Global South and with a particular emphasis on the Arab region. The course will offer an intersectional analysis of the structural inequalities exposed by COVID-19, both in terms of differential vulnerability to and consequences of the pandemic by gender, age, socio-economic class, ethnicity, race and immigrant/refugee status. Drawing on recent research by FHS and AUB faculty members, lectures will examine some of the historical, economic, epidemiological/health sector and social aspects of the pandemic and explore policy responses across various contexts. The course will additionally address the myriad gendered consequences of lockdown measures adopted to combat the pandemic, such as poor mental health outcomes, the rise in gender-based violence, disruptions to education and loss of income, among others. Focusing on Lebanon as a case study, the course will also analyze the impact of the concomitant public health and economic crises on the health sector, exploring the burden on fragile health systems as well as the diversion of already-precarious healthcare resources from “non-essential” services.

### **PBHL 220                      Design of Engineering Solutions for Health                      3.0;3** **Challenges in Crises**

An interdisciplinary design course focused on humanitarian engineering solutions for health challenges particularly in protracted crises. The course is targeted at senior undergraduate and graduate students in engineering and public health domains. Topics covered in the course include the context of displacement in the Arab region, health and health system challenges, design methodologies both in engineering and public health domains, relevant technologies and engineering tools. The course culminates in a major design experience carried out by a multidisciplinary group. This will include problem definition, stakeholders' involvement, ideation and design, prototyping and feasibility of deployment.



# Department of Environmental Health

Chairperson:	Jurdi, Mey
Professors:	Habib, Rima; Jurdi, Mey; Nuwayhid, Iman
Associate Professor:	Massoud, May
Assistant Professor:	Dhaini, Hassan
Lecturer:	Nasr, Joumana
Instructor:	El Helou, Nida

The Department of Environmental Health offers a three-year undergraduate program in environmental health, which is accredited by the United States Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). Students are admitted to the department after the completion of the freshman science program or its equivalent and are awarded a Bachelor of Science degree upon graduation. The curriculum provides a broad education in basic sciences and fundamental knowledge of environmental health. Emphasis is placed on the evaluation and control of major environmental health problems in developing and developed countries in such fields as indoor and outdoor air pollution, water, sanitation and hygiene, food safety, risk analysis, municipal and hazardous waste, occupational health and safety, environmental impact assessment and audits, climate change and sustainable development. During their senior year, students in the program are also given the opportunity to complete an internship in pre-approved work settings, thus providing them with the opportunity to supplement their theoretical and laboratory experience with real life practical field experience. Moreover, as part of the program, students are also required to take public health courses in epidemiology and biostatistics health management and health promotion, which facilitates acquiring a minor in Public Health (refer to Minor Policy page 588). Additionally, students can follow a pre-medical track, if interested in joining the medical school.

Due to increased environmental concerns, Lebanon and countries in the region are in great need of qualified personnel capable of planning and implementing policies, strategies and programs to enhance human health and ecological vitality. This provides great job opportunities in various sectors, such as public/governmental agencies, international organizations, private companies, non-governmental organizations and academic/research institutions.

## Course Descriptions

**ENHL 200 Environment and Health 3.0; 3 cr.**  
 A course that exposes the students to major local and global environmental issues relating to air, water, land and energy and the importance of proper integrated management to promote and protect public health and achieve sustainable development. In addition, the course highlights the importance of environmental laws and policies as major tools in the management of environmental health issues. Environmental ethics is also emphasized as a critical core factor of the management processes. The importance of environmental awareness of different stakeholders is exposed as a means to achieve proposed objectives. *Open to freshman students only.*

**ENHL 220 Fundamentals of Environmental Health Sciences 3.0; 3 cr.**  
 A course that explores the interdisciplinary nature of environmental health sciences.

It explains fundamental scientific concepts relating to the various environmental components and focuses on the relationship between the environment and human health. Using case studies and critical thinking exercises, the course covers a variety of topics including air, water and soil pollution, energy, waste management, climate change, biodiversity and sustainable development. It also highlights the relationship between population growth, economics, politics, ethics and the environment.

**ENHL 221                      Management of Domestic and Hazardous Wastes                      3.0; 3 cr.**

A course that introduces the elements of solid waste management: sources, characterization, generation rates, collection, transportation, and disposal technologies. Concepts are presented within the context of integrated management: reduction, reclamation, recycling, and disposal. Socioeconomic implications at the community and national levels are emphasized. *Pre or co-requisite: ENHL 220. Students can't receive credit for both ENHL 221 and CIVE532/ENSC610.*

**ENHL 227                      Environmental Microbiology                      2.2; 3 cr.**

A course that introduces students to the microbial world and relates microbiology to environmental issues and community health. It explores the fundamentals of bacteriology, virology, and parasitology and covers infectious diseases transmitted through air, water, food, soil, municipal solid wastes, and wastewater. It covers topics such as microbial environments, detection of microorganisms and their activities in the environment, industrial microbiology, and bioremediation. *Pre or co-requisites: BIOL 200/201 and ENHL 220.*

**ENHL 231                      Water and Wastewater Quality Control                      3.0; 3 cr.**

A course that focuses on the principles of water management (both in quantity and quality) with emphasis on fresh water resources for domestic and multi-purpose utilization. Characterization, treatment, reclamation, and recycling of wastewater are also discussed. National and international guidelines, standards, and directives for water and wastewater management are presented. *Prerequisites: ENHL 220 and ENHL 227.*

**ENHL 232                      Instrumentation, Analytical Techniques and Sampling                      3.1; 3 cr.**

A course that focuses on the basic concepts and application of different sampling methods, and instrumental and analytical techniques: electrical conductance, absorption spectrophotometer (visible, ultraviolet light, infrared, atomic absorption), emission (flame photometry) and chromatography (gas chromatography, high performance liquid chromatography, ion chromatography). *Prerequisite: ENHL 220.*

**ENHL 233                      Quality Determination of Water and Wastewater                      2.2; 3 cr.**

A course that focuses on the quality determination (physical, chemical, biochemical, and microbiological) of water and wastewater samples using standard analytical techniques. Students are required to write professional quality assessment reports. Proper presentation and interpretation of results and practical recommendations for preventive or corrective measures are emphasized. *Prerequisites: ENHL 220, ENHL 231 and ENHL 232.*

**ENHL 234                      Occupational Health                      2.2; 3 cr.**

A course that provides an overview of the general principles of occupational health using a multidisciplinary framework. Applying diverse perspectives, students of the class will learn about hazards in the workplace and the health, economic, political, social, and societal ramifications of occupational health and safety. The course offers a dynamic

learning environment that emphasizes critical thinking and engagement. Students will learn by applying research and readings to case studies, media analysis, and in-class discussions. *Prerequisite: ENHL 220.*

**ENHL 235 Toxicology and Risk Analysis 3.0; 3 cr.**  
A course that introduces students to the principles of toxicology (exposure to toxicants and its absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion), selected toxic chemicals, and the impact of toxicants on selected human organs and systems. It also introduces students to the application of toxicology in public health, namely dose-response and causal relationships, risk assessment, management, and communication including the process of setting environmental standards. *Prerequisites: ENHL 220, BIOL 200/201, CHEM 208 and CHEM 209.*

**ENHL 236 Practicum 3 cr.**  
This is a required course of Environmental Health students providing them with an opportunity to supplement their theoretical and laboratory experience with a real life practical field experience. Students are assigned to environmental projects and challenges in pre-approved work settings in the public sector, private sector (industries, consulting firms), academic and research centers, UN agencies, or international and national NGOs. Students will address current environmental issues supervised by environmental practitioners. Wherever feasible, practicum sites will be assigned to meet the student's long term academic and career objectives. The experience will sharpen the student's writing, technical and analytical skills in a supervised setting and develop the skills to conceive of and successfully complete a well-defined project within a limited time frame. *Prerequisites: Completion of all the ENHL courses of the first two and a half years. ENHL 242.*

**ENHL 238 Indoor and Outdoor Air Pollution 3.0; 3 cr.**  
A course that discusses exposure and health effects of indoor (e.g., asbestos, tobacco smoke, formaldehyde, radon) and outdoor air pollutants. Students are introduced to modeling, quality determination, and management strategies. This course includes a "service learning" component through which students will engage with a predetermined organization to identify and address a public health problem. This opportunity will allow students to "share" and "receive" knowledge and expertise leading to enhanced learning among students and benefit to the chosen organization. *Prerequisites: ENHL 220, CHEM 208, or CHEM 211 and CHEM 212 (could be taken concurrently).*

**ENHL 239 Food Safety 3.0; 3 cr.**  
A course that focuses on food safety from production to consumption (preparation, processing and preservation, storage, marketing and trading). Emphasis is placed on the development, implementation and appraisal of food safety management systems and certification schemes (such as GHP, GMP, HACCP, ISO 22000 and FSAC) at the national and international levels. *Prerequisites: ENHL 220, ENHL 227 and CHEM 208.*

**ENHL 242 Environmental Management Tools and Applications 3.0; 3 cr.**  
A course that provides an overview of the general principles relating to environmental management tools and applications. Topics covered include environmental impact assessment, environmental auditing, and environmental regulations and standards. To provide students with practical experience, they are requested to conduct a community-based environmental health project. Emphasis is placed on investigating the problem and proposing management strategies. *Senior standing required. Prerequisites: ENHL 221, 233, 234, 235, 238, 239.*

**ENHL 243 Global Environmental Issues 3.0; 3 cr.**

Global environmental problems such as climate change, water shortage, floods, fires, depletion of stratospheric ozone, and the loss of biodiversity have captured news headlines and the attention of the public. These developments are transnational, in that their impact is felt across national boundaries and effective responses require coordinated efforts transcending any individual state. The establishment of conventions and institutions facilitating international cooperation reflect this reality, yet the success of these efforts has been frequently inadequate and criticized as favouring the powerful over the disenfranchised. This course engages students in a review of global environmental issues affecting the Arab region and beyond. This review will explore research on the history and causes of these environmental problems, giving special attention to their framing in public discourse. The ecological, social, economic, political, cultural, and health aspects of the environmental problems are discussed in a debate format. The local, national, and international efforts to develop strategies to address these problems are also raised. *Prerequisite: ENHL 242*

**ENHL 245 Environmental Economics 3.0; 3 cr.**

A course that introduces the principles of economics and its use as a tool to analyze and value the environment by providing a quantitative measure that can guide policy. The course focuses on the cost of environmental pollution and degradation in contrast to the economic value of conservation, environmental amenities (such as clean water, air, and soil) and environmental mitigation and remediation. *Prerequisite: ENHL 220.*

Modes of Analysis	English and Arabic(9)	Humanities(12)	Social Sciences(6)	Natural Sciences(9)	Quantitative Thought(6)	Major Courses	Other Required Courses
Lecture Course (9+12+6+9+6+42)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required Arabic Course (3)</li> <li>Required English Courses: ENGL 203 (3), 204 (3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PHIL 209(3)</li> <li>3 Electives(9)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HMPD 204(3)</li> <li>Elective (3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BIOL 200(4)</li> <li>CHEM 208(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPHD 203(3)</li> <li>EPHD 213(2)</li> <li>EPHD 203A(1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENHL 220</li> <li>227(3),</li> <li>221(3),</li> <li>239(3),</li> <li>231(3),</li> <li>232(3),</li> <li>233(3),</li> <li>234A(3),</li> <li>235(3),</li> <li>238(3),</li> <li>ENHL 242(3),</li> <li>243(3),</li> <li>245(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HPCH 237(3)</li> </ul>
Lab (4+4)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BIOL 200(4)</li> <li>CHEM 209(2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPHD 203(3)</li> <li>EPHD 203A(1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENHL 232(3),</li> <li>234A(3),</li> <li>233(3),</li> <li>227(3)</li> </ul>	
Seminar (2)						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENHL 242(3),</li> <li>243(3)</li> </ul>	
Research Project (4)					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPHD 213(2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENHL 242(3),</li> <li>243(3)</li> </ul>	
Fieldwork						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENHL 236(3)</li> </ul>	

Students take, in addition to the required courses above, 9 free elective credits in various fields and modes of analysis.

# Department of Epidemiology and Population Health

Chairperson:	Chaaya, Monique
Professors:	Chaaya, Monique; DeJong, Jocelyn; Sibai, Abla
Professor of Public Health Practice:	Adib, Salim
Associate Professors:	Ghandour, Lilian; Jaffa, Miran
Associate Research Professor:	Ghattas, Hala
Associate Professor of Public Health Practice:	Fouad, Fouad
Assistant Professors:	El Asmar, Khalil; Mumtaz, Ghina
Assistant Research Professor:	Akik, Chaza
Assistant Professor of Public Health Practice:	McCall, Stephen
Instructor of Public Health Practice:	Schenck, Catherine
Affiliates:	Akl, Elie; El Bejjani, Martine
Adjunct:	Hajjeh, Rana

**EPHD 203      Epidemiology and Biostatistics      2.2; 3 cr.**  
An introductory course offered to undergraduates covering the basic principles of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. This course introduces students to the types and sources of epidemiological data, common measures of morbidity and mortality, the design and analysis of various epidemiological study designs and the main biases and issues that threaten data validity. The course also covers exploratory data analysis, and introduces students to statistical techniques commonly used in the analysis of epidemiological data. The students will learn how to run basic statistical analyses on SPSS and interpret statistical output. The lab sessions for the epidemiology sessions will be in the form of discussion of practice questions or articles, and computer lab sessions will mainly introduce students to statistical analysis using the statistical package SPSS.

**EPHD 203A      Biases in Epidemiology      1.0; 1 cr.**  
This course is open only to undergraduate students enrolled in the Environmental Health program. In this course, the students will be further exposed to all potential types and sources of bias in epidemiological research and ways to avoid them. These concepts will be illustrated via the discussion of weekly readings. The class will engage the students in team activities and group discussion. *Corequisite: EPHD 203.*

**EPHD 213      Survey Methods      1.2; 2 cr.**  
A course that provides students with a general overview of the principles and stages of survey research. Using secondary data, students will learn to review and synthesize the literature relevant to a particular research question, analyze and summarize the data, as well as present the findings in an oral and written format. Students will also have the opportunity to develop short questionnaires, sample respondents, collect primary data, and enter data on SPSS as part of their course assignments. Throughout the course, students will learn of the main ethical issues that arise through the different research stages. *Prerequisites: EPHD203 or consent of instructor.*

# Department of Health Promotion and Community Health

Chairperson:	Makhoul, Jihad
Professor:	Makhoul, Jihad
Associate Professors:	Abdulrahim, Sawsan; Kabakian-Khasholian, Tamar; Nakkash, Rima <sup>1</sup>
Assistant Professors:	Bardus, Marco; Hadjez, Esteban; Sieverding, Maia
Senior Lecturer:	<sup>P</sup> El Kak, Faysal
Instructor:	Kanj, Mayada
Instructors of Public Health Practice:	Kalot, Joumana; Najem, Martine
Lecturer:	Al Barazi, Rana
Research Affiliate:	Salloum, Ramzi

The Department offers a three-year Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Health Communication (HCOM) and a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree in Health Promotion and Community Health (HPCH).

The HCOM program prepares undergraduate students to develop, deliver, and evaluate health communication tools and activities; and to communicate health information to diverse audiences. Students enrolled in the program will receive most of their disciplinary training in the HPCH Department but will also take courses in the Media Studies Program at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS). HCOM courses are designed to train students in Public Health theory and methods; planning, managing and evaluating health communication; and communicating health messages to audience of interest.

The HPCH Department also contributes to teaching courses in other undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Health Sciences and in a Teaching Diploma in Health Education with the Department of Education at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

## Course Description

**HPCH 200 Global Public Health and Conflict 3.0; 3 cr.**  
This course presents an overview of global public health, with a specific focus on its relationship to conflict, displacement and the humanitarian relief systems. This is achieved through a multidisciplinary approach with readings from the sciences, social sciences, and humanities. The course promotes student-centered learning and assesses the achievement of learning outcomes mainly through critical writing assignments.

**HPCH 201 Health Awareness 3.0; 3 cr.**  
A course that aims to increase understanding of the social dimensions of health and illness and the factors that relate to healthy living. This course tackles common health concerns as they relate to the individual, with an emphasis on prevention and wellness

<sup>1</sup>) On Leave

P) Part time



**HPCH 207 Risk Communication in Public Health Practice 1.2; 2cr.**

In this course students will learn the basic concepts of risk communication and its applications in public health. This course will cover the basic principles of theories of risk perception (e.g., Prospect Theory) and discuss their applications in public health incidents responses. We will include elements of risk message framing, public engagement, using traditional and social media, as well as ethical considerations of public communication. At the end of this course, students will be able to apply these concepts to design messages to convey risk information in public health by producing messages in various formats, including fact sheets, press releases, video scripts, text messages, and media kits. The final presentation will consist of a mock press conference on a pre-determined topic. *Prerequisites: HPCH 210 and HPCH 212*

**HPCH 208 Advocacy and activism for Social Change 2.2; 3cr.**

In this course, students are exposed to the art and science of advocacy in public health. The course covers the basic elements of an effective evidence-based advocacy process, including defining the issue, defining the audiences and crafting advocacy messages. Students work in groups to develop an advocacy tool, such as a newspaper article, a letter of complaint, or a policy statement for an advocacy project addressing a public health issue of relevance to Lebanon or a country of the region. *Prerequisites: HPCH 204 and 207*

**HPCH 209 eHealth for Public Health 1.2; 2cr.**

This course is designed to introduce students to eHealth and mHealth; that is the use of technologies for health communication in public health. We will explore a range of mobile and social media uses in health to address methodological, conceptual, ethical and design issues pertinent to these emergent technologies. Topics to be inquired in this course include: technology-based doctor-patient interaction, user-generated narratives, health promotion and interventions through mobile and digital media, online risk behaviors, health surveillance, to name a few. *Prerequisites: HPCH 210, 212, MCOM 228 and 246*

**HPCH 210 Health Communication Theory 2.2; 3cr.**

This course investigates the nature of health communication theories and provides an overview of the main theoretical frameworks applied in the health promotion discipline and health communication in particular. This class will explore the theory, research, and skills associated with communicating in various care contexts which include communication among providers, family caregivers, patients, healthcare organizations, and in mediated messages in the marketing and promotion of health information and the politics of health care.

**HPCH 211 Research Methods 2.2; 3cr.**

This course is an introduction to methods for research used in health communication. It introduced students to the theoretical thinking and application of both quantitative and qualitative methodologies as they apply to health communication. Students will learn how to frame questions, review scientific literature, select appropriate designs and methodologies to measure knowledge, attitudes and behavior, and analyze data to guide communication strategies. Students are provided with opportunities to apply various techniques of data collection and analysis to interpret research findings and use them effectively in decision making about health communication activities and programs.



# Department of Health Management and Policy

Chairperson:	Kassak, Kassem
Professors:	El-Jardali, Fadi; Saleh, Shadi
Professor of Public Health Practice:	Jabbour, Samer
Associate Professors:	Yassin, Nasser <sup>1</sup>
Associate Professor of Public Health Practice:	Kassak, Kassem
Assistant Professor:	<sup>P</sup> Tanzi, Vito
Instructor:	Germani, Aline
Instructors of Public Health Practice:	Abou Samra, Clara; Bou Karroum, Lama; Fadlallah, Racha; Jamal, Diana

Departmental courses are designed to introduce students to the principles and practices in the field of health management and policy, with an emphasis on managerial functioning in healthcare organizations. The department offers a few undergraduate courses in health administration and contributes to courses catered to major and minor programs.

## Course Description

**HMPD 204 Introduction to Health Services Administration 3.0; 3 cr.**  
This course offers an in-depth examination of the diverse components that form a health system. It provides an opportunity to describe and analyze how provider settings, health care personnel, financial resources, technology, and the government interact to meet and serve the health care needs of populations.

This course includes a “service learning” component through which students will engage with a predetermined organization to identify and address a public health problem. This opportunity will allow students to “share” and “receive” knowledge and expertise leading to enhanced learning among students and benefit to the chosen organization.

1) on leave  
P) Part time

# Division of Health Professions

Director:	Melhem, Nada
Executive Committee:	Hannoun, Salem (MIS Program Coordinator) Melhem, Nada (MLS Program Coordinator)

The Division of Health Professions at the Faculty of Health Sciences hosts a joint program in health professions between the Faculty of Health Sciences and Faculty of Medicine. The program offers three majors: Medical Audiology Sciences (MAS), Medical Imaging Sciences (MIS) and Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS).

## Mission

The Division of Health Professions, run jointly by the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Medicine, provides excellent educational curricula in all its majors with intensive hands-on training, preparing students to deliver outstanding health services to the patient and community. The Division conducts creative research linked to clinical medicine and public health. The Division adheres to ethical values and promotes quality care with dignity and respect.

## Vision

The Health Professions Division is a leading program in the region, preparing innovative and versatile health professionals who impact health and advocate patient rights.

# Program of Medical Audiology Sciences<sup>1</sup>

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Assistant Professor of Public Health Practice: Abu Safieh, Malek

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Assistant Instructors: Kaadan, Mohamad; Lababidi, Maya

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This program is run in coordination with the Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine. The mission of the Medical Audiology Sciences (MAS) Program is to prepare students for a successful career in audiology by providing them with a foundation in liberal arts education, coupled with a high-quality clinical education that is underpinned by the fundamental sciences of audiology and a rigorous scientific approach. The academic program is designed to produce skilled clinicians who follow professional standards and ethical principles while serving individuals with hearing or balance disorders in Lebanon and the region. Through various professional and community service activities, the program strives to build in its students the importance of continuing education, developing leadership skills, as well as advocating and supporting the needs of all persons with hearing and vestibular disorders. The mission of the program is consistent with the mission of the institution in that it stresses the importance of providing academic excellence in teaching and research, inspiring students to become leaders in their professional field, as well as helping students develop a lifelong sense of learning and civic responsibility.

To graduate, all students must obtain a minimum grade of 70 in each of ORLG 220, 230, 240 and 250 and a cumulative average of 70 (GPA: 2.2) in the major field of study.

## Course Description

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**MAUD 200 Overview of Audiology and Clinical Practice 1.0; 1 cr.**  
 This course is designed to acquaint the student with the profession of audiology and requirements for clinical practice. Students will complete 25 clinical observation hours.  
*First term.*

**MAUD 201 Anatomy and Physiology of the Auditory – Vestibular System 3.0; 3 cr.**  
 An in-depth coverage of anatomy and physiology of the auditory and vestibular systems.  
*First term. Prerequisite: PHYL 246 or BIOL 202.*

**MAUD 202 Basic Audiological Procedures 2.2; 3 cr.**  
 A detailed consideration of the rationale, development, and psychoacoustic theory behind pure tone audiometry, speech audiometry, and clinical masking. Acoustic immittance will also be covered. Students will learn to perform and interpret basic audiological procedures and master clinical masking through hands-on training and software-based activities. *First term. Pre- or corequisite: MAUD 200 or consent of instructor.*

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<sup>1)</sup> The program is frozen for this year.

**MAUD 203 Pediatric Audiology 3.0; 3 cr.**  
 This course surveys methods and procedures used in the evaluation and management of auditory function in neonates, infants, and young children. It includes identification and intervention procedures. There will be a review of special populations of children with hearing loss. Development of early hearing loss detection and intervention programs will be discussed. *First term. Pre- or corequisite: MAUD 201.*

**MAUD 204 Acoustics, Psychoacoustics, and Instrumentation 2.2; 3 cr.**  
 This course covers the fundamentals of sound, psychophysical measurement procedures, psychological acoustics, audiometric standards and electro-acoustic calibration of basic audiological equipment. Laboratory exercises are provided to illustrate course content. *First term.*

**MAUD 205 Amplification I 2.2; 3 cr.**  
 This course covers the background and development of the design of hearing aids, ear mold acoustics, electroacoustic characteristics, performance standards and measurement techniques. *Second term. Prerequisite: MAUD 204.*

**MAUD 206 Amplification II 2.2; 3 cr.**  
 This course covers advanced procedures for selection and fitting of digital and programmable hearing aids. Students will learn subjective quality measurement, current and emerging prescriptive and fitting verification methods, and advanced hearing aid features. Auditory, visual, and vibrotactile receptive communication technologies will be covered, with an emphasis on needs assessment, selection, evaluation, and the verification process. Principles and procedures for implantable hearing devices from pre-candidacy evaluations through postoperative therapies will be discussed. *First term. Prerequisite: MAUD 205.*

**MAUD 207 Auditory Evoked Potentials 3.0; 3 cr.**  
 This course will cover basic concepts in electrophysiological recordings (e.g., electrode types/uses, far and near field recordings, volume conduction, dipole sources). Recording of both near- and far-field electrical responses will be studied. Recording techniques and test interpretation of common clinical evoked potentials will be covered, including electrocochleography (ECoChG), auditory brainstem response (ABR), and auditory steady-state response (ASSR). *Second term. Prerequisites: MAUD 201 and MAUD 202.*

**MAUD 208 Practicum Project**  
**Offered as MAUD 208A: Practicum Project I 0 cr.**  
**and MAUD 208B: Practicum Project II 1.4; 3 cr.**  
 This course aims to introduce students to research in the field of Audiology by engaging them in a Capstone project. Projects may take several forms including development of surveys, evidence-based research, business plans, critical literature reviews with applications to clinical problems solving, development of clinical protocols, or participation in on-going research projects in the department. Students will be required to write a scholarly report summarizing the project. *Second term. Prerequisite: ORLG 230.*

**MAUD 209 Vestibular-Balance Assessment and Management 3.0; 3 cr.**  
 The goal of the course is to provide students with a concise overview of the theory behind vestibular and balance testing and practical ways to assess and manage patients who have vestibular/balance problems. *First term. Prerequisites: MAUD 201 and ORLG 230.*

**MAUD 210      Aural Rehabilitation and Counseling      3.0; 3 cr.**  
 Overview of approaches to audiologic management of adults and children with hearing difficulties. Topics include in-depth interview techniques, self-assessment instruments, auditory training, speech reading, interdisciplinary teaming, communication repair strategies, technology, adjustment to amplification, and management of auditory processing disorders. Operation and troubleshooting techniques for amplification systems commonly used in a classroom will be discussed (e.g., hearing aids, FM systems, assistive listening devices, vibrotactile devices, and cochlear implants). The course will also include psychoeducational/psychosocial and counseling strategies for patients and family management. *First term. Prerequisite: ORLG 230.*

**MAUD 211      Medical Audiology      2.2; 3 cr.**  
 An introduction to the major pathologies of the peripheral and auditory and vestibular systems. The course will include dysfunction arising from genetic factors, disease, and trauma, with an emphasis applied to presenting signs/symptoms, interpretation of laboratory / imaging results, and medical / surgical interventions. *Second term. Prerequisite: ORLG 240.*

**MAUD 212      Special Topics      1.0; 1 cr.**  
 This course is designed to address traditional or emerging topics in the field of audiology. The course will explore, in depth, a comparatively narrow subject which may be topical or of special interest to undergraduate students in Medical Audiology Sciences program. *Annually.*

**MAUD 213      Environmental Audiology      3.0; 3 cr.**  
 This course covers the effects of noise on health and society, hearing conservation programs, and noise measurement. Industrial, school, military, and social settings will be addressed. *Annually.*

Below are descriptions of the required courses offered by the department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine:

**ORLG 220      Screening Procedures Laboratory      1.9; 3 cr.**  
 Beginning level audiologic practicum. Students will complete 90+ hours of clinical training under direct supervision. Clinical activities will include case history intake, biological calibration of equipment, otoscopic examinations, hearing screenings (pure tone, AABR, OAE), basic immittance testing. A weekly class meeting is held to discuss clinical cases and develop student report-writing skills. Infection control will also be discussed. *First term. Pre- or corequisites: MAUD 200 and MAUD 202.*

**ORLG 230      Basic Clinical Procedures Laboratory      1.15; 5 cr.**  
 150+ hours of clinically-supervised direct patient care. Students will be expected to perform and interpret basic behavioral and electrophysiological tests. A weekly class meeting is held to discuss clinical decision making and report writing. Management of unique populations will be covered (tinnitus, hyperacusis, malingering, ototoxicity). *Second term. Prerequisite: ORLG 220; co-requisite: MAUD 207.*

**ORLG 240                      Advanced Clinical Procedures Laboratory                      1.15; 5 cr.**

150+ hours of clinically-supervised direct patient care. Continued development of audiological assessment and intervention techniques for children and adults. Clinicians will be expected to administer and interpret balance/vestibular tests and electrophysiological tests, conduct electroacoustic assessment of hearing aids, make hearing aid adjustments based on probe-microphone and behavioral test results, and assist with the cochlear implant program.under direct supervision. A weekly class meeting is held to discuss clinical decision making and report writing. *First term.*  
*Prerequisite: ORLG 230, co-requisite MAUD 206 and 209.*

**ORLG 250                      Comprehensive Practice Laboratory                      1.15; 5 cr.**

150+ hours of clinically-supervised direct patient care. Clinicians will practice all aspects of audiological care, with greater independence. A weekly class meeting is held to discuss professional issues in audiology, including private practice management, coding and reimbursement, marketing and sales, malpractice, credentialing, and ethics and clinical integrity in the practice of the profession of audiology. *Second term.*  
*Prerequisite: ORLG 240.*

Modes of Analysis	Languages (9)	Humanities (12)	Social Sciences (9)	Natural Sciences (7)	Quantitative Thought (3)	Major Courses (38+18)	Others (3)
Lecture Course (9+12+9+7 +3+36+3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required Arabic Course: (3)</li> <li>• Required English Courses: ENGL 203(3), 204(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ENGL 227(3)</li> <li>• PHIL 205(3)</li> <li>• 2 Electives(6)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMPD 204(3)</li> <li>• HPCH 203(3)</li> <li>• Elective(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHYL 246(4)</li> <li>• PHYS 204(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPHD 203(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAUD 200(1), 201(3), 202(3), 203(3), 204(3), 205(3), 206(3), 207(3), 209(3), 210(3), 211(3), 212(1), 213(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HUMR 246(3)</li> </ul>
Lab (1+4+2)					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPHD 203(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAUD 204(3), 205(2), 206(3), 211(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HUMR 246(3)</li> <li>• PHYS 204L(1)</li> </ul>
Seminar (1)						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAUD 208(3)</li> </ul>	
Research Project (1)						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAUD 208(3)</li> </ul>	
Practical Training (18)						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORLG 220(3), 230(5), 240(5), 250(5)</li> </ul>	

# Program of Medical Imaging Sciences

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Coordinator and Assistant Professor:

Hannoun, Salem

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*This program is run in coordination with the Department of Diagnostic Radiology at the Faculty of Medicine.*

The mission of the Medical Imaging Sciences (MIS) Program is to provide students excellence in imaging education. MIS aims to produce academically and clinically competent radiographers who will become patient advocates in their field and perform their duties with empathy and respect towards all patients.

## Course Description

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**MIMG 201 Introduction to Medical Imaging 2.0; 2 cr.**  
 An overview of the field of radiologic technology and its role in health care delivery. Students are oriented to academic and administrative structure, and the profession as a whole. Basic principles of radiation protection are introduced. The ethical and legal responsibilities of the profession are discussed. *First term.*

**MIMG 202 Imaging Physics 3.0; 3 cr.**  
 A course that focuses on AC generators, DC motors, transformers, and rectification of AC. An introduction to modern physics, production of x-rays, x-ray interactions, radioactivity, production of radionuclides, and health physics. *Summer. Pre or Corequisite: PHYS 205.*

**MIMG 203 Medical Imaging Equipment I 3.0; 3 cr.**  
 An introduction to various image-detecting and processing systems; description of analogue and digital detection systems. A detailed study of the x-ray tubes with methods of kV, mA, exposure time control, and control of scattered radiation. *First term. Prerequisite: MIMG 202.*

**MIMG 204 Medical Imaging Equipment II 3.0; 3 cr.**  
 A detailed study of the equipment design and function in: Image Intensification, Breast Imaging, Nuclear Medicine/PET, Computed Tomography, Ultrasonography and Magnetic Resonance Imaging. *Second term. Prerequisite: MIMG 203.*

**MIMG 205 Introduction to Principles of Diseases 3.0; 3 cr.**  
 An introduction to pathology that focuses on nature and causes of diseases, diseases of the gastrointestinal and hepato-biliary systems, genito-urinary, and endocrine systems. A study of diseases of the nervous system, skeletal system, respiratory, cardio-vascular, and hematopoietic diseases; miscellaneous diseases related to nutrition and immune system. This course offers students information on the pathologic appearance of common diseases on a variety of diagnostic imaging procedures. *First term. Prerequisite: PHYL 246.*

**MIMG 206 Principle of Imaging I 3.0; 3 cr.**  
 An introduction to radiographic procedures, radiographic nomenclature, positioning aids, and accessory equipment. This course also provides a description of radiographic procedures pertaining to upper and lower extremity, shoulder girdle, and pelvis; and a description of the radiographic procedures pertaining to the thorax, the vertebral column, the cranium, facial bones, and forensic radiography. *Prerequisite: MIMG 201 and HUMR 246.*

**MIMG 206L Principle of Imaging I Laboratory 0.4; 2 cr.**  
 A clinical training course in general and emergency radiography within controlled conditions.

**MIMG 207 Principle of Imaging II 3.0; 3 cr.**  
 An overview of contrast materials used in imaging. This course also provides a study of imaging procedures related to gastrointestinal, hepato-biliary, genitor-urinary and respiratory systems. Breast imaging techniques and interventional procedures related to different systems are discussed. *First term. Prerequisite: MIMG 206.*

**MIMG 208 Sectional Anatomy 3.0; 3 cr.**  
 A study of the sectional anatomy of the head, neck, thorax, abdomen, pelvis, and extremities. *Second term. Prerequisite: HUMR 246.*

**MIMG 209 Quality Management and Image Analysis 3.0; 3 cr.**  
 This course focuses on the quality assurance and quality control of the imaging systems. Emphasis is placed on quality assessment of diagnostic equipment/procedures. *Second term. Prerequisites: MIMG 204 and MIMG 207.*

**MIMG 210A: Research Project I 0 cr.**  
**MIMG 210B: Research Project II 3 cr.**

The course will help the students to effectively analyze data from various resources to evaluate and improve professional practice, and to promote growth in the profession. Students will consider in their research, amongst others, ethical issues related to clinically based research, and the importance of enquiry into issues which cross professional boundaries. *Second term. Prerequisites: EPHD 203 and EPHD 213.*

Below are descriptions of the clinical training courses hosted at the department of Diagnostic Radiology at the Faculty of Medicine.

**DGRG 220 Clinical Practicum I 0.0.8; 2 cr.**  
 Clinical training in General Radiography, Mobile Radiography and Emergency Radiography within the Department of Diagnostic Radiology. *Summer (6 weeks).*  
*Prerequisite: MIMG 201.*

**DGRG 230 Clinical Practicum II 0.0.15; 4 cr.**  
 Clinical training in General Radiography, Mobile Radiography, Emergency Radiography and General Fluoroscopy within the Department of Diagnostic Radiology. *First term (12 weeks).* *Prerequisite: DGRG 220.*

**DGRG 240 Clinical Practicum III 0.8; 2 cr.**  
 Clinical training in General Radiography, General Fluoroscopy, Digital Subtraction Angiography/Interventional (DSA), Breast Imaging, Operating Theatre, Computed Tomography, General Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine, Magnetic Resonance Imaging within the Department of Diagnostic Radiology. *Second term (12 weeks).*  
*Prerequisite: DGRG 230.*

**DGRG 250 Clinical Practicum IV 0.8; 2 cr.**  
 Clinical training in DSA/interventional (Digital Subtraction Angiography/Interventional), Breast Imaging, CT (Computed Tomography), U/S (Ultrasonography) and Imaging in the operating theatre. *Summer (6 weeks).* *Prerequisite: DGRG 240.*

**DGRG 260 Clinical Practicum V 0.15; 4 cr.**  
 Clinical training in Breast Imaging, CT (Computed Tomography), U/S (Ultrasonography) and MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging). *First term (12 weeks).* *Prerequisite: DGRG 250.*

**DGRG 270 Clinical Practicum VI 0.15; 4 cr.**  
 Clinical training in CT (Computed Tomography), MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and NM/PET (Nuclear Medicine/Positron Emission Tomography). *Second term (12 weeks).*  
*Prerequisite: DGRG 260.*

Modes of Analysis	Languages (9)	Humanities (12)	Social Sciences (12)	Natural Sciences (7)	Quantitative Thought (5)	Major Courses (26+2+3+18)	Other required courses
Lecture Course (9+12+12+7+3+27+8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required Arabic Course: (3)</li> <li>Required English Courses: ENGL 203(3), 204(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PHIL 205(3)</li> <li>3 Electives(9)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PSYC 201(3)</li> <li>HMPD 204(3)</li> <li>HPCH 203(3)</li> <li>Elective(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PHYL 246(4)</li> <li>PHYS 205(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPHD 203(3)</li> <li>EPHD 213(2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MIMG 201(2), 202(3), 203(3), 204(3), 205(3), 206(3), 207(3), 208(3), 209(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HUMR 246(3)</li> <li>NURS 201(2)</li> <li>Free Elective(3)</li> </ul>
Lab (3)					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPHD 203(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MIMG 206L(2)</li> </ul>	
Research Project (4)					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPHD 213(2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MIMG 210 B (3)</li> </ul>	
Practical Training (18)						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DGRG 220(2), 230(4), 240(2), 250(2), 260(4), 270(4)</li> </ul>	

# Program of Medical Laboratory Sciences

Coordinator:	Melhem, Nada
Associate Professors:	Melhem, Nada; Yazbek, Soha
Instructors:	Bou Hamdan, Mirna; Khatib, Rolla

*This program is run in coordination with the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine.*

The Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS) Program graduates committed healthcare professionals to serve and improve the health needs of individuals and communities. Our graduates are highly skilled professionals who perform analytical tests on blood, tissue and body fluids to provide laboratory information for the detection, diagnosis and treatment of diseases. Moreover, our degree guarantees immediate career opportunities and constitutes the foundation for advanced graduate studies in medicine, basic sciences and public health.

## Course Description

- MLSP 201      Clinical Hematology I      3.0; 3 cr.**  
 A course that introduces students to fundamental concepts in hematology, including the development of blood cell elements, normal physiology of blood cells, and their disorders. This course focuses on anemia, with a special emphasis on diagnosis. It also introduces them to the clotting cascade and coagulation disorders. *First term.*
- MLSP 202      Clinical Hematology II      3.0; 3 cr.**  
 This course is intended to introduce students to the various white blood cell anomalies, including numerical and morphologic abnormalities of cells. In addition, students are introduced to the major types of leukemia and Lymphoma as well as to the various tools used in the diagnosis of these malignancies. *Prerequisite: MLSP 201. Second term.*
- MLSP 203      General Microbiology      2.4; 3 cr.**  
 A course that covers structure and morphology of micro-organisms, nutritional requirements and growth, sterilization and disinfection, introduction to microbial genetics, collection and handling of clinical specimens, culture techniques for clinical specimens and expected pathogens, antibiotic sensitivity testing, and assay. *First term.*
- MLSP 204      Systematic Bacteriology      3.4; 4 cr.**  
 A course that covers the characteristics of bacteria of medical importance with concentration on the diseases they cause, pathogenesis, mode of transmission, control and methods for isolation, identification, and interpretation of results. *Second term.*
- MLSP 207      Immunology and Blood Banking      2.0; 2 cr.**  
 A course that consists of lectures in basic immunology, including types of immune responses, cells of the immune response, antigens, antibodies, and complement system, as well as basic principles in blood banking and transfusion medicine. *First term.*



**LABM 233                    Genetics and Molecular Biology                    2.0; 2 cr.**

A course that includes an introduction to human genetics, comprising the structure and function of DNA and the classification of genetic disorders. Diagnostic techniques in human genetics (cytogenetics, biochemical, and molecular) will be covered, as well as molecular techniques applied in pathology and microbiology. *First term.*

**LABM 235                    Medical Mycology                    1.0; 1 cr.**

A course that covers the different kinds and types of fungi (yeast and mold). This course discusses their disease spectrum mode of infection, gross requirements, and cultural and non-cultural methods of identifications as well as antifungal drugs and susceptibility testing of fungi. *First term.*

**LABM 240                    Clinical Microbiology                    3.0; 4 cr.**

Practical experience in clinical microbiology (aerobic and anaerobic bacteriology, mycobacteriology, mycology, and susceptibility testing). *Six weeks. Prerequisites: MLSP 203 and MLSP 204.*

**LABM 250                    Clinical Parasitology and Urinalysis                    0.20; 2 cr.**

Practical experience in clinical microscopy pertaining to parasitology, urinalysis, and spermogram. *Three weeks. Prerequisite: MBIM 223.*

**LABM 260                    Serology                    1.5.20; 2 cr.**

Practical experience in clinical immunology and serodiagnostic techniques. *Three weeks. Prerequisite: MLSP 259.*

**LABM 270                    Blood Banking                    1.5.20; 2 cr.**

Practical experience in blood banking and transfusion medicine. *Three weeks. Prerequisite: MLSP 207.*

**LABM 280                    Cytogenetics, Molecular Diagnostics and Histotechniques                    0.20; 2 cr.**

Practical experience in reception, cytogenetics, and histotechniques. *Three weeks. Prerequisite: LABM 210.*

**MBIM 223                    Parasitology for MLS Students                    2.2; 4 cr.**

A diagnostic parasitology four credit course offered to MLSP junior students in spring term of each academic year. The purpose of the course is to provide the basic principles and concepts of parasitic diseases and their laboratory diagnosis. Emphasis is placed on life cycles, pathogenesis, preventive measures and in-depth laboratory identification of the parasites. *Second term.*

<b>Modes of Analysis</b>	<b>Languages (9)</b>	<b>Humanities (12)</b>	<b>Social Sciences (9)</b>	<b>Natural Sciences (14)</b>	<b>Quantitative Thought (3)</b>	<b>Major Courses (34+20)</b>
Lecture Course (9+12 +9+13 +2+29)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required Arabic Course: (3)</li> <li>Required English Courses: ENGL203 (3), 204 (3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PHIL 205 (3)</li> <li>3 electives (9)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HMPD 204(3)</li> <li>HPCH 203(3)</li> <li>Elective(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BIOL 201(4)</li> <li>CHEM 208(3)</li> <li>PHYL 246(4)</li> <li>BIOC 255(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPHD 203(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MLSP 201(3), 202(3), 203(3), 204(4), 207(2), 208(2), 259(1)</li> <li>LABM 201(2), 202(3), 210(2), 231(1), 233(2), 235(1)</li> <li>MBIM 223(4)</li> </ul>
Lab (3+1+4)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BIOL 201(4)</li> <li>CHEM 209(2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPHD 203(3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MLSP 203(3), MLSP 204(4), MBIM 223(4)</li> </ul>
Seminar (1)						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MLSP 211(1)</li> </ul>
Practical Training (20)						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LABM 220(4), 230(4), 240(4), 250(2), 260(2), 270(2), 280(2)</li> </ul>

# Center for Research on Population and Health (CRPH)

Director:	Ghattas, Hala
Assistant Professor of Public Health Practice:	McCall, Stephen
Assistant Research Professor:	Akik, Chaza
Instructor of Public Health Practice:	Schenck, Catherine
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Research Affiliate	Rebeiz, Marie Claire

The mission of the Center for Research on Population and Health is to support research on issues at the intersection of population and health in Lebanon, the region and internationally, and to disseminate findings to scientists, policymakers and the public. The Center has led a multi-disciplinary research program on a variety of regional public health issues, including reproductive health, mental health, childbirth, youth, tobacco control, HIV and community interventions to improve nutrition. Members and affiliates of the Center are epidemiologists, physicians, social scientists and public health professionals, with concern for social determinants of health and how new evidence can contribute to policies and interventions to improve health, who combine expertise in particular public health issues.

The Center hosts a number of regional research networks. It conducts reviews of evidence and produces research syntheses on public health issues of importance in Arab countries. The Center promotes interdisciplinary research and innovative approaches to research, and fosters exchanges and collaborations among AUB faculty, graduate students and colleagues in the Arab region and beyond through conferences, workshops and seminars.

The Center hosts MPH practicum students, MS thesis projects and provides students and researchers at FHS with support in survey development and data management and analyses; access to regional data sets; and support for new areas of research. Pending availability of funds, CRPH also hosts researchers who wish to visit the Faculty of Health Sciences with the goal of collaborating with FHS faculty or of pursuing innovative research or writing activities.

# Center for Public Health Practice (CPHP)

Director:	Germani, Aline
Instructors of Public Health Practice:	Kalot, Joumana; Najem, Martine

The Center for Public Health Practice advances evidence-based public health practice in Lebanon and the region. It creates opportunities for innovation and engagement that enrich the academic experience of students and faculty. The Center nurtures the culture of collective responsibility, partnership building, diversity and social justice.

Within the framework of its mission, CPHP has adopted the following strategic goals:

- Generate and disseminate knowledge to inform public health practice, research, policy and curriculum.
- Respond to public health priorities and emerging crisis through innovative programming and sustained partnerships for health and development.
- Lead the field of workforce development in public health locally and regionally.
- Establish platforms for meaningful community engagement of FHS students, faculty and staff.

CPHP collaborates closely with a variety of partners including national, regional and international entities such as academic institutions, ministries, UN agencies, NGOs, municipalities and local communities in Lebanon and throughout the Arab world.

## CPHP Tracks

- Training and Workforce Development; in person and e-courses
- Evaluation of Programs/Implementation Research
- Designing Health and Development Programs
- Documenting Best Practices/Knowledge Dissemination
- Developing Resource Material
- Organizing and Delivering Courses for Students
- Creating joint courses and programs with other faculties and universities

## CPHP Themes

Youth development, refugee health, sexual and reproductive health, maternal and child health, ageing, health communication, school health and environment, tobacco, child protection and child rights, gender and gender-based violence, NGO management, among others

## CPHP Reach

Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Oman, Syria, Tunisia, Lebanon

# Knowledge to Policy Center (K2P)

Director:	El-Jardali, Fadi
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Knowledge to Policy (K2P) Center draws on an unparalleled breadth of synthesized evidence and context-specific knowledge by producing briefs and conducting policy dialogues to impact policy agendas and action. K2P produces high quality policy products to help policymakers and stakeholders have the clearest understanding of the most important messages, options and recommendations to address pressing health and social system problems.

K2P harnesses the best available evidence on pressing health and social systems priorities; convenes concerned policy makers, stakeholders, thinkers, researchers and doers; and prepares leaders to meet pressing health issues by building their capacity in public policymaking.

The K2P team comprises a program manager, communication officer, an advocacy lead and several evidence lead specialists.

## K2P Functions and Activities

- Inform the production, packaging and sharing of research data and evidence in an objective manner and based on current and emerging policymaking priorities
- Utilize a rapid response system to inform policymaking in an objective manner using the best available evidence that can be prepared and packaged within time and resource constraints
- Conduct evidence informed advocacy and support implementation in policy and practice
- Conduct policy tracing research and develop models for knowledge translation that are context-specific, culturally appropriate, relevant and effective for the region
- Support research networks, civil society, researchers, policy makers and the media
- Engage with citizens to enhance their involvement in the decision and policymaking process on high priority issues
- Build the capacity of researchers, policymakers and media in knowledge translation (KT) and evidence communication methods to influence policy, practice and action

K2P develops a diverse set of KT products including K2P Policy Briefs, K2P Briefing Notes, K2P Rapid Response, K2P Evidence Summaries, K2P Dialogue Summaries, K2P Advocacy Briefs, K2P Citizens Briefs, K2P Citizen Consultation Summary, and K2P Media Bites. Through its signature Mentorship Program, K2P is developing a sustainable capacity for evidence-informed decision-making in low and middle-income countries (LMICS) in the six regions of the World Health Organization (WHO). This Program constitutes the first arrangement of its kind in LMICs for promoting sustainable capacity development in evidence-informed decision-making. The recently launched K2P Policy Fellowship Program also offers a unique opportunity to strengthen capacity in evidence-informed decision-making by utilizing immersive methods of experiential learning and professional cross-placements. K2P leads the COVID-19 Rapid Response

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Series. Through this initiative, K2P Center has been contributing to the different aspects of the pandemic response by harnessing the best available evidence & data on emerging priorities and making them accessible to policymakers, stakeholders, and citizens in a short periods of time.

## Collaborations

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K2P collaborates with national and international partners including Center for Systematic Reviews on Health Policy and Systems Research (SPARK) and Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI) at the American University of Beirut; and McMaster Health Forum in Canada and the Evidence Informed Policy Network (EVIPNet) at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva.

### **WHO Collaborating Center for Evidence-Informed Policy and Practice**

Since 2015, the World Health Organization (WHO) has designated K2P Center twice as a WHO Collaborating Center for Evidence-Informed Policy and Practice. This re-designation, effective for another four-year term, is unique since the K2P Center is the only WHO Collaborating Center for Evidence-Informed Policy and Practice in Lebanon and the region, and is the second WHO Collaborating Center of this kind globally after McMaster Health Forum in Canada.

# The Center for Systematic Reviews on Health Policy and Systems Research (SPARK)

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Co-Directors: El-Jardali, Fadi; Akl, Elie

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The Center for Systematic Reviews on Health Policy and Systems Research (SPARK) at the American University of Beirut (AUB) is the first of its kind in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. The Center is a joint collaboration between the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) and the Faculty of Medicine (FM). SPARK Center was appointed as the General Secretariat of the Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative (GESI).

SPARK specializes in the production of high-quality and timely systematic reviews and rapid reviews that respond to health policy and systems research priority issues at the national and the regional level. SPARK also invests in developing individual and institutional capacity in the Region in conducting systematic reviews and rapid reviews of Health Policy and Systems Research.

## SPARK Activities

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- Conduct priority setting exercises with policymakers and other stakeholders, researchers, and civil society to prioritize review topics on health policy and systems research
- Produce timely systematic reviews and rapid reviews on prioritized topics and review questions
- Hold national and regional capacity-building workshops to develop individual and institutional capacities in conducting different types of research evidence syntheses
- Prepare SUPPORT summaries and hold deliberative dialogues to promote the uptake of evidence from systematic reviews and rapid reviews into policies
- Contribute to the methodology of research synthesis and knowledge production

SPARK develops a diverse set of products including systematic reviews, rapid reviews, scoping reviews, SUPPORT summaries, and evidence gap maps.

## Collaborations

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SPARK collaborates with national and international partners including the Knowledge to Policy (K2P) Center at the American University of Beirut. It received seed funding from the WHO Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research.