

Undergraduate engineering degree programs at AUB receive internationally-recognized ABET accreditation

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Four undergraduate engineering degree programs at AUB have received ABET accreditation, one of the most respected and internationally-renowned accreditation organizations in the United States.

AUB is the first university in Lebanon to receive ABET accreditation for degree programs.



The Engineering Commission of ABET has granted the Bachelor of Engineering (BE) programs in civil engineering, computer and communications engineering, electrical and computer engineering, and mechanical engineering accreditation after a rigorous and meticulous process that involved the review of lengthy self-study reports from each program and on-site meetings with administrators, faculty, students, and staff. The ABET team also assessed curricula, exams, and assignments in addition to inspecting the academic and engineering facilities.

An ABET team visited AUB in November 2009, and at the end of July 2010, the University was notified of ABET's accreditation decision which is retroactive to October 1, 2008. As a result, students who received their degrees in any of the four programs after this date can now consider the program they completed as ABET-accredited.

ABET, Inc., formerly known as Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, is the recognized accreditor for college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology; it consists of a federation of 30 professional and technical societies representing these fields. ABET has provided quality assurance for over 75 years and has accredited more than 2,900 programs in 600 US colleges and universities.

"ABET accreditation is assurance that a college or university program meets the quality standards established by the profession for which it prepares its students," according to the ABET website.

AUB President Peter Dorman congratulated AUB and the FEA for their achievement, saying: "ABET accreditation is a true milestone for AUB, and the award is a stellar achievement."

FEA Dean Ibrahim Hajj commended the teamwork and efforts made by faculty and staff which led to ABET accreditation. "The benefits of getting ABET accreditation are many," he said. "It forces departments to improve their programs continuously.... so that they remain up-to-date and meet international standards. Even though our students do not

have problems getting jobs in companies and being admitted to top universities in the US and Europe, having accreditation will open more doors for them."

Moreover, ABET accreditation will help AUB attract more international students to its programs, he added.

In recent years, the schools of business and nursing at AUB have received accreditation from the world-renowned accreditation bodies, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), respectively, thus joining the top business and nursing schools in the United States.