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## **US News & World Report ranks AUB first in Lebanon and fifth in the region**

Beirut, Lebanon- 05/11/2014 - US News & World Report issued its inaugural ranking of Best Arab Region Universities, putting the American University of Beirut (AUB) at No. 5 overall, and a leader in the region for social science and medicine programs. The ranking puts AUB first among other Lebanese universities.

“AUB fared extremely well in the US News & World Report rankings, given we were evaluated against universities five to 10 times our size, and against graduate universities that exist solely to conduct and publish research,” said President Peter Dorman.

US News & World Report’s Best Arab Region Universities rankings are determined solely on the cumulative volume of research in the past five years based on metrics assigned by Scopus, a global abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature including scientific journals, conference proceedings and books. It examined publications in fields including science, technology, medicine, social science and the arts and humanities. The rankings focus specifically on institutions’ academic research output and performance, not on individual graduate or undergraduate academic programs.

Of the region’s 800 universities, 91 are included in the 2014 US News & World Reports ranking. To be eligible for the ranking, Arab region universities had to have an average of 80 papers tracked by Scopus per year between 2009 and 2013. Rankings were calculated according to nine indicators including number of publications, cited publications, percent of publications cited, and citations.

In addition to ranking AUB’s social sciences and medicine programs at No. 1 and No. 2 in the region, respectively, the university’s immunology and microbiology programs were ranked fourth in the region, biochemistry, genetics and molecular biology were ranked sixth, environmental science was ranked eighth, and energy programs were ranked tenth.

Including US News & World Report, AUB is ranked by several prominent university ranking facilities: the Center for World University Rankings (CWUR), Leiden Ranking, QS World University Rankings, Scimago Institutions Rankings, and University Ranking by Academic Performance. In these assessments, AUB consistently scores highly on employer reputation, international faculty and students, and its student-to-faculty ratio. In QS World University Ranking, AUB ranked highest among Arab Universities in citations per faculty.

“University rankings are critical as a means for communicating the nature and quality of education and research, both to prospective students and faculty, and to scholars and institutions worldwide that seek to collaborate with AUB,” said Dorman.

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**About AUB**

Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 700 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,000 students. AUB currently offers more than 100 programs leading to the bachelor’s, master’s, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full service 420-bed hospital.

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