

Country	Lebanon	
Number of higher education institutions in the country	1 public, 41 private and 7 newly licensed universities not operational yet.	
Description of national higher education system	http://www.higher-edu.gov.lb/Studies/Studies.htm	
National Higher Education Strategy		
Title: National Educational Strategy in Lebanon (in Arabic)		
This national strategy has been adopted by the Government but still to be validated by the parliament.		
An English summary of this strategy can be found at: http://www.tempus-lb.org/sites/default/files/National%20Educational%20Strategy%20Lebanon%20EN.pdf		
National Higher Education Strategy on Internationalisation		
It does not exist.		
Link to the appropriate document:		
Are joint programmes mentioned in:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the national higher education strategy	<input type="checkbox"/> the national strategy on internationalization in HE	
Only indirectly referring to international standards for quality of higher education. However, according to the new law for the re-organisation of private higher education sector, Lebanese universities are allowed to be involved in and establish joint degrees at national and international levels.	Quotation of an appropriate paragraph: n/a	
Legislation on joint degrees		
No specific regulation of joint degrees. However, the technical committees and the equivalence committee at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education are in charge of accrediting joint degrees proposed by Lebanese higher education institutions.		
Link to the appropriate document: n/a		
Involvement in joint study programmes		
Number of joint study programmes:	Number of higher education institutions involved:	
Around 12 programmes	7 higher education institutions	
Additional comments:		
Higher education in Lebanon is the oldest in the region. It is characterized by a multidimensional diversity and its openness to international cooperation. Many Lebanese universities are engaged in joint actions with universities from all over the world with bilateral conventions. Competitiveness and costs are the main obstacles to develop more joint degrees. However, tens of double degrees and diplomas are offered by Lebanese universities, particularly at the Masters level.		

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