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| **Insert University Name** | |
| General website of the university | www.balamand.edu.lb |
| Website for Hermes |  |
| Erasmus Mundus Coordinator contact person | Dr Antoine Abche |
| Contact person email | antoine.abche@balamand.edu.lb |
| Academic Calendar | 2015-2016 |
| University address | Deir El balamand, Kourah, North of Lebanon, Lebanon |

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| **Academic calendar** | | | |
| Academic year calendar website | http://www.balamand.edu.lb/Offices/AdministrativeOffices/AdmissionsandRegistration/AcademicCalendar/ | | |
|  | **Start date** | **End date** | **Final exam duration** |
| First semester 2015/2016 | End of September \* 2015 | Early of February 2016 \* | End of January – beginning of February 2016 \* |
| Second semester 2015/ 2016 | February 2016 \* | End of June 2016 \* | End Of June 2016 \* |
| Summer semester 2015/ 2016 | Early July 2016\* | End of August 2016\* | End of August 2016 \* |
| Admission dead line for degree students | Académie des Beaux Arts (ALBA) March 21 2015  For all other Majors : May 31, 2015 | | |
| Admission dead line for exchange students | Académie des Beaux Arts (ALBA) March 21, 2015  For all other Majors : May 31, 2015 | | |
| Arrival date to host university | September 2015 | | |

* **The academic calendar will be posted soon.**

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| **Degree Information** | | | |
|  | Undergraduate | Master | PhD |
| Number of credits required for completing the degree | Depends on Faculty/programs  FOE- 107 credits  FASS – 90-92 credits  FOS – 91 to 96  FHS – 92 to -103  FBM: 93 credits  FLIS: 90 credits  Theology: 110 credits  ALBA-Beirut: 180 ECTS  ALBA-main campus: 115 Cr  THM: 98 credits  DUT: 100-105 cr | Depends on the faculty/programs  FOE – 43 credits  FASS – 30 credits  FOS - 30 to 39  FHS – 30 to 34  FBM 39 credits  FLIS: 33 credits  Theology:33 Cr  ALBA-Beirut: 60 Cr  ALBA–main campus 56-60 cr |  |
| Number of years required for completing the degree | Theology : 4  Medicine (MD): 4  All other Majors: 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Credit system used for courses  (ECTS, credit hour system)  Note: 1.5-2 ECTS is equivalent to one credit hour system | ALBA Beirut : ECTS  All other majors: Credit Hour system | | |

**1 Abbreviations**

FOE : Faculty of Engineering

FOS: Faculty of Sciences

FASS: Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

FHS: Faculty of Health Sciences

FBM: Faculty of Business & Management

FLIS: Faculty of Library & Information Studies

DUT: Issam Fares University Institute of Technology

THM: Tourism and Hotel management

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| **Language of instruction and requirements** | | |
|  | Language of instruction | Required certificate and score |
| Undergraduate exchange | ALBA Beirut 3: French  ALBA main Campus 3: English  Other majors: English (most) or French | SAT 2  Language proficiency Exam (minimum4)  TOEFL (computer Based): 197  TOEFL (Paper and Pencil) : 527  TOEFL (iBT): 71  SAT (English writing section): 380  IELTS : 5.5 |
| Master exchange | ALBA Beirut (French)  ALBA main Campus: English  Other majors; English | Language proficiency Exam (minimum) |
| Master degree | ALBA Beirut: French  ALBA main Campus: English  Other majors: English | GMAT for MBA (business)  Language proficiency Exam |
| PhD degree | English/French |  |

**2 Exempted from SAT are:**

● Transfer Students from other universities (who qualify for junior year admission)

● Applicants to major in the Faculty of Arts & Social sciences or ALBA .

● Applicants to majors taught in French

**3 ALBA**

For all majors in Sin-El Fil Campus (French) and Architectural majors at the main campus (English), students have to do a "drawing and space Perception exams (entrance exam) and an interview besides the proficiency Language exam (English or French). The date of the above exam is Saturday March 29, 2014.

**4. Minimum:**

Students will not do an extensive course in English. They are admitted to the Faculty of interest but must complete the English language Courses (ENGL101/ENGL102). The higher their grades, the higher is the possibility to avoid taking one or both of these courses.

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| **Housing and assistance** | |
| University housing | Yes No |
| University Housing website | www.balamand.edu.lb/Offices/AdministrativeOffices/StudentAffairs/InternationalStudents |
| Off campus housing website | http://www.balamand.edu.lb/Offices/AdministrativeOffices/StudentAffairs/InternationalStudents |
| Average Living expenses | 1100-1200 dollars/month (include housing) (as a student) |
| Airport pickup | 1 – Take a taxi at the airport  2 – Dispatch a taxi from an office (near by the University) |
| Welcome/orientation week | End of September (the week before the beginning of the semester ) |
| Language courses offered |  |
| International office website | OSA (Office of student Affaires)  http://www.balamand.edu.lb/Offices/AdministrativeOffices/StudentAffairs |