

Master of Arts in Migration Studies

Graduate Program

School of Arts and Science

Department of Communication, Mobility and Identity

Program Overview

The **MA in Migration Studies** furnishes students with a deep understanding of contemporary migration issues such as labor mobility, border control, social cohesion, human trafficking, and forced displacement. Our interdisciplinary curriculum incorporates both global and regional perspectives to prepare graduates for impactful careers in government, NGOs, international organizations, research institutes, and academia.

Who is it for?

- **Policy-Makers:** Design more effective, evidence-based systems for migration management, socio-economic integration, and refugee protection
- **Practitioners:** Equip yourself with the knowledge to better serve migrants, refugees and local communities through humanitarian and development programming.
- **Academics and Researchers:** Prepare for university-level teaching, doctoral studies, or a research career in Migration Studies and adjacent fields.

Curriculum

Our program requires **30 credits**, which can be completed in two years.

Research Track:

Includes a **Thesis** to focus on advanced academic exploration of migration topics that build on courses covering theories and research methodologies in the social sciences.

Core Courses include:

- **MIG710** Theories of Migration
- **MIG720** Research Methods
- **MIG799** Thesis

Electives Courses include:

- **MIG760** Citizenship, Transnationalism and Diaspora
- **MIG765** Migration & Development
- **MIG770** Cities & Migration
- **MIG780** Topics in Migration Studies
- **MIG785** Practicum: Internship or Research
- **MIG715** Gender and Migration
- **MIG725** Politics of Migration

Extracurricular Activities include:

In addition to coursework, students in the MA in Migration Studies program at LAU gain practical experience outside the classroom.

- **Conduct Fieldwork:** Design and implement your own research study, from inception to data collection and even publication.
- **Intern with Organizations:** Collaborate with humanitarian actors working with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, and produce evaluative reports on their activities.
- **Participate in Exchange Programs:** Join international academic initiatives and engage with faculty and students from universities abroad.

Make sure to visit our website to view the full list of courses for this program.

Campus Resources

Our students have access to:



Riyad Nassar Library:

Offers extensive support for graduate student research, providing training and resources on migration studies and global policies.



IMS (Institute for Migration Studies):

Provides a space for students to benefit from interdisciplinary, policy-driven and network-oriented research.



Access to Tools:

Computer labs provide advanced research software like SPSS and GIS for data analysis and mapping migration patterns.

Faculty

Our faculty members are leaders in migration studies, bringing expertise in refugee and displacement studies, migration policies, humanitarian aid, and global migration trends. Each faculty member is committed to mentoring students and helping them achieve their academic and career goals.

Meet our faculty members!



Dr. Jasmin Lilian Diab

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Director Institute for Migration Studies;
Courses include: MIG715 Gender and Migration;
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Admission Requirements

- No **GRE** required
- **GPA: 3.0** or higher, but applicants with lower GPAs may be considered based on experience or strong recommendations.
- **Background:** Applicants may need to complete remedial courses if they do not have prior studies in migration or social science.

Cost and Financial Aid

Our competitive tuition rates are accompanied by fellowship, scholarship, and financial aid options:

- Graduate Research Fellowship (**GRF**)
- Graduate Research Scholarship (**GRS**)
- Graduate Assistantship (**GA**)

For detailed tuition costs and financial aid information and deadlines, visit the **LAU's Admissions Page:** <https://www.lau.edu.lb/apply/graduate.php> (or scan the QR code below)



FAQs

Are classes online?

This program is offered in-person on the Beirut campus.

Can I study part-time?

Yes, but financial aid requires a minimum of 6 credits per semester.

What career paths are available after graduation?

Graduates can pursue careers with government agencies, international organizations like the International Organization for Migration and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, NGOs, universities, research institutes, and think tanks.

Are there opportunities for practical experience?

Yes, students are encouraged to engage in fieldwork and research with the IMS, work with humanitarian organizations, and participate in student exchange programs with universities abroad.

LAU is celebrating 100 years of academic excellence, including being the only institution in Lebanon to offer an MA in Migration Studies since 2014.

Apply Now!

Explore the full course list, opportunities, and pathways that await you on our website. Take the next step in advancing your career by applying today! The admission deadline for fall 2025 is fast approaching on March 24, 2025.

Scan the QR code for more information on the application process and all deadlines!

