



Lebanese University  
**The Institute of Social Sciences**  
1959-2017

The Institute of Social Sciences was founded in 1959. It was named "institute" based on the recommendation of Lebanon's 5-year development plan (1959-1964) submitted by the IRFED mission, thereby underlining the professional dimension it brings to university teaching, as compared to faculties with exclusive theoretical education.

The Institute was assigned teaching: Sociology, Demography, Economics, Statistics, Anthropology, Social Psychology, Human Geography and Social Law, in accordance with the classification acknowledged during the second decade of the 20th century and upheld by UNESCO in the early sixties.

The Institute of Social Sciences was hence able to satisfy the needs of the government institutions starting in the last century's early 60's and until the late 70's, and provide them with qualified professional staff and researchers with interdisciplinary approaches.

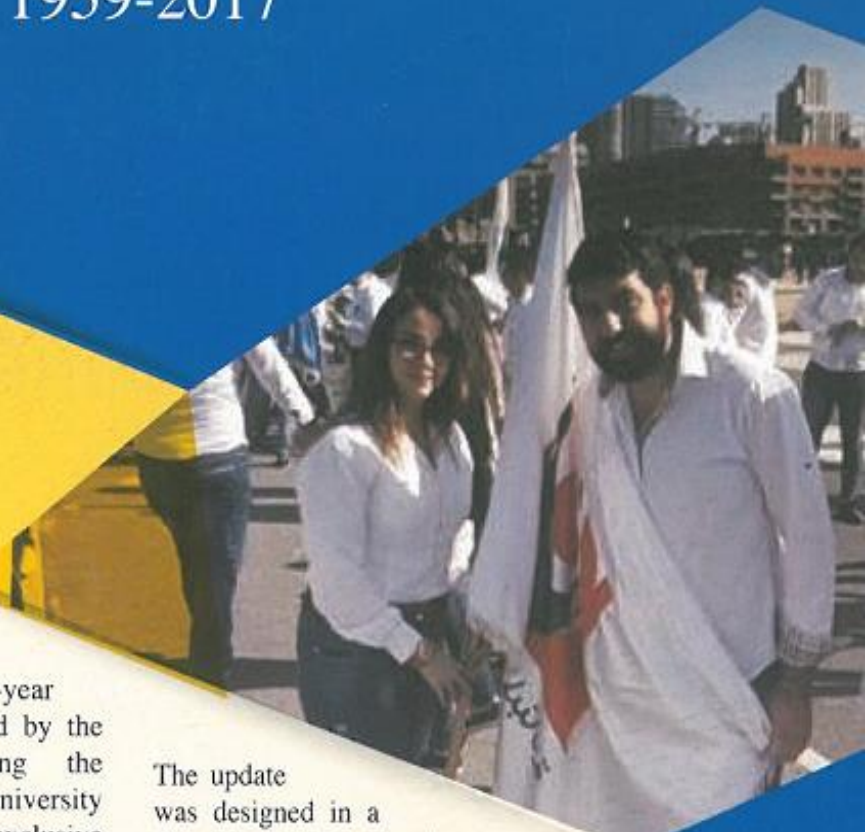
The Institute was restructured in last century's early 90's. Its programs were furthermore updated a year ago to comply with the LMD system, and thus better accompany the Lebanese society's latest emerging needs.

The update was designed in a dynamic perspective, allowing it to constantly adjust and adapt to the new and upcoming social requisites.

The Institute is unique in Lebanon in providing degrees in disciplines such as Social Policies, Demography, Development, Urban Socio-Anthropology, Engineering of social and solidarity economic projects, Social and Environmental Responsibility of Institutions and Sustainable Development.

In short, the Institute of Social Sciences is today a national requirement endowed with selected features that we are committed to strengthen, enrich and expand, so that it matches the nation's needs within the disciplines it encompasses.

*Pr. Marlène HAYDAR NAJJAR*  
*Dean of the Institute of Social Sciences*





### The founding of the Institute

Following a recommendation from the IRFED mission in 1959, the Institute of Social Sciences was created to carry out social and economic studies required to outline Lebanon's development plan on a global level.

In 1960, it was assigned the dual task of training cadres and researchers. The Institute's founding decree also mentioned the creation of the first Center for Scientific Research in the Lebanese University.

### The Institute's Mission

The Institute's mission is to provide students with knowledge, scientific teachings, high level and specialized training, scientific, methodological and technical basis and experience, thus enabling them to scientifically and professionally tackle social problems in public institutions and production sectors, and to enhance the common national identity.

The Institute is also tasked to contribute in achieving the comprehensive and integrated development of the Lebanese society, enhancing its civilizational openness, and widening the scope of Lebanon's scientific and cultural cooperation with the outside world.

### The Institute provides training:

- Professors teaching Sociology, Economics and Civilizations at the secondary level in both private and public schools.
- Field researchers implementing and managing research projects for research centers.
- Cadres working in institutions providing social security (National Fund for Social Security, Civil Servants Cooperative, Mutual Social Security Funds).
- Experts in local development working with municipalities and NGO's.
- Demographers working in the Civil Status departments and specialized international organizations.
- University professors currently teaching in most of the universities in Lebanon.



The Institute grants a «BA» degree in Social Sciences and a Master in designated research and professional specializing majors.

### Master in research studies

#### 1 Sociology includes the following specialized paths

- a- Sociology of the family -
- b- Sociology of education
- c- Sociology of knowledge and culture
- d- Political sociology
- e- Sociology of the work

#### 2 Anthropology

#### 3 Economic and social development

#### 4 Demography

#### 5 Social policies

#### 6 Social psychology

### Master in professional studies

#### 1 Sociology and management of human resources

#### 2 Economic and social management

#### 3 Psychological guidance and steering

#### 4 Engineering of social and solidarity economic projects

#### 5 Urban socio-anthropology

#### 6 Social and Environmental Responsibility of Institutions and Sustainable Development

The Institute is close to you everywhere you are!

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## The Institute in Figures

The Institute ranks in the fifth place among other faculties of the Lebanese University as regards the number of students, as there are currently 4284 students enrolled in the various university levels. It also comprises 286 teachers of various specializations.

**Teaching languages:** Arabic, French and English.

8 out of 10 students at the Institute are female



Teachers' distribution according to sex in %



Teachers' distribution according to the higher studies' country in %



Staff at the Institute in %



Teachers' distribution according to nationality in %



The Institute has a periodical magazine and academic and teaching publications which are available in electronic format:

<http://crss.ul.edu.lb>



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