



ISSAE / Cnam Lebanon center

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Like the Cnam, the ISSAE / Cnam Lebanon center is specialized in lifelong learning (LLL). It gives everyone the means to study at any time of his career according to his projects.

It was in 1968 that the Institute of Applied and Economic Sciences (ISAE) was established by decree of the Lebanese Republic (n°10434), which became the ISSAE / Cnam Lebanon center in 2012.

According to article 3 of the decree, ISSAE / Cnam Lebanon center operates according to a special agreement, submitted to the approval of the Minister of Education and Higher Education, between 3 partners:

- The Lebanese University (UL, the only public university in the country),
- The Conservatoire national des arts et métiers, (the Cnam),
- The Lebanese Association for scientific, technical and economic education (Aleste, a non-profit association composed of Lebanese personalities including many academics and currently chaired by Mr. Walid Joumblatt, president of progressive socialist party).

An agreement, signed between these partners on April 13th, 1973, in the form of a regulation, lays down the conditions under which the three institutions collaborate in the management of the ISSAE. The terms of this agreement formed the basis of the internal regulations, the latest version of which was adopted by the Board of Directors and approved by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in 2007.

This associate center operates in compliance with the rules of the Cnam, which implies a strict control of the level of training through missions of all Cnam professors in charge of the concerned courses, who empower Lebanese teachers and chair the examination boards, and a general pedagogical coordination, exercised by a corresponding professor.

The head office of the ISSAE / Cnam Lebanon center is in Beirut. Six regional teaching centers spread throughout Lebanon have been gradually opened between 2004 and 2011 to meet the training needs in the regions where they are located. All of the programs are in French. Currently, more than 2,500 students follow courses in one of the six centers: Beirut (in operation since 1971), Baakline (2004), Baalbek (2005), Tripoli (2005), Chtoura (2006), Bikfaya (2007) and Nahr-Ibrahim (2011).

These regional education centers provide training up to Bac+3 level and in some cases up to Bac+4. Higher engineering and master's degree courses are only available in Beirut.

The main mission of ISSAE / Cnam Lebanon center is to promote continuing education, by enabling on the one hand, young people to integrate directly into the labor market while having the opportunity to continue their academic and, on the other hand, employees in all sectors to evolve in their professions while keeping their jobs.

To this end, it provides, with the rigor and equity necessary to merit the trust of employers and employees, high quality professionalized higher education, open to all, with tuition fees in accordance with its public vocation.

Thus, ISSAE / Cnam Lebanon center contributes to the social promotion and professional integration of its public by offering targeted training leading to the degrees issued by the Cnam.

Main disciplines

- Economics and management (Finance, Management, Accounting)
- Electromechanics
- Electronics
- Electrical engineering
- Energetics
- Civil Engineering
- Process Engineering
- Information Technology

- Structural mechanics
- Statistics
- Telecommunications and Networks

Research

Some professors participate in research work in the laboratories at the Cnam Paris. Others collaborate with colleagues from other universities.

A pre-doctoral program (Certificate of Specialization Initiation to Research in Human and Social Sciences - CS9200A) has been set up, between 2016 and 2019, with the aim of preparing future doctoral students for research and accompanying them in the development of their thesis project.

Currently a dozen of doctoral students from this training are registered at the Cnam headquarters in co-direction with the teachers of the Cnam Lebanon.

Strong points

- Quality higher education
- Good reputation within companies
- Diversified training offer
- Study programs regularly updated and in line with the needs of companies
- Various Master programs (Data Sciences, entrepreneurship and project management...)
- Specific specific training courses following agreements with the different organisations (training of elevator technicians, urban engineering)
- Participation in international projects (Tempus Erasmus+, AUF, IECD, ...)
- Teaching hours adapted to the exercise of professional activities
- Partial validation of acquired experience (unique of its kind in Lebanon)
- French degrees recognized internationally
- Affordable training costs
- Several teaching centres facilitating geographical access

Degrees awarded

- Bachelor Engineering
- Master
- Bachelor's degree
- RNCP Titles (Levels 5 and 6)
- Establishment diplomas at Bac+2 and Bac+4 levels
- Certificates of Competence and Specialization

French as a foreign language courses (FLE)

Language courses in French are provided to prepare our students for the DELF (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française, certified by the French Institute) B1 and B2.

English

Language courses in English are also provided to prepare our students for the University of Cambridge Linguaskill tests.

Programs for international students* / learners

International students / adult learners can apply to all courses offered by ISSAE-Cnam Lebanon center.

More details are available at website:

<http://formation.cnam.fr/liban/>

* *Foreigners with student status wishing to enrol in a full-time initial training course in Lebanon.*

Fees

Registration fees per ECTS Credit vary, depending on the level, between LBP 80 000 and 200 000.

Key figures

- **More than 2 500 enrolments** in 2020-2021
- **More than 450 diplomas** awarded by the Cnam in 2020-2021
- **17 252 enrolments** in 292 teaching units in 2020-2021
- **21 full-time faculty members**
- **240 part-time faculty members**
- **70 administrative and technical employees**

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