



ISSAE-Cnam Lebanon center

The Higher Institute of Applied and Economic Sciences (ISSAE-Cnam Lebanon) is the first center of the Cnam created abroad.

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 (LU, 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, former 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 the programs are in French. Currently, more than 2000 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).

Starting the next academic year 2024-2025, a new education program, leading to a "Licence Générale" in Computer Science and taught entirely in English will be launched in the regional teaching centers of Baalbek, Baakline and Chtoura.

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 education 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

- Mechanics (Structures, Integrated Design)
- Statistics and Data Science
- Telecommunications and Networks

Research

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

As part of the development of its research activities, the Board of Directors of ISSAE-Cnam Lebanon has decided to create the Center for Research, Studies and Entrepreneurship (CRÉE, Centre de Recherche, Études et Entreprenariat) whose activities should start very soon.

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 Science, Entrepreneurship and Eroject management...)
- Specific training courses following agreements with different organizations (training of elevator technicians, urban engineering)
- Participation in international projects (Tempus Erasmus+, AUF, IECD, EU...)
- Teaching hours adapted to the exercise of professional activities
- Partial validation of acquired experience (one of its kind in Lebanon)
- French degrees recognized internationally
- Affordable training costs
- Several teaching centers facilitating geographical access

Degrees awarded

- Bachelor of 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'études en langue française, certified by the French Institute in Lebanon) 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*

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

More details are available on the website:

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

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

Fees

Registration fees per ECTS Credit vary, depending on the level, between 27 and 54 USD.

Key figures

- **More than 2000 enrolments** in 2023 - 2024
- **More than 400 diplomas** awarded by the Cnam in 2023 - 2024
- **15226 enrolments** in 292 teaching units in 2023 - 2024
- **15 full-time faculty members**
- **177 part-time faculty members**
- **65 administrative and technical employees**

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