THE STUDENT LIFE OFFICE

The life of USJ students extends beyond academic pursuits alone! The University has implemented an efficient and dynamic office aimed at enhancing student life across all campuses.

Established in 2016, the Student Life Office (SVE) oversees and cultivates student projects and activities, while also coordinating initiatives with other university entities such as the Chaplaincy, the Career and Placement Office, Sports Office, Opération 7e jour, and other institutions.

The Student Life Office has defined its four core values: Living Together, Democracy, Citizenship, and Solidarity. These values guide the Office towards a brighter future for students and towards a broader sense of the University's mission, the nurturing alma mater of students.

The Student Life Office operates in these areas:

Community Life

The Office trains and monitors student projects and structures, while also striving to foster bonds of solidarity, engagement, and community living.

It encompasses clubs, student chapter committees, Student Council, and various activities such as the Welcome Party, Clubs Night, the Rally – USJ 360 Welcome Festival, the training day for club offices, the student structure day, as well as the monitoring and coaching program for club offices.

Student Clubs

A club serves as a student organization that brings together students around a particular activity theme, operating on a voluntary basis. It aims to promote and coordinate student participation in recreational, social, or cultural activities. Today, students can join over 30 clubs (professional, civic, cultural, artistic, etc.) or establish new ones.

Student Council

The Student Council, chaired by the Rector, is a consultative body at USJ comprising administrative and academic representatives alongside student representatives. Its objective is to facilitate communication between the University administration and students, particularly regarding academic and administrative plans, and various aspects of student life. It formulates proposals aimed at improving the living and working conditions of USJ students.

MENTAL

The Office has launched a mental health project called MENTAL, aimed at promoting student well-being and raising awareness about the importance of mental health. In collaboration with the Counseling Office, SVE conducts awareness activities with Student Chapters and clubs across various campuses. Additionally, it provides students access to a database of organizations offering free or reduced-cost mental health services.

Civic Life

To nurture tomorrow's leaders, the Office organizes initiatives enhancing students' civic engagement and promoting dialogue and communication among them. These include International Championship of Francophone and Arabophone Debate, parliamentary simulation, the Forum of Community Initiatives, Citizenship Summer School, Volunteers Night, Humans of USJ, and more.

Generation H.O.P.E. – Help Others Pursue Education

Generation H.O.P.E. is a student-led scholarship fundraising initiative.

In 2021, the financial and economic crisis led many Lebanese students to interrupt their university studies. Convinced that financial issues should not hinder access to quality education, USJ students stood in solidarity with their peers and launched "Generation H.O.P.E" to help others pursue education. To date, the program has assisted over 130 students and distributed 95 laptops.

Cultural Life

The Office aims to nurture students' talents and foster artistic and cultural opportunities through various activities, projects, and events, including Daraj al Yassouiyeh Festival, School Talent Show, Campus-J (student newspaper), TedX-USJ, and other collaborations with cultural entities (cultural centers, theaters, associations, *Agenda Culturel*, etc.).

Bridge to Art

The Bridge to Art community aims to make art more accessible to students and enhance their involvement in all local artistic events. The initiative also seeks to provide programs where students can develop their talents and, simultaneously, showcase them in festivals and events.

Campus-J, the official newspaper of USJ students

Campus-J was envisioned by the Rector, Prof. Salim Daccache, SJ, as a student newspaper representing all USJ campuses unified in its reflection of freedom of expression and of the values cherished by the University and its Jesuit founders. The idea took root during a pivotal meeting of the Student Council, and the first issue of Campus-J was published in May-June 2014. Since its inception, the Campus-J team has flourished, comprising talented individuals from all USJ campuses and captivating readership both within and beyond the University, reaching across the country.

Throughout its journey, Campus-J has remained steadfast in its core mission: to provide a platform for free and independent press, allowing students to express themselves on any desired topic. Campus-J covers a wide range of themes including travel, gastronomy, fashion, music, literature, arts, economics, law and political science, health, as well as science and technology. The newspaper also reports on USJ events and other national and regional occurrences across various fields, while highlighting the academic achievements of its students who excel in various arenas.

Join us in the vibrant university life at USJ, where opportunities extend beyond academics. Engage in projects of your choice!

Your active participation shapes the dynamic student life on our campuses. It's a golden chance for selfdiscovery, personal growth, and exchanging ideas to fuel your aspirations!

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