

UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA IN MIGRATION AND FORCED DISPLACEMENT

Main Language of Instruction:

French ☐ English ☒ Arabic ☐

Campus Where the Program Is Offered: CFDSS

OBJECTIVES

The University Diploma in Migration and Forced Displacement aims to train professionals capable of understanding, analyzing, and intervening effectively in migration dynamics and situations of forced displacement. The program draws on solid theoretical knowledge alongside professional skills adapted to field realities. This university diploma is organized by the Institute of Political Science and the School of Social Work, in collaboration with the Research Chair on Forced Displacement in the Middle East Region.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (COMPETENCIES)

- Position oneself with regard to international mobility and forced displacement phenomena through an informed understanding of international issues and international law (particularly human rights and humanitarian law).
- Design and implement an action or research project relevant to the fields of psychosocial support, development, or border security.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Lebanese Baccalaureate or its equivalent.
- Experience in social work or in migration-related fields across various sectors.
- English proficiency, with the possibility of fulfilling certain course requirements in French or Arabic depending on the modules.
- Application file including:
 - Copy of an identification document (ID card or passport)
 - Certified copy of the Baccalaureate
 - Curriculum vitae
 - Statement of purpose

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

20 Credits: Required Courses (16 credits), Elective Courses (4 credits)

Required Courses (16 credits)

International Mobility: Context, Challenges, and Trends (2 Cr.), Legal Framework of International Mobility and Migration (3 Cr.), Key Stakeholders in International Mobility and Migration (2 Cr.), Public Policies and Sustainable Solutions for Migration (3 Cr.), Research Methods (2 Cr.), Project (4 Cr.).

Elective Courses (4 credits)

Support for Mobility, Asylum, and Return Pathways and Projects (4 Cr.), Managing the Impact of Migration at the Local Level (4 Cr.), Migration, Security, and Borders (4 Cr.).

COURSE DESCRIPTION

072MICEF1	International Mobility: Context, Challenges, and Trends	2 Cr.
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This course introduces students to the complex dynamics of human mobility in a globalized context. As the introductory module of the diploma, it establishes foundational knowledge for understanding migration through the study of flows, contemporary trends, driving factors, and associated challenges. The analysis adopts a comparative and critical perspective, drawing on diverse examples and viewpoints.

072AMIMF1	Key Stakeholders in International Mobility and Migration	2 Cr.
This course analyzes the various actors influencing, regulating, and participating in migration processes at international, regional, and local levels. It highlights the roles of international organizations, states, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the private sector, and migrant communities themselves. The objective is to understand their interactions, strategies, and contributions without overlapping with policy, research, or security topics covered in other courses.		
072CLMMF1	Legal Framework of International Mobility and Migration	3 Cr.
This course provides students with an in-depth understanding of the main legal frameworks governing human mobility at global, regional, and national levels. It examines legal instruments regulating the rights and obligations of migrants, refugees, and states, as well as international protection mechanisms, multilateral conventions, and asylum policies.		
072MIMLF2	Managing the Impact of Migration at the Local Level	4 Cr.
This elective course focuses on developing competencies to analyze psychosocial challenges faced by forcibly displaced populations, understand their experiences in host contexts, and implement appropriate intervention strategies to support their life trajectories and projects.		
072MSBFF2	Migration, Security, and Borders	4 Cr.
This elective course explores the complex relationships between migratory flows, security concerns, and border policies. It examines border control mechanisms and the impact of securitization policies on human rights.		
072PPIMF1	Public Policies and Sustainable Solutions for Migration	3 Cr.
This course examines public policies designed to manage migration flows, protect migrants, and promote sustainable solutions to migration challenges. It explores strategies implemented by governments, international organizations, and civil society, with particular emphasis on integration issues. A specific focus is placed on Lebanon, including an in-depth analysis of the Syrian, Palestinian, and Iraqi refugee crises and the responses of Lebanese authorities and international actors.		
072PROJF2	Project	4 Cr.
The Project represents the final academic requirement of the diploma. Each student completes an individual project based on a specific area of interest, under the supervision of a faculty member with relevant expertise. The project may be research- or action-oriented, following an appropriate scientific approach. All projects are presented during a dedicated academic symposium and evaluated through an oral defense before a joint jury.		
072TCREF2	Research Methods	2 Cr.
This course introduces students to scientific research methodologies, covering all stages from problem formulation to data collection and analysis. Students are trained in both qualitative and quantitative methods (surveys, interviews, observations) and analytical techniques. It prepares those wishing to pursue research-oriented capstone projects.		
072PAMRF2	Support for Mobility, Asylum, and Return Pathways and Projects	4 Cr.
This elective course, following completion of the core courses, develops knowledge and skills needed to analyze migration impacts on host societies and to design inclusive development initiatives tailored to both local communities and migrant populations.		