

UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA IN HEALTH LAW AND BIOETHICS

Main Language of Instruction:French ☒ English ☐ Arabic ☐**Campus Where the Program Is Offered:** CFDSS**OBJECTIVES**

This dual degree program aims to provide a foundation in health law, enabling students to acquire a solid base of knowledge necessary for understanding the central challenges facing the Lebanese and French healthcare systems. To this end, it offers a unique, interdisciplinary training program delivered by a teaching team composed of academics, legal practitioners, and healthcare professionals. It leads to the awarding of two diplomas: a University Diploma (UD) in Health Law and Bioethics from Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ) and a University Diploma (UD) in Law, Expertise, and Care from Jean Moulin University Lyon 3 (UJML3).

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (COMPETENCIES)

Upon completion of the program, graduates of the dual degree will be better able to understand the legal dimensions of the healthcare system and to master their professional environment in the daily practice of their profession.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Certified French language proficiency of at least the B2 level or its equivalent according to the USJ language proficiency scales.
 - A bachelor's degree (3 years of higher education) in any discipline, or an equivalent qualification.
- In the absence of a bachelor's degree, the candidate may be admitted based on professional experience.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**40 Credits: Required Courses (40 credits)****Required Courses (40 Cr.)**

20 credits offered by USJ: Introduction to Health Law (5 Cr.), Patients' Rights (5 Cr.), Bioethics (5 Cr.), Medical Liability Law (5 Cr.).

20 credits offered by UJML3: Introduction to Health Law (5 Cr.), Patients' Rights (5 Cr.), Bioethics (5 Cr.), Medical Liability Law (5 Cr.).

COURSE DESCRIPTION

013INDRF1	Introduction to Health Law (Lebanon)	5 Cr.
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This course aims to provide an understanding of the legal reasoning applied to health and how the healthcare system is organized in Lebanon. It presents the institutional aspects of health law (law enforcement, justice, professional bodies), the regulations governing hospital and pharmaceutical law, ethical rules, and the expertise provided by forensic medicine.

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013DRTPF1	Patients' Rights (Lebanon)	5 Cr.
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013BIETF2	Bioethics (Lebanon)	5 Cr.
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013REMEF2	Medical Liability Law (Lebanon)	5 Cr.
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