

USJ Values in Daily Life

1. **Course number and name:** 064VALEL1 USJ Values in Daily Life

2. **Credits and contact hours:** 1 credit, 1x1:15 contact hours

3. **Names of instructors:** Father Jad Chebli

4. **Instructional Materials:**

5. **Specific course information**

a. **Catalog description:**

This course aims to heighten students' awareness of the core values of Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ) with the objective of integrating these values into their personal lives, interpersonal relationships, and professional conduct. Additionally, it encourages critical reflection on how the values outlined in the USJ Charter can influence their behaviors, actions, and decision-making processes in response to the challenges of the modern world. Furthermore, the module assists students in recognizing global issues and ethical responsibilities, while equipping them to make positive contributions towards the advancement of a better society.

b. **Prerequisites:** None

c. **Required/ Selected Elective/Open Elective:** Required

6. **Educational objectives for the course**

a. **Specific outcomes of instruction:**

- Identify the key milestones and events in the history of Saint Joseph University (USJ).
- Identify the core values of Saint Joseph University (USJ) and elucidate their significance within the academic context.
- Examine the characteristics and challenges of the modern world.
- Incorporate the values of Saint Joseph University into personal life, future career, and civic engagement when addressing the challenges of the modern world.

b. **PIs addressed by the course:**

PI	3.1	3.2
Covered	x	
Assessed	x	

7. Brief list of topics to be covered

- Course Overview
- USJ History
- Fostering integral human development (Refer to USJ Charter, art. 4)
- Upholding religious and political freedoms; promoting freedom of acceptance and discernment (Refer to USJ Charter, art. 6)
- Education in community service and professional life skills (Refer to USJ Charter, art. 2)
- Preservation and enhancement of the Lebanese cultural identity (Refer to USJ Charter, art. 5)
- Academic Freedom (Refer to USJ Charter, art. 1)
- Advancement of participatory frameworks (Refer to USJ Charter, art. 7)
- Relations between the Jesuit community and Saint Joseph University (Refer to USJ Charter, art. 15)
- Spiritual guidance and social justice (Refer to USJ Charter, art. 17)
- International Challenges: Instability, geopolitical conflicts, international security, diversity, inclusion, technological development, global health, environmental sustainability, etc. (Bouton, 2022; Morin, 2022; Rosa, 2010)
- National Challenges: Pursuit of excellence and inclusive education, concern for others, educational diversity, community engagement, social justice, ethics and social responsibility, democracy, support for arts and traditional culture, heritage conservation, etc.
- Adopted values versus aspirational values
- Future Directions