




University Diploma (U.D.) – Psychopedagogical Support for Individuals with Sensory Impairments (Hearing, Visual) Assessment and Support – 2026/2027

 **Date : October 2026 - April 2027**


 **Schedule :** October to December 2026 : 2 days / month / 13hours.
Friday - Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
January to April 2027 : 2 Saturdays / month / 13hours.
9:00 am - 5:00 pm


Number of hours : 105 hours (including 25 hours of internship)
6 sessions (2days/session/month)

Credits : 18

 **Location :** Faculty of Humanities
Beirut, Damascus Street

 **Langages :** French – English (international speakers)
Arabic (if needed)

 **Modalities :** **In-person and hybrid** (speakers and participants)
Web conferences (international speakers)

 **Registration fees :** 140\$/cr (18cr=2520\$ USD)
Registration : starting june 2026
Payment facilities – Limited places

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Target Population:

This University Diploma is part of continuing education. It is open to all students enrolled in undergraduate (Bachelor's), Master's, or Doctoral programs. The diploma is also accessible to professionals already employed, whether salaried or job seekers.

Program Description (Program Themes):

This U.D. is offered by the Department of Psychology (FLSH/USJ). It focuses on supporting individuals with sensory impairments (hearing and/or visual) and their parents, through a multidisciplinary team (psychologist, speech therapist, psychomotor therapist, pedagogue, etc.).

The program provides a theoretical and practical approach to sensory impairments, psychometric evaluation, and intervention: methods, tools, psychometric instruments, innovative techniques, guidance, and adaptive strategies.

Psychopedagogical, speech therapy, and psychomotor practices aim primarily to enhance professionals' knowledge and provide them with means to remediate difficulties associated with sensory impairments. Participants will also be introduced to cognitive stimulation workshops and multidisciplinary coordination workshops.

Main Objectives:

This U.D. enables professionals to:

- Engage in a continuous process of professional development
- Enrich their knowledge of sensory impairments from medical, audiological, psychosocial, educational, and speech therapy perspectives
- Establish a therapeutic relationship adapted to the individual with impairments and provide parental guidance
- Collaborate with other health professionals to jointly design action strategies
- Identify the needs of individuals with hearing (HI) and visual impairments (VI) from an educational standpoint and guide them early toward appropriate institutions
- Gain awareness of tools for multidisciplinary competency evaluation
- Become familiar with communication methods and tools used by individuals with HI and VI
- Learn how to design cognitive stimulation workshops with other professionals (paramedical, educational, social, etc.)