

## **SEVEN LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AMONG TOP 1,000 GLOBALLY**

Seven Lebanese universities were ranked in the top 1,000 universities in the world by Quacquarelli Symonds' (QS) World University Rankings 2020. The American University of Beirut (AUB) was ranked 244 among 1,000 universities, followed by Saint Joseph University (USJ), the Lebanese American University, Balamand, Holy Spirit of Kaslik (USEK), Beirut Arab University, and Notre Dame University (NDU). AUB was the third most highly ranked university in the Arab region, after King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, KSA, and King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals in Dhahran, KSA. QS ranks universities according to a set of weighted criteria, including academic reputation (40 percent), employer reputation (ten percent), faculty/student ratio (20 percent), citations per faculty (20 percent), the ratio of international faculty (five percent), and the ratio of international students (five percent).