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## THE BRITISH COUNCIL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF BALAMAND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2015, The British Council and the University of Balamand signed a memorandum of understanding, under which the world leading International English Language Test (IETLS), managed by British Council, will be conducted inside the university campus.

The signing of the agreement comes in light of the increasing number of applicants for the exam from all areas in the north of Lebanon. This agreement is projected to achieve positive impact in terms of facilitating the exam mechanism, in addition to providing flexible and easy logistical arrangements for residents in all areas in the north. By this agreement, (IELTS) related exam services will be provided by the British Council

On her part, the Director of the British Council, Ms. Donna McGowan commented, "This agreement represents the continuing commitment of the British Council to the education in Lebanon".

Dr. Walid Moubayed, Dean of Admissions and Registration at the University of Balamand, commented, "the signing of this MoU comes as a result of the longstanding relationship between the University of Balamand and the British Council in the educational and cultural fields. Our University is looking forward to signing an agreement with the BC to provide the products and services related to the IELTS test on campus. The goal is to help graduate students in the north region of the country meet their needs with respect to this test, which serves them within the country, in addition to the importance of the test as a requirement to study abroad".

Recognized by the Lebanese Ministry for Higher Education, IELTS is the world's most popular English language proficiency test, with over 2 million tests taken yearly. More than 9,000 organizations worldwide accept IELTS scores, including government, academic, employment institutions, and migration authorities.

The British council works in three key areas: arts, English language and Education, and society.

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### Dates for Exam Sessions at Balamand:

<b>08 December 2018</b>	<b>Academic</b>
<b>15 December 2018</b>	<b>Academic and General</b>
<b>05 January 2019</b>	<b>Academic and General</b>
<b>02 February 2019</b>	<b>Academic</b>
<b>02 March 2019</b>	<b>Academic and General</b>
<b>06 April 2019</b>	<b>Academic and General</b>
<b>18 May 2019</b>	<b>Academic</b>
<b>01 June 2019</b>	<b>Academic and General</b>
<b>20 July 2019</b>	<b>Academic</b>
<b>24 August 2019</b>	<b>Academic</b>
<b>28 September 2019</b>	<b>Academic and General</b>
<b>12 October 2019</b>	<b>Academic and General</b>
<b>23 November 2019</b>	<b>Academic and General</b>
<b>07 December 2019</b>	<b>Academic and General</b>

For Registration in any exam session please consult the following link:

<https://ielts.britishcouncil.org/lebanon>