

American University of Beirut Hosted Moodle Service

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Collaborating with Lebanon, Egypt
and Europe to provide an international
diploma programme through ULCC
services

The American University of Beirut (AUB) has
been awarded a grant from the European
Union Tempus Programme to fund the
development of a professional diploma
program for green technologies in Lebanon
and Egypt, entitled PRO-GREEN-Joint/
Dual Professional Graduate Diploma and
Professional Degree in Green Technologies.

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*"Working together with ULCC,
I was able to add value to my
institution. When it comes to
the efficient technical support,
the response time and support
was catered to our needs, even
with a short go-live period"*

**Wissam Nahas,
e-Learning Manager
American University of Beirut**



PRO-GREEN PROJECT

Through the project, universities will develop a joint/dual diploma for green technologies with a focus on renewable energies, green buildings and water resources. The curriculum will first be piloted at universities in Lebanon and Egypt, with the ultimate goal to have the diploma offered in numerous countries and universities across the region.

The Pro-Green joint diploma aims to provide a unique and focused program that caters for the engineering and architecture professionals aspiring to enhance or complement their technical and decision-making skills in green technologies or progress in green businesses.

Meeting the projects needs

In order to provide this professional diploma, AUB required a quick and reliable access to a cloud based Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) which could be accessed by all Pro-Green staff and students.

Wissam Nahas, (e-Learning Manager) at AUB states “*it was essential we develop a reliable VLE to encourage cooperation between Lebanese, Egyptian and European institutions. The platform was also needed to host the Learning Management System for students and instructors*”.

The IT team at AUB found that a hosted Moodle service from the University of London Computer Centre (ULCC) provided the best solution for this project. ULCC were able to guarantee a minimum downtime, unlimited storage, 24/7 support, backup and redundancy plan and maintenance of the VLE through continuous upgrading.

With a variety of different institutions involved within the project, there were many data ownership questions raised, resulting in a cloud

based Moodle platform being used. This money-saving option allowed the team to focus on the administration of the application and development.

The IT team at AUB mentions “*working with the highly professional and flexible learning technology team, ULCC provided both technical and instructional support. The team was always willing to help and introduced the Checklist Moodle activity which we found extremely beneficial to the project.*”

The results of the mid-semester evaluation have been positive and reveal a general satisfaction among students and staff regarding the diploma, with over 90% of student’s satisfied with the hosted Moodle service.



PROGREEN  **ONLINE JOINT/DUAL PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA IN GREEN TECHNOLOGIES**

- FLEXIBILITY**
No Minimum amount of registered credits
- CONVENIENCE**
Study at your own time
- NETWORKING**
Meet professionals from local, regional and worldwide backgrounds
- GEOGRAPHICAL AFFABILITY**
Complete the online diploma anywhere around the world
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Benefits from a more practical, affordable and efficient way of learning

  