

**PICS Lebanon March 2020
Itinerary**

Saturday March 21 – Chicago → Beirut

Dep ORD

Sunday March 22 – Beirut

Arr BEY

Bus to hotel; orientation

Walk to [Downtown Beirut](#), visit [souk el tayeb](#)

Free time

Welcome Dinner with Harris and Pearson Alumni

Monday March 23 – Beirut

TBA

Tuesday March 24 – Beirut

8:30 – Depart hotel

9:00-9:20 – Welcome reception at [Lebanese American University \(LAU\)](#), Beirut Campus

9:30-12:30 – LAU Seminar

The political economy of the region after the Arab Spring, *Dr. Ghassan Dibeh*

Transnational movements and the politics of ISIS, *Dr Sami Baroudi*

Conflict resolution: case study Lebanon, *Dr. Imad Salameh*

12:40-1:30 – LAU Seminar

Meeting with Asaad Chaftary, civil war fighter involved in massacres: *Testimonies of Change*

1:30 – Walk to [Hamra street](#) for lunch

2:30-5:00 – Visit refugee camp in Beirut

5:00 – Return to Hotel

8:30 – Dinner downtown, TBA

Wednesday March 25 – Beirut

8:00 – Depart hotel

9:00-11:00 – Byblos Seminar, [Jbeil campus](#),

Lebanese local politics, *Dr. Marwan Romeyeb*

Lebanon's economic challenges, *Speaker TBA*

Discussion on Human rights, Center for Human Rights, *Speaker TBA*

11:00 – Visit to Byblos Municipality: brief on history of the area and local politics

11:30 – [Byblos Roman Ruins](#)

Time TBA – Joint meetings LAU and PICS students

Thursday March 26 – Beirut

9:00-12:00 – [American University of Beirut \(AUB\)](#), [Issam Faris Institute](#) Seminar

How the Lebanese government Tackles Extremism & Terrorism, *Dr. Hiba Khodr*

Role of Civil Societies in Advocating Democratic Principles, *Speaker TBA*

Constraints & Opportunities Shaping Lebanese Policy on Syrian Refugees, *Issam Faris Institute Expert*

12:30 – Lunch, Bliss street with AUB Public Policy & Public Administration graduate students

2:30-5:00 – Visit to [Adyan](#), an interfaith organization

Friday March 27 – Beirut

8:30-10:00 – Visit to Lebanese Parliament; meetings TBA

11:00-5:00 – Day Trip: [Jeita Grotto](#) & [Harissa](#)

6:00 – Farewell dinner, location TBA

Saturday March 28 – Beirut

Dep BEY time flight #