



## STRATEGY OF THE OF ESIAM –USJ AND RESULTS ACHIEVED

### LINKAGES BETWEEN ACADEMICS AND INDUSTRY

Curriculum, research, expertise  
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# A QUICK OVERVIEW

Université Saint-Joseph  
de Beyrouth  
ESIAM - ESIA



# USJ

## Who are we ?

A private university founded in 1875, member of 9 international associations

- ✓ 13 faculties, 14 institutes and 5 higher schools
- ✓ 4 university chairs and 1 professional center of mediation
- ✓ 12 000 students, 2000 lecturers and 500 administrative staff
- ✓ 19 research centers, 31 laboratories, 3 research units, 1 observatory and 1 tissue bank
- ✓ More than 350 international agreements
- ✓ 5 campuses in Beirut, 3 regional campuses, 1 center in Dubaï and 1 office in Paris
- ✓ Technology poles (PTS, Berytech...)



**École supérieure d'ingénieurs  
agroalimentaires**

**École supérieure d'ingénieurs  
d'agronomie méditerranéenne**

# ESIA-M

Who are we ?

History and mission

- ✓ Founded in 1979 in the Faculty of Engineering of USJ
- ✓ Mission to contribute to the development of **food value chain** sector in Lebanon and the region through **education, research and technology transfer**



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# CURRICULUM

Innovation and  
entrepreneurship  
Professional integration



# INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP COURSES

3<sup>rd</sup> year curriculum

5 steps innovation project:

1

**From  
Idea to  
startup**

2

**Market  
surveys  
studies**

5

**Project  
pitch:  
prototype,  
business  
plan...**



**Student team**



**Company**

**KASSATLY**  
CHTAURA

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## PROFESSIONAL INTEGRATION

5<sup>th</sup> year curriculum of ESIA

6 months training within the enterprise

### List of courses to be chosen by STUDENT and COMPANY:

- Integration reporting
- Industrial processes
- Supply chain management
- Quality management
- Industrial residues management
- Management and marketing strategy
- Unitary operation
- Energy management
- Automatisation and GRAFCET
- Packaging
- Statistical management of processes

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# APPLIED RESEARCH

Innovation, solutions,  
profitability

Optimization of Arak distillation process considering distillates yield and quality



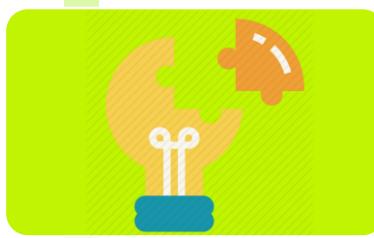
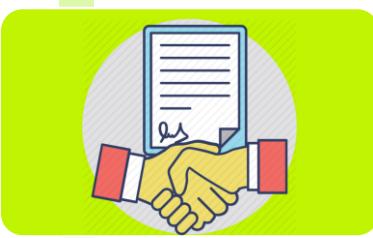
Optimizing production techniques to invest less for

**NO FEES !**

Increase of line efficiency on 4.75-liter oil production line while maintaining the product quality and respecting food safety standards



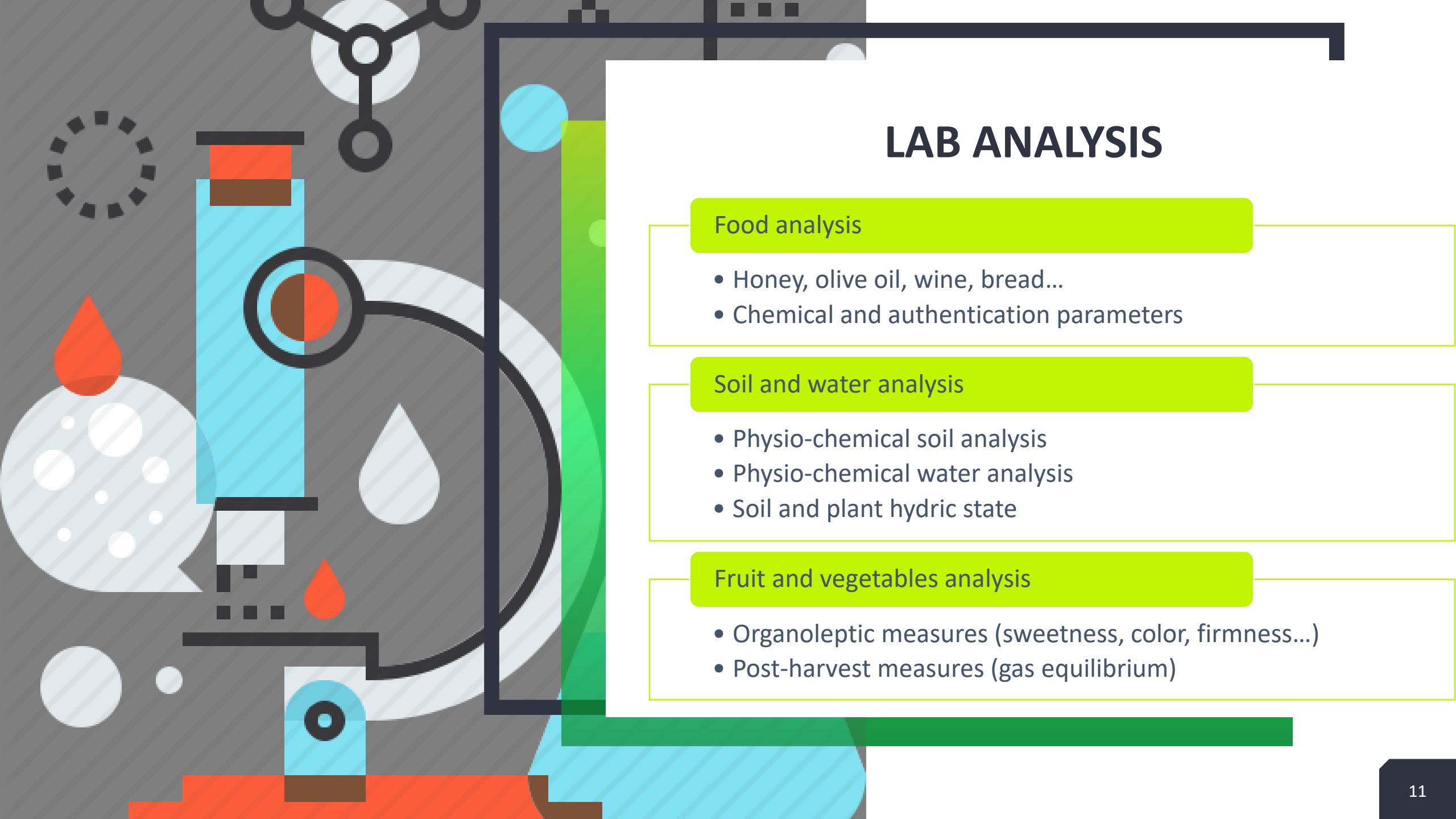
## APPLIED RESEARCH





# COMMUNITY SERVICE

Lab analysis  
Expertise



# LAB ANALYSIS

## Food analysis

- Honey, olive oil, wine, bread...
- Chemical and authentication parameters

## Soil and water analysis

- Physio-chemical soil analysis
- Physio-chemical water analysis
- Soil and plant hydric state

## Fruit and vegetables analysis

- Organoleptic measures (sweetness, color, firmness...)
- Post-harvest measures (gas equilibrium)

# EXPERTISE

## Consultancy

- Ongoing national and international projects

## Professional trainings

- To producers, engineers, scientists...
- Ongoing national and international projects

## Conferences and seminars

- To producers, engineers, scientists...





Lab analysis  
Expertise



# THANK YOU

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