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Al-Quds at a Glance



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Overview

Al-Quds University (AQU) is a collegiate research university that currently offers more than one hundred undergraduate and postgraduate programs, taught through its fifteen degree-granting faculties, covering the main scientific disciplines, which include medicine, life and natural sciences, arts and humanities, business and management, law and jurisprudence, engineering, and social sciences. Established in the late 1970s in fulfillment of a 1931 resolution by the Islamic Summit "to found an Arab university in Jerusalem," Al-Quds University remains the only Arab Palestinian institute of higher education in the city of Jerusalem. AQU currently enrolls around 12,000 full time students, taught by more than 700 faculty members.

Faculties and Programs

Al-Quds University currently offers 50 undergraduate programs and 45 graduate programs, taught through its fifteen degree-granting faculties. Al-Quds University's faculties include Medicine, Dentistry,



Pharmacy, Engineering, Law, Medical Professions, Arts and Humanities, Business and Economics, Science and Technology, Quran and Islamic Studies, Education, Public Health, Dual Studies (in partnership with the German government), Al-Quds Bard, and the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Students

Al-Quds University enrolls around 9,500 undergraduate students and 2,500 graduate students, bringing the student body to 12,000 full-time students. Female students at AQU constitute more than 55% of its overall student body.

Faculty

With approximately 700 faculty members, the student-faculty ratio at Al-Quds University is 17:1.

Campuses

Al-Quds University has four main campuses in Jerusalem: the Old City Campus, the Beit Hanina Campus, the Sheikh Jarrah Campus, and the Abu Dis Campus (known as the Main Campus). The University also maintains several educational centers in the city of Gaza and in Ramallah/ Albireh. Through these centers, Al-Quds University aims to enhance access to education for the marginalized segments of the Palestinian society who would otherwise be unable to pursue higher education.

Academic Initiatives

While Al-Quds University has taken the lead in founding in Palestine the first faculties of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, health professions, and law, Al-Quds University has also introduced and public health



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the first liberal arts and sciences college in the entire Middle East region. Established as part of an ongoing partnership with Bard College of New York, Al-Quds Bard College confers the bachelor in arts and sciences, and a master in teaching, awarded by both Al-Quds University and Bard College.

With support from the German government, AQU also founded a pilot academic program known as the "Dual Studies". Modeled on the German approach of merging academic learning with practical training, the Dual Studies program remains unique to the entire Arab world and currently enrolls more than 200 full-time undergraduate students.

Financial Aid

To ensure that all students who meet the academic requirements receive the education they deserve, Al-Quds University maintains the largest financial aid program amongst Palestinian universities, with more than 55% of its student body receiving financial aid.

Leadership

Professor Imad Abu Kishek is the president of Al-Quds University. He is a Professor of Public Policy and a prominent authority in the field of institutional development and higher education development.





Scientific Research at Al-Quds University:

The mission of Al-Quds University (AQU) is to lead high-quality research that provides solutions to important problems in the Palestinian society, contributes to the Palestinian economy and adds to the global knowledge.

Al-Quds University is considered one of the leading universities in scientific research production in Palestine with 1294 documents published in international indexed journals. More than 539 authors affiliated with Al-Quds University publishing in Scopus database.

The main areas for research at AQU are Medicine, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology, Information Technology and computer Sciences and Environmental Sciences.

One of the main strengths of AQU publications is the impact of their citations, where AQU occupied the top ranking in Palestine in "Citation per Paper".

In addition, AQU gives special attention to research among undergraduate students by stabling student research clubs in each faculty to promote a scientific research environment among students. One of the important events that AQU organizes every year is the Undergraduate Research Conference for all Palestinian Undergraduate Students.



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Academic International Relations Office

The International Relations Office at Al-Quds University (AQU) is an affiliated unit of the Academic Affairs. The unit is responsible for providing AQU students to learn firsthand about university life in other countries while exposing students to new experiences. Student exchanges and mobility projects are implemented in the framework of the cooperation agreements between AQU and higher education institutions in other countries. The student typically spends up to 6 months of study and training at the host institution. The funding for a project includes travel, living, and accommodation allowances for students.

Services provided by the International Academic Relations Office:

This program provides students with the opportunity to spend a semester of one academic semester in one of the partner universities in order to study courses that match his/her academic plan. The courses the student receives abroad will count towards credit hours upon the completion of the exchange. In addition to the theoretical courses, the exchange programs can also include practical training in



the different disciplines, such as applied sciences, social and human sciences, clinical training, and many more.

The University is committed to the international standards of academic excellence. Therefore, it assigns great importance to mobility by attracting educators from the partner universities to teach and train its students, developing staff academic plans and programs, and enhancing research collaboration with other universities.

AQU maintains good partnership relations with a range of universities and other institutions in Europe, USA, Russia, China, Turkey, Brazil, as well as Arab countries. This vast network of international relations allows the students the opportunity to take part in the exchanges the university carries out in the various academic programs and research projects.

Financial Support:

The funding of the student exchanges is determined based on the mobility program. Some projects are sponsored by the Erasmus+ program and subjected to its unique policy. The program usually covers the travel expenses and provides monthly allowances to cover accommodation and living expenses. The Turkish Mevlana program is confined to accommodation and living allowances. In addition to these two, there are bilateral partnerships that offer partial funding from Al-Quds University.

The bilateral partnerships also offer foreign students the opportunity to spend a full semester at Al-Quds University. Foreign students can learn Arabic, experience Palestinian culture and traditions, and promote their home cultures in Palestine while contributing to cultural understanding and friendly relations between the Palestinian people and peoples of other countries.

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