



# Welcome (Ahlan Wa Sahlan!)

## Welcome to the Second Largest University in Jordan

YU welcomes collaboration with international universities and different renowned institutions all over the world.

YU Administration is keen on continuous modernization and updating of study plans as well as exchange of expertise and knowledge in order to keep up with the developments in academic and scientific fields reflecting positively on the educational, academic and research movement at the University and consequently its students and alumni who are expected to develop and build their communities.

This leaflet presents a compendium about the establishment of YU, its programs as well as an introduction to the faculties, academic and administrative units. It also contains information about the campus and the city of Irbid.

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# Yarmouk University

Established in June 1976 by a Royal Decree, Yarmouk University has developed steadily into one of the largest and most prestigious state-supported educational institutions in Jordan. The University has 15 faculties that offer 69 bachelor degree programs, 73 master degree programs, and 17 PhD programs in a variety of specializations. We also have various departments and centers for research and career development.

The University has carved a unique niche for itself in Northern Jordan through the diversity of its programs which aim to strike a fair balance between the humanities on the one hand and science, engineering and medical specializations on the other. We hope to inspire our young students by offering a variety of specializations combined with excellence in teaching, opportunities for community service and extra-curricular activities, and encouragement of innovation. to prduce productive citizens with integrity, vision, reasoning, tolerance, and a sense of purpose.

In recent years, the phenomenon of globalization coupled with an overall economic decline has resulted in an unprecedented scarcity of employment opportunities almost everywhere – Jordan is no



exception. Furthermore, the corona epidemic created significant hurdles to a variety of industries around the world, altering the structure of the labor market and its requirements. As a result, we at Yarmouk University aim to combat this challenge by offering courses and training programs for both students and staff through our centers, and by partnering with

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business, industry, NGO's and other local or foreign institutions. Several companies have established incubators at the University to offer students training and work experience that prepares them for the wider job market and creates a climate conducive to entrepreneurship and innovation.

Research is also one of Yarmouk University's top priorities, especially within the context of Jordan's social, economic, environmental, and developmental needs. Several research projects

are currently underway in partnership with local and international institutions. Also, the recent establishment of technology transfer offices in public universities, including ours, has served to encourage the commercialization of research findings and inventions – a development that many researchers find appealing.

Much has been accomplished over the past four decades since the establishment of this outstanding institution, but much still needs to be done.

## Vision

Yarmouk University's vision is represented in entrepreneurship and excellence in the areas of education, scientific research and community service so that Yarmouk University would achieve a prestigious Jordanian, regional and global status.

## Message

YU aims to prepare scientific competencies in different fields of science and knowledge through presenting a distinguished education and creating an innovative scientific research that serves the society and contributes in building the knowledge economy through preparing a university environment that is conducive to creativity, and through freedom of thought and expression and response to the needs of society and scientific evolution.



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## Scientific Programs

The University currently offers 69 bachelor degree programs, 73 master degree programs, and 17 PhD programs in various specializations.

The university also offers the higher diploma degrees in education in: Inclusive Education, School Administration, Learning and Pedagogy, in addition to the Teacher Education Professional Diploma (TEPD).

The university is planning to establish more programs according to the needs of the labor market locally and regionally.

The University has fifteen faculties: Arts, Science, Economics and Administrative Sciences, Hijjawi for Engineering Technology, Shari'a and Islamic Studies, Education, Physical Education, Law, Fine Arts, Information Technology and Computer Science, Archaeology And Anthropology, Mass Communication, Tourism and Hotel Management, Medicine, and Pharmacy. The university is planning to establish two more faculties: Nursing and Applied Medical Sciences.

## Study System

The University applies the credit-hour system which should be attended regularly and in full time. The academic year consists of two main semesters and one optional summer semester.

We currently have 42370 male and female students in different specializations in addition to 1091 faculty members.

The first class which graduated from Yarmouk University consisted of 562 students in the academic year 1979 / 1980. Until the time of issuing this brochure, the overall number of Yarmouk graduates is 193900 students in different degrees.

## Deanships

Deanships are considered connecting points between students and various academic and administrative units of the university.

Yarmouk University comprises two deanships:

### (1) The Deanship of Scientific Research and Graduate Studies:

It provides a suitable environment for scientific research and offers all sorts of facilities to the faculty members to conduct research inside/outside Jordan. It also supervises the admission of students in the M.A and PhD programs and keeps an eye on their academic and research performance till they graduate.

### (2) The Deanship of Students Affairs:

It plays a great role in achieving the mission of the university which views the student as the center of the educational process. Through its varied activities, it shows interest in building the personality of students in the fields of psychology, sociology and culture. It also aids in refining their hobbies and skills.



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### Scientific Centers

There are eight scientific and research centers in the University:

Accreditation and Quality Assurance Center, The Language Centre, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center, Refugees, Displaced Persons and Forced Migration Studies Center, Princess Basma Center for Woman's Studies, Queen Rania Center for Jordanian Studies and Community Service, Computer and Information Centre and E-Learning and Open Educational Resources.

### Scientific Chairs

There are six scientific chairs in the University: Mahmoud Al-Ghoul for Arabian Peninsula and Inscriptions Studies, Samir Rifai The Late for Jordanian Studies, Samir Shamma for History of Numismatics and Islamic Civilization Studies, Arar chair, and Saleh Abdullah Kamel for Islamic Economy Studies, Pahang Chair for Islamic Studies.

### Agreements

The University has signed many scientific agreements with international and Arab universities and academic institutions. Through such agreements, the University aims to exchange expertise, knowledge in the areas of study plans as well as educational programs. It is currently working on signing more agreements to provide both students and faculty staff with more scientific exchange opportunities.

### Joint Scientific Programs

The University has different academic programs with many educational institutions, including:

Oman College of Management and Technology (OMCT), Kolej Yayasan Pahang (KYP).

### Arabic as a Foreign Language for Non-Arabic Speakers

Based on the scientific cooperation agreements with many international universities, the Language Center runs programs in Arabic language for non-Arabic speakers. These programs are distinguished at the national and regional levels.



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## Scientific Journals

Yarmouk University currently publishes the following scientific research journals:

Jordan Journal of Arts (JJA), Jordan Journal of Physics (JJP) , Jordan Journal of Chemistry (JJC), Jordan Journal of Modern Languages and Literature (JJMLL) , Jordan Journal of Educational Sciences (JJES), Jordan Journal of Mathematics and Statistics (JJMS), and Abhath Al-Yarmouk Humanities and Social Sciences Series (AYHSS) .

## Al-Hussein Bin Talal Library

Yarmouk University Library, which carries the name of Late King Hussein Bin Talal, is one of the largest libraries at the national and regional levels in terms of its area and holdings of references and scientific periodicals. The library building can take 1400 readers at the same time. The library uses the latest world systems to regulate storage and retrieval of library collections and other services. The library is also connected with the greatest world databases.



## International Students

Arab and international students form 8.6% of the University community from fifty four nationalities. Yarmouk University provides them with all the necessary facilities to pursue their studies through the Expatriate Students Care Section in the Deanship of Students Affairs.

## Students with Disabilities

The University believes in the importance of education for students with disabilities. It cooperates with the Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (HCD). The Department of Students with Disabilities in the Deanship of Students Affairs provides students with disabilities with the needed infrastructure on campus, a priority in registering academic courses, in addition to a sign language interpreter.

## University Museums

The University has three museums: Jordanian Heritage Museum, Natural History Museum and Numismatics Museum.

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## Irbid

Yarmouk University is located in Irbid, North of Jordan, about 90 kilometers North of the capital Amman.

Irbid is Jordan's second-largest city. It is anciently known as Arabella. Irbid has two very worthwhile museums, and forms a good base from which to explore the Northern Jordan Valley or to start a trip to Umm Qais, Ajloun, Umm el-Jimal, or Syria. It is in many ways more lively and progressive than staid Amman.

Irbid hosts many artifacts and graves which show that it has been inhabited since the Bronze Age. There are pieces of pottery and wall stones found at Tell Irbid which were estimated to be made in 3200 BC.

Nowadays, Irbid retains the charm of provincial Middle Eastern town that has witnessed modernism that made such a big impact on the large cities.





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