

PhD in Private Law

Programme Details

Final Qualification

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Language of Study

Arabic

Mode of Study

Full Time

Programme Structure

Study Period

3 Years

Total Credit Hours

54 Credit Hours

Number of Courses

12 Courses+ Dissertation

Brief about the Programme

The PhD in Private Law programme aims to provide the Bahraini and Gulf market with specialised academic competencies qualified at all levels in the field of advanced legal studies in private law, by equipping graduates with in-depth theoretical and applied legal knowledge in private law across its various branches — including civil, commercial, industrial and commercial property, insurance contracts, banking law, enforcement law, and private international law.

The programme develops the intellectual skills that enable the graduate to critically analyse, reason, draw conclusions, and derive rulings in complex legal situations. It also seeks to develop the graduate's capabilities in following scientific research methodologies, tools, and ethics, and fostering a spirit of creativity to make a genuine contribution to the labour market that enables them to address new and emerging legal challenges across all fields. The programme structure was designed in collaboration with the International Islamic Sciences University – Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, to serve the needs of the labour market and technological developments in the Kingdom of Bahrain and Gulf Cooperation Council states. The programme requires the preparation of a doctoral dissertation of 18 credit hours, with its subject linked to one of the areas of private law, and must include an original contribution to the field of science and knowledge, in accordance with the conditions set by the university's graduate studies regulations.

Aims of the Programme

1. Meet the needs of Bahraini and Gulf society by providing specialised graduates capable of working with high efficiency, to offer innovative solutions and research in the field of private law.
2. Ensure graduates acquire the advanced legal knowledge necessary to explain the legal relationship between the state and individuals in all fields, and consolidate the specialised scientific legal foundation.
3. Prepare graduates capable of using skills at a high level of specialisation in creativity, through developing the application of legal knowledge in the field of private law.
4. Prepare graduates capable of conducting comparative specialised legal research and studies in private law, in a manner that enriches legal knowledge to be employed in serving state institutions and its facilities.
5. Prepare legally specialised and academically and professionally qualified jurists, capable of transferring legal knowledge in all branches of private law.



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Career Paths

1. Judge
2. Lawyer
3. Specialised International Arbitrator
4. Specialised Legal Consultant
5. Legal Expert for Human Rights & International Organisations
6. Assistant University Professor
7. Legal Advisor in Finance, Banking & Insurance

Entry Requirements

1. The applicant must hold a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree or their equivalent from a university or college recognised in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
2. The applicant must hold a degree in the same specialisation as the doctoral programme or in a closely related field. If a candidate from a related field is admitted, they must complete a number of remedial courses approved by the University and specified by the relevant department.
3. The minimum requirement for admission is a Master's degree with a cumulative GPA of not less than 'Very Good' or its equivalent. If the GPA is below the required level, the case is referred to the Appeals Committee to consider the possibility of granting conditional admission and submitting the appropriate recommendation to the University Council.
4. The applicant must successfully pass a personal interview.
5. The applicant must pass the University's English language placement test, or provide a TOEFL certificate or equivalent with a score of not less than 450. Otherwise, the student must study and successfully complete an English course determined by the College during their first year. Students holding a degree from programmes taught in English are exempted from the English language requirement.



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