

PhD in Public 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 Public Law programme aims to provide the Bahraini and Gulf market with specialised academic competencies and researchers at various levels in the field of advanced legal studies in public law. The programme seeks to equip graduates with critical and detailed legal knowledge in areas of public law, develop their intellectual skills to enable analysis, legal reasoning, inference, and derivation of rulings in complex legal situations, in addition to developing their capacity to follow scientific research methodologies and approaches, fostering creativity, critical self-study, and the analysis of criminal, international, administrative, and constitutional law issues.

The programme was designed in collaboration with the International Islamic Sciences University – Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, to serve the needs of the labour market and address the technological developments and legal challenges in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the 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 public 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 public 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 public law.
4. Prepare graduates capable of conducting comparative specialised legal research and studies in public 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 areas of public law.
6. Consolidate leadership and decision-making skills among graduates.

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

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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