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Master Programmes



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Master in Business Administration

Programme Details

Final Qualification

Master Degree

Language of Study

Arabic

Mode of Study

Full Time

Programme Structure

Study Period

2 Years

Total Credit Hours

36 Credit Hours

Number of Courses

9 Courses + Thesis or
 10 Courses + Applied Project

Brief about the Programme

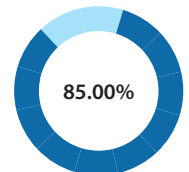
Join the elite of ambitious leaders with the Master in Business Administration (MBA) programme, where theory meets practice. The programme is designed to develop your skills in leadership, strategic planning, and impactful decision-making in competitive work environments. The MBA is a qualitative step towards a promising professional future. Students may choose between 9 courses plus a research thesis, or 10 courses plus an applied project.

Aims of the Programme

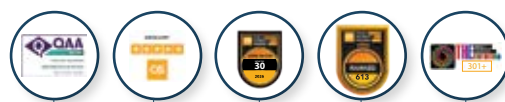
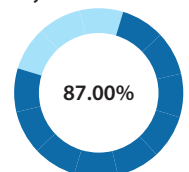
1. Develop graduates' systematic understanding and comprehensive critical knowledge in business specializations, as well as managing organizations in the external environmental variables in which they operate.
2. Prepare graduates for professional development in business and management by enhancing a range of professional skills that expose them to independent planning and task execution at the professional level or its equivalent.
3. Develop graduates' creative and original responses in applying knowledge to deal with complex situations and solve problems in a manner that contributes to both business and society in general.
4. Develop graduates' critical analytical capacity and adopt a creative thinking approach in dealing with complex issues, and the ability to understand and appreciate both ethical and social consequences.
5. Enable graduates to communicate with relevant stakeholders and contribute to managing the organizations they work in, in a manner that improves business and management practices.
6. Develop graduates' capabilities through theoretical and practical curriculum in how to conduct applied research, and enhance their capacity for independent research that can be applied to develop and interpret knowledge directly relevant to challenges facing business systems.

General Statistics

Student Satisfaction Rate



Advisory Board Satisfaction Rate



The first university in the Kingdom of Bahrain to achieve global accreditation from the British Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)

Rated 5 Stars in the QS Rating System

Ranked 30th in the QS Arab Region University Rankings 2026

Ranked 613 in the QS World University Rankings 2026

Ranked 301+ Worldwide in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings

Career Paths

1. Chief Executive Officer
2. Strategy Manager
3. Business Consultant
4. Major Projects Manager
5. Business Development Manager
6. International Marketing Manager
7. Innovation & Entrepreneurship Manager
8. University Lecturer

Entry Requirements

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No.	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
Year 1 – First Semester						
1	BA602	Research Methods	-	3	12	9
2	BA603	Data Analytics and Decision Making	-	3	12	9
3	BA631	Human Resources Management	-	3	12	9
Year 1 – Second Semester						
1	BA641	Operations Management & Decisions	-	3	12	9
2	BA611	Advanced Marketing Management	-	3	12	9
3	-	Programme Elective (1)	-	3	12	9
Year 2 – First Semester						
1	ACF611	Advanced Managerial Accounting	-	3	12	9
2	BA664	Strategic Management	-	3	12	9
3	-	Programme Elective (2)	-	3	12	9
Year 2 – Second Semester (Thesis Track)						
1	BA698	Thesis	21 Credit Hours	3	36	9
Year 2 – Second Semester (Applied Project Track)						
1	-	Programme Elective (3)	-	3	12	9
2	BA697	Applied Project	24 Credit Hours	6	24	9

Programme Elective Courses						
No.	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
1	BA645	Total Quality Management	-	3	12	9
2	BA621	Corporate Finance	-	3	12	9
3	ECO601	Managerial Economics	-	3	12	9
4	BA654	Leadership and Organizational Behavior	-	3	12	9
5	BA653	Business Ethics	-	3	12	9
6	BA662	International Business	-	3	12	9
7	BA663	Innovation and Entrepreneurship	-	3	12	9
8	BA691	Special Topics in Management (E)	-	3	12	9
9	MIS611	Management Information Systems	-	3	12	9

Programme Compulsory Courses

BA 602- Research Methods

This course is designed to introduce the student to scientific research methods and explain the different methods that can be used in scientific research. Its importance and steps for conducting it, based on the various scientific methods, their starting points and foundations. It examines the selection of the title, formulation of the research problem, its questions, objectives and plan, how to discuss previous studies, how to document, quote and reformulate the idea, highlight the researcher's personality and how to activate footnotes and footnotes. (Prerequisite: None)

BA 603 -Data Driven Decision Making

In this course, the student will learn the basics of data analytics and its uses to solve problems in the corporate and organizational environment. the student will also learn the importance of data analytics used in decision-making processes in organizations. In addition, a framework for data analysis and the tools used in data analytics will be presented, and the functions and roles in data analytics and data science will be addressed. The course will also address big data and big data analytics and explain their impact on the activities of organizations and institutions. The student will learn about different types of data, and name some of the different types of tools and techniques used to collect data. On the other hand, some of the main tools and techniques for data analysis will be described and the importance of visualization for the practice of data analytics. A variety of tools and languages will be identified, taking into account when they are best used. Finally, the individual project will give the student the opportunity to practice what he has learned by participating in a simulation and then choosing the best course of action, which will be evaluated by colleagues, with the opportunity for the student to provide feedback on his colleagues' evaluations. (Prerequisite: None)

BA631 – Human Resource Management

The course provides an in-depth study of human capital as a critical source of competitive advantage to business and organizational success. This course will address the development and implementation of human resource practices that align human resource activities with the strategic objectives of the organization. Furthermore, students will be acquainted with the critical role of human resource management which plays a key component of the competitiveness and sustainability of business organization. By focusing on both strategic and operational aspect of workforce management, students will be acquired a critical knowledge on the complexity of managing individuals, organizational staffing, employees training and development, employees' appraisal and compensation. (Prerequisite: None)

BA641 - Operations Management & Decisions

This Operations Management course encompasses an in-depth study of methods and practices used to systematically plan, design and execute the processes necessary to deliver services or produce goods. This course focuses on a range of procedures and ancillary systems required to manufacture materials or deliver services. The course covers the topics of operations management from manufacturing and service delivery perspectives. (Prerequisite: None)

BA611 – Advanced Marketing Management

This course provides an in-depth study of the marketing environment, key drivers and forces that are changing the marketing landscape. The course explores and analyzes how marketing activities impact on organizational operations in a competitive and complex environment. The course is concerned with the provision of marketing frameworks and in-depth analysis of a variety of concepts, theories, and models that are used to identify, analyze, and solve marketing problems. This course will emphasize strategic issues such as: How can a firm choose its own industrial activity? What is the marketing competitive advantages of the firm, and how to sustain them? How can the firm distribute its products and services/ how will the company allocate marketing

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resources? What are the marketing threats facing companies and what are the opportunities that firms enjoy? What are the strategic marketing alternatives. (Prerequisite: None)

ACF611 - Advanced Managerial Accounting

This course covers a number of specialized concepts and contemporary techniques in management accounting that assist management in making decisions relevant to planning, controlling and evaluating the performance of the firm's operations and activities in modern business environment, such as: the sales mix, theory of constraints, target costing and pricing products and services, evaluating capital budgeting projects, responsibility accounting and performance evaluation, product life cycle costing, customer profitability analysis, quality costing, balance scorecard, in addition to any emerging issues in management accounting field. (Prerequisite: None)

BA664 - Strategic Management

Strategic management course designed for MBA students, it aims to provide students with thinking skills, strategic analysis, industry, strategic decision-making and procedures to maintain and sustain the companies' competitive advantage. As well as covering the topics of strategic leadership, competitive analysis, effective strategy formulation and implementation in a multi-business company. (Prerequisite: None)

BA 697- Applied Project

The Applied Project in Business allows students to apply the knowledge and skills they have gained from their extracurricular experiences. Developed under the guidance of the program coordinator and project supervisor, the project covers a variety of business-related topics. Students can choose between writing academic research or preparing a project report, and they can collaborate with business organizations. This hands-on approach enables students to showcase their expertise, contribute to the business world, and make a real-world impact. (Prerequisite: 24 Credit Hours)

BA698- Thesis

This course is a supervised research work based on approved topic in the business administration field. It provides opportunity for the students to conduct independent learning and research work based on structured methodology. The thesis focuses on senior level skills to be addressed in terms of progressive intellectual discourse including research problem identification, research methodology, literature review, data analysis, research conclusion and recommendations. The final production of the manuscript is subject to public defense and evaluated based on written and oral presentation. (Prerequisite: 21 Credit Hours)

Programme Elective Courses

BA645 - Total Quality Management

This course is designed for MBA students to provide an in-depth study of the philosophies and methodologies of Total Quality Management (TQM) used in organizations to add value to their products and thereby achieve competitive advantage. In addition, the course covers topics related to the historical development of TQM, the achievements of its most significant pioneers and scientists, and the organization of TQM. It focuses on satisfying customer needs, effective leadership by the standards of TQM, quality strategies, continuous improvement and the application of TQM, tools, awards, systems and Six Sigma. (Prerequisite: None)

BA621 – Corporate Finance

The main purpose of this course is to provide a framework, concepts, and tools for analyzing financial decisions based on fundamental principles of contemporary financial theory. Topics covered include cash flow techniques; corporate capital budgeting and valuation; investment decisions under uncertainty; capital asset pricing for companies, along with the financial structure, cost of capital, profit distribution policy and related issues. As well as any emerging issues in corporate finance. (Prerequisite: None)

ECO601 - Managerial Economics

This course is designed to provide the student with critical knowledge of specialized theories and fundamental concepts related to managerial economics. The course covers the following topics: costs, demand, pricing, market structure in economic systems, strategic planning, market equilibrium under different competition conditions, and analysis of economic forecasts. (Prerequisite: None)

BA 654- Leadership and Organizational Behavior

This course introduces students to theoretical and practical perspectives on leadership and organizational behavior. The course aims to provide students with critical thinking on a variety of leadership styles and human behavioral patterns. This includes both micro-level (interactions between individuals and small groups) and macro-level (interorganizational) interactions. This course examines advanced topics, models, and contemporary research on leadership and organizational behavior such as: leaders, innovation, group and team dynamics, organizational culture, and organizational diversity. (Prerequisite: None)

BA653 - Business Ethics

This course is designed for MBA students to provide a comprehensive presentation of theories underlying the issues and problems related to business ethics. It gives insights to sources of ethics in business organization, ethical philosophies of business practices, ethical framework of decision-making in business, ethical workplace dilemmas, code of ethical conduct, business ethics and its relation to culture, organizational social responsibility, the impact of globalization on business ethics, and how to create an ethical organization. Additionally, the course addresses how can ethics be applied in day-to-day business, governance, business ethics, investors rights, privileges, ethics of consumer protection, environmental ethics and the role of various agencies to ensure that ethical frameworks are activated within organizations. (Prerequisite: None)

BA662 - International Business

This course provides in-depth knowledge of international business in today's competitive global environment. The course focuses on the international business arena and its complexity based on the interplay of firms, nations and international institutions. This involves exposure of students to macro-perspectives issues where cultural, legal, political, financial and economic environments affecting international business are covered. On the other hand, micro-perspectives issues are enabling the student to identify, analyze, and execute strategies of firms that operate in the international business environment. Students of this course will develop a sound understanding of the phenomenon of globalization in relation to international business. (Prerequisite: None)

BA663 - Innovation and Entrepreneurship

The course aims to provide an in-depth study of innovation and entrepreneurship through systematic understanding and critical knowledge of innovation and entrepreneurship as well as small and medium enterprises (SMEs) management. The course includes analysis and practical problem solving related to both the entrepreneurial and the innovation. The course focuses on

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management models, decision-making and innovative design of the new project. The course also tackles success in the development of new projects, technology and ideas as well as information and risks in entrepreneurship and small businesses. (Prerequisite: None)

BA691 - Special Topics in Management (E)

This course is designed to provide an in-depth analysis and critical thinking of current and emerging issues/problems that affect business organizations. The course format and content will vary from a semester to another permitting studying a wide range of topics and new business trends derived from the ever-changing business environment. Among the addressed issues, problems related to people management, human resource, culture, economy, technology, work process design and management practices will be tackled conforming to the era of globalization and changing firm boundaries. (Prerequisite: None)

MIS611 - Management Information Systems

This course is designed to provide postgraduate students with an in-depth, hands-on understanding of Management Information Systems and presents problems faced by the business environment and how solutions can be found through the use of computer-based systems. It also focuses on information systems concepts and technologies, information systems evolution, the most effective methods to use information systems, and how to utilize appropriate ICT applications. This course includes topics: information systems types, resources, computers and their applications, the competitive advantage of using ICT, integration and coordination between environments and database technologies. It also emphasizes on: Information Technology, software and hardware components, e-commerce and e-business, Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Decision Support Systems (DSS), Expert Systems (ES), Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Modern ICT Technologies. (Prerequisite: None)



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Programme Details

Final Qualification

Master Degree

Language of Study

Arabic

Mode of Study

Full Time

Programme Structure

Study Period

2 Years

Total Credit Hours

36 Credit Hours

Number of Courses

9 Courses + Thesis or
 10 Courses + Applied Project

Brief about the Programme

Join the Master in Human Resources Management programme, aimed at qualifying you to meet the needs of the local and regional labour market. The programme will enable you to develop your skills in recruitment strategies, training, and motivation, enhancing your ability to manage human capital as a strategic asset.

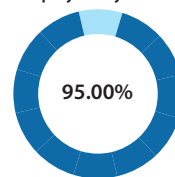
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Aims of the Programme

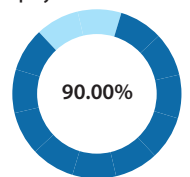
1. Equip graduates with critical knowledge and understanding as specialists in human resource management working in various local and global organisations, through the study of HR strategies and leadership development, with the aim of preparing highly qualified cadres that contribute to achieving sustainable development requirements in the Kingdom.
2. Prepare graduates capable of scientific research and applying standard and specialised methodologies, and the ability to design and implement advanced studies in HR management using software and information systems to develop their capabilities, renew their knowledge, and strengthen values of initiative and innovation through research, experimentation, and creativity in formulating and applying modern HR management strategies.
3. Enable graduates to develop critical thinking, analysis, interpretation, and creative evaluation skills, and problem-solving skills that arise in the context of HR management applications in business organisations.
4. Enable graduates to use professional skills to communicate with a range of audiences at varying levels of experience, and to take a role in strategic-level decision-making.

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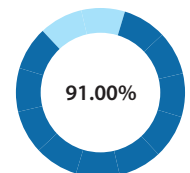
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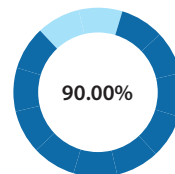
Employer Satisfaction Rate



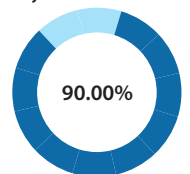
Graduate Satisfaction Rate



Student Satisfaction Rate



Advisory Board Satisfaction Rate



Career Paths

1. Human Resources Manager
2. Organisational Development Consultant
3. Workforce Planning Manager
4. Labour Policy Consultant
5. Training & Development Manager
6. Compensation & Benefits Manager
7. Recruitment Manager
8. Performance & Competencies Manager
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3	HR632	Labor laws and civil service regulations	-	3	12	9
Year 1 – Second Semester						
1	HR637	International Human Resource Management	-	3	12	9
2	HR645	Compensation and Performance Management in HRM	-	3	12	9
3	-	Programme Elective (1)	-	3	12	9
Year 2 – First Semester						
1	HR691	Special Topics in Human Resource Management	-	3	12	9
2	-	Programme Elective (2)	-	3	12	9
3	HR692	Human Resource Management Strategies	-	3	12	9
Year 2 – Second Semester (Thesis Track)						
1	HR698	Thesis	21 Credit Hours	9	36	9
Year 2 – Second Semester (Applied Project Track)						
1	-	Programme Elective (3)	-	3	12	9
2	HR697	Applied Project	24 Credit Hours	6	24	9

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1	BA654	Leadership and Organizational Behavior	-	3	12	9
2	BA663	Innovation and Entrepreneurship	-	3	12	9
3	BA653	Business Ethics	-	3	12	9
4	HR635	Employment Relations and Practices	-	3	12	9
5	HR643	Negotiation Management	-	3	12	9
6	HR646	Digital Human Resource Management	-	3	12	9
7	HR647	Modern Managerial Communications	-	3	12	9

Programme Compulsory Courses

BA601 - Scientific Research and Statistical Analysis

Business research is crucial in building the graduate capabilities in conducting sound and reliable research. This course addresses topics such as research philosophies, problem definition identification, and how to establish research objectives and hypotheses in a sound research proposal. Additionally, the course covers data collection tools, i.e. how to design a questionnaire and conduct an interview and observation. Finally, analytical techniques are addressed appropriately, i.e. simple regression and multiple regression via statistical packages using SPSS.

(Prerequisite: None)

HR631 - Labor Laws and Legislations in Bahrain

This course is designed to introduce students to a comprehensive knowledge of the Kingdom of Bahrain Labour law. It focuses on the legislations aimed at protecting labour within the Bahrain community. In this context, the course will cover two main areas: first, Bahrain labour law which gives insights into the application of the law for women and teenagers employment and organising expatriates workers, workload, vacations, work contracts for individuals and groups, employer and employee commitment, indemnity and penalties in case of violation of labour law. Secondly, the course covers Bahrain social insurance law in terms of compensations, labour accidents, and other related issues.

(Prerequisite: None)

HR633 - Human Resource Planning and Staffing

This course is designed to introduce students to concepts of human resource planning and provides them with an understanding of the wide range of staffing activities within organisations. This course develops students' abilities to analyse and integrate the complex social, cultural and organisational factors influencing human resource planning and staffing. The course will examine the human resource planning process, and its relation to strategic planning.

Additionally, the course focuses on job design, recruitment, selection of employees, orientation, placement and ethical issues such as discrimination and equal opportunities.

(Prerequisite: None)

HR635 - Employment Relations and Practices

The course introduces the main topics of Employment Relations (ER) in organisations. It is designed to present the issues and concerns of the major actors in the employment relation: the employer, the employee, the government and unions. The course will examine topics such as organisational environment, culture and stakeholders and their role in ER, the legal side of ER, employee, group and industrial relations, and aligning individuals and organisations through motivation, rewards, and team building.

(Prerequisite: None)

HR637 - International Human Resource Management

The course is designed to expose Master's students to a comprehensive examination of the challenges confronting Human Resource Management in a global context in terms of attraction, recruitment, retention and exit. The course focuses on the variations in human resource management systems across countries and nations, such as unfamiliarity with the social context the

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organisation will be brought in, the difference between employees' cultural backgrounds and the movement of employees to an unfamiliar social environment. The following topics will be covered in this course in the context of international human resources management: international organisation strategy and structure, international human resource management and culture, international employment law, international workforce planning and staffing, international compensation and benefit and comparative international human resource management. (Prerequisite: None)

HR638 – Motivations & Compensations Management

The course is designed to promote understanding concepts related to compensating and rewarding human resources within organisations. It also focuses on enhancing students' practical skills in designing and analysing rewards systems, policies, and strategies. The course will examine topics related to compensation management, different components of compensation packages, job analysis and its relation to compensations and rewards, designing wages structure, employee benefits and formulating and implementing compensation strategies.

(Prerequisite: None)

HR639 - Human Resource Training & Development

This course is designed to provide students with intellectual and practical skills in the Human Resource Management field, training and development within organisations. The course begins with a conceptual framework of training and development function within business organisations. The course explores various topics, such as identifying training needs, organisational learning, planning and designing training programmes, using technology in training and the process of organisational development. Additionally, the course focuses on analysing the relationship between training and development and employee performance.

(Prerequisite: None)

HR644 - Strategic Human Resource Management

The course is designed to examine human resources management from a strategic perspective. This course focuses on implementing long-term programmes, including strategic, operational, and tactical human resources planning. The course focuses on formulating and implementing human resource strategies to enable business organisations to gain and sustain competitive advantage. The topics covered focus on trends affecting strategic HRM, human resources as a source of competitive advantage, the changing role of human resources management, strategic HR planning and linking strategy to human capital needs.

(Prerequisite: None)

HR699 - Thesis

A research supervised work based on an approved topic in Human Resources Management. This course is considered a capstone in the HRM programme, and it provides an opportunity for the students to conduct an independent learning and research work based on a structured methodology. The thesis focuses on senior-level skills to address progressive intellectual discourse, including research problem identification, research methodology, literature review, data analysis, research conclusion and recommendations. The final production of the manuscript is subject to public defence and evaluated based on written and oral presentations.

(Prerequisite: 24 credit hours)

Programme Elective Courses

BA654 - Leadership and Organizational Behavior

This course is designed to expose HRM Master Students to theoretical and practical perspectives of leadership and organisational behaviour. The course is intended to provide students with critical thinking in various leadership styles and human behavioural patterns. This encompasses micro level (interpersonal and small group) and macro level (inter- organisational) interactions. This Master level course examines the advanced topics, models, and contemporary research on leadership and organisational behaviour, such as leaders and innovation, group and team dynamics, organisation culture and organisational diversity.

(Prerequisite: None)

BA661 - Entrepreneurship

The course provides the students with a comprehensive examination of the key features of entrepreneurship. This course guides master's students to better apply, synthesise and evaluate the entrepreneurship process. Topics include exploring and screening new business opportunities, assessing entrepreneurial team competencies and capabilities, product/service launch, funding possibilities and appropriate exit strategies. The course provides a combination of theoretical and hands-on learning through case studies from real business situations around the globe generally and the Middle East and North Africa Countries (MENA) particularly.

(Prerequisite: None)

HR640 - Civil Service Management

This course is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to manage and lead civil services organisations. The course reviews and analyses formulating strategies and policies, diagnosing and solving problems, building teams, changing organisational culture, restructuring operations and services and controlling and evaluating civil services organisations. Most of the reviewed topics will be directly applied to the Civil services organisations in the kingdom of Bahrain.

(Prerequisite: None)

HR641 - Performance Management

This course offers a contemporary view of Performance Management (PM); it focuses on conceptual understanding and practical application of managing people's performance within organisations. The course familiarises students with topics, such as the importance and objectives of PM, the relation between job analysis and PM, strategic plan as a preliminary step for designing an effective PM process, and different steps of the PM process. Additionally, the course views the performance appraisal process, its different methods, and problems and offers solutions to performance problems. Finally, the course views the link between the PM process and the reward system within the organisation. (Prerequisite: None)

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HR642 - Career Planning

The course is designed to provide master's students with comprehensive learning of the issues related to building and developing their career paths in Business organisations. Through the self-exploration, the student will discover his/her interests, competencies, potential capabilities, and past experiences to build on his/her professional future career. The course topics focus on career decision making, Informational Interviewing and Job Shadowing, Job Search Strategies, Researching Companies, Resume Writing, interviewing, and making plans.

(Prerequisite: None)

HR643 - Negotiation Management

This course introduces fundamental concepts relevant to effective negotiation in different business and professional settings. Emphasis is placed on understanding and improving communication, conflict and negotiation management skills. The course will start with a conceptual negotiation framework: concepts, processes, strategies, and ethical issues related to organisational negotiation. The course explores various topics and theories related to conflict and negotiation, managing conflict effectively, negotiation techniques and skills designed to help maintain healthy business relationships.

(Prerequisite: None)

HR691 - Special Topics in Human Resource Management

This course is designed to explore contemporary topics in human resources management. The course will help students understand and analyse human resource management's role in implementing several contemporary concepts within an organisation. The course will focus on achieving competitive advantage, total quality management, empowerment, and intellectual capital. Other topics such as career planning, learning organisations and the effect of globalisation on human resources strategy will be viewed and analysed.

(Prerequisite: None)

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Master of Accounting and Finance

Programme Details

Final Qualification

Master Degree

Language of Study

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Mode of Study

Full Time

Programme Structure

Study Period

2 Years

Total Credit Hours

36 Credit Hours

Number of Courses

9 Courses + Thesis or
10 Courses + Applied Project

Brief about the Programme

Take confident steps towards your professional future with the Master of Accounting and Finance programme, designed to prepare qualified cadres for excellence in managerial, academic, and research positions in the fields of accounting and financial management.

You will acquire high analytical and creative skills that enable you to deal with complex financial challenges and make professional decisions in unexpected work environments. Students may choose between 9 courses plus a research thesis, or 10 courses plus an applied project.

Aims of the Programme

1. Provide graduates with critical knowledge and understanding of specialized theories, contemporary issues, and methodologies in accounting, finance, and scientific research to effectively contribute to qualitative development at the professional and societal levels in a rapidly changing and ambiguous environment.
2. Prepare graduates capable of applying contemporary theories, methodologies, and specialized scientific research methods, and implementing advanced studies to investigate complex problems in the business environment related to accounting and finance, and innovating creative solutions.
3. Develop graduates' skills in critical thinking and analysis of financial and non-financial information, and the creative interpretation and evaluation of new situations and problems to assist business enterprises in formulating and implementing their strategies.
4. Enable graduates to use skills at a professional level in an unexpected and unclear work environment to communicate effectively with others and to work within groups while sustaining responsibility towards others.



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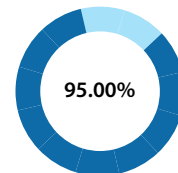
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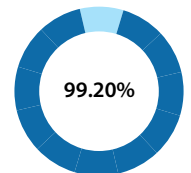
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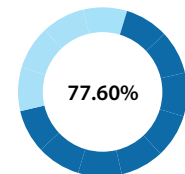
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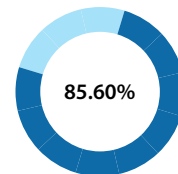
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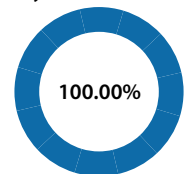
Graduate Satisfaction Rate



Student Satisfaction Rate



Advisory Board Satisfaction Rate



Career Paths

1. Financial Analyst
2. Investment Consultant
3. Accounts Manager
4. Tax Manager
5. Project Finance Consultant
6. Financial Risk Manager
7. Stock Exchange Analyst
8. University Lecturer
9. Audit & Financial Control

Entry Requirements

1. The applicant must hold a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a university or college recognised by the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
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4. The applicant must pass an interview conducted by a committee in the Academic Department.
5. The applicant must pass any tests conducted by the Academic Department when required.
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Year 1 – First Semester						
1	BA602	Research Methods	-	3	12	9
2	BA603	Data Analytics and Decision Making	-	3	12	9
3	MAF624	Advanced Management Accounting		3	12	9
Year 1 – Second Semester						
1	MAF603	Advanced Corporate Reporting	-	3	12	9
2	MAF650	Advanced Financial Management	-	3	12	9
3	-	Programme Elective (1)	-	3	12	9
Year 2 – First Semester						
1	MAF631	Advanced Tax Accounting	-	3	12	9
2	MAF653	Investment Portfolio Management	-	3	12	9
3	-	Programme Elective (2)	-	3	12	9
Year 2 – Second Semester (Thesis Track)						
1	MAF698	Thesis	24 Credit Hours	9	36	9
Year 2 – Second Semester (Applied Project Track)						
1	-	Programme Elective (3)	-	3	12	9
2	MAF697	Applied Project	24 Credit Hours	6	24	9

Programme Elective Courses						
No.	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
1	ECO601	Managerial Economics	-	3	12	9
2	MAF660	Advanced Audit	-	3	12	9
3	MAF604	Advanced Financial Analysis	-	3	12	9
4	MAF671	Advanced Accounting information Systems	-	3	12	9
5	MAF654	Islamic Finance	-	3	12	9
6	MAF651	Entrepreneurial Finance	-	3	12	9
7	MAF658	Financial Risk Analysis and Mangement	-	3	12	9

Programme Compulsory Courses

MAF624 - Advanced Management Accounting

This course is designed to provide students with the critical knowledge and professional skills necessary to evaluate and apply the specialised concepts and contemporary techniques in management accounting in various business contexts to enable the management to make decisions related to planning, monitoring and evaluation of the organisation's performance and strategic development. The course covers the sales mix and limited resources, decision-making under risk and uncertainty, target cost and pricing of goods and services, capital budgeting, Responsibility accounting and performance evaluation, customer profitability analysis, quality costing, balanced scorecard, inventory management, and product life cycle costing.

(Prerequisite: None)

MAF650 - Advanced Financial Management

This course is designed to provide students with critical knowledge and understanding of the specialised concepts and theories in financial management. The course covers the following main topics: capital markets and market efficiency, short-term financing and working capital management: cash management, Inventory management and trade receivables management, long-term financing: equity and debt financing, advanced cases in valuing investments: capital structure theories, cost of capital, dividend theories and policies, mergers and acquisitions. (Prerequisite: None)

MAF691 - Methods of Scientific Research and Applied Statistics for Accounting and Finance

This course is designed to provide students with critical knowledge and understanding of investigative methods and professional skills necessary to apply scientific research methods and applied statistics to carry out discreet scientific research to address complex accounting and financial problems in the business environment. This course deals with the philosophy and ethics of scientific research, identifying the research problem and developing the objectives. The course also covers the methodology of scientific research, data collection tools and applied statistical methods suitable for data analysis using modern statistical packages.

(Prerequisite: None)

MAF603 - Advanced Corporate Reporting

This course is designed to provide students with critical knowledge and core concepts in advanced corporate reporting. The course covers the conceptual framework for financial reporting, disclosure of equity-based payments, disclosure of insurance contracts, disclosure of non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations, disclosure of mineral resources prospecting and submission, fair value disclosure, financial reporting fraud: earnings management, risk disclosure, sustainability disclosure, graphical and photographic reporting, corporate reporting in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

(Prerequisite: None)

Course Description

MAF653 - Investment Portfolio Management

This course is designed to provide students with critical knowledge and a specialised understanding of investment analysis and portfolio management. The course covers the portfolio return and risk, diversification and portfolio risk, efficient portfolio selection models, capital asset pricing model, weighted pricing theory, multi-factor model, management of stocks portfolio, bonds portfolio, and investment funds, valuation portfolio performance, financial derivatives, and foreign investment portfolio.

(Prerequisite: None)

MAF631 - Advanced Tax Accounting

This course is designed to provide students with critical knowledge and fundamental concepts in tax accounting. The course covers: taxable and non-taxable income, taxable and unacceptable expenses, income tax on salaries, wages and similar incomes, income tax on taxpayers with regular accounts, payment methods of tax and fines, general sales tax, value-added and tax evasion.

(Prerequisite: None)

MAF658 - Financial Risk Analysis and Management

This course is designed to provide students with critical knowledge and a specialised understanding of financial risk analysis and management. The course covers a range of topics, including an introduction to probabilities and descriptive statistics, types of financial risk, analysis and management of credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk, currency exchange risk, ownership risk, money laundering risk, financial engineering and its role in risk management, capital adequacy risk in conventional and Islamic banks.

(Prerequisite: None)

MAF604 - Advanced Financial Analysis

This course is designed to provide students with critical knowledge and professional skills in financial analysis. This course covers financial statement analysis, financial analysis tools and methods, statement of financial position analysis, income statement analysis, cash flow statement analysis, credit analysis for short- and long-term lending purposes, profitability analysis, corporate valuation, and financial forecasting.

(Prerequisite: None)

MAF699 - Thesis

This course is designed to prepare the student for planning and carrying out a supervisory-based master thesis in accounting and /or finance. The thesis is prepared following the specialised steps of scientific research. The student is expected to use higher-level skills to critically evaluate information to investigate a complex problem and devise innovative solutions. This is done through a structured methodology, literature review and analysis of relevant data to arrive at appropriate research conclusions and recommendations that will hopefully contribute to qualitative development at the professional and community levels. The final version of the thesis is subject to public defence, and its assessment is based on the written and oral presentation, which is prepared in accordance with the Thesis Guide at Applied Science University.

(Prerequisite: MAF 691 + 24 Credit Hours)

Programme Electives Courses

MAF651 - Entrepreneurial Finance

This course aims to provide students with critical knowledge and a specialised understanding of entrepreneurial finance. The course covers the characteristics and importance of entrepreneurial projects, sources of finance, revenue forecasting, financial needs assessment, methods of determining financial value, risk and reward sharing, exit strategies, and financing of entrepreneurial projects in the Kingdom of Bahrain. (Prerequisite: None)

MAF654 - Islamic Finance

This course is designed to provide students with critical knowledge and fundamental concepts in Islamic finance. The course covers the concept and characteristics of Islamic finance, sources and uses of funds, Islamic financing modes and associated risk: Murabaha, Ejara, Musharakah, Mudarabah, Salam and Istisna'a. It also discusses the regulatory and legislative framework of the Islamic financial industry, governance, Shari'a supervision and social responsibility in Islamic banks.

ECO 601 - Managerial Economics

This course is designed to provide students with critical knowledge of specialised theories and fundamental concepts related to managerial economics. The course covers the costs, demand, pricing, market structure in economic systems, strategic planning, market equilibrium under different competition conditions, and analysis of economic forecasts. (Prerequisite: None)

MAF 660 - Advanced Audit

This course is designed to provide students with critical knowledge and understanding of contemporary issues and specialised concepts in auditing. The course covers the community need for audit, auditor independence, professional scepticism, financial statements fraud and auditor's responsibility, audit quality and earnings management, quality control of audit using artificial intelligence techniques and Sigma 6 approach, designing and testing internal control systems, analytical audit procedures, and completion of the audit process, audit reports, environmental and social audits.

(Prerequisite: None)

MAF 671 - Advanced Accounting Information Systems

This course aims to provide students with critical knowledge of accounting information systems. The course covers the strategic role of accounting information systems in adding value to the organisation, documenting accounting information systems: document flow chart, control and accounting information systems, control objectives of information and technology framework (COBIT), audit of computerised accounting information systems, databases using the entity and relationship model (REA), systems design and implementation, development and analysis of accounting information systems, strategies for the development of accounting information systems.

(Prerequisite: None)

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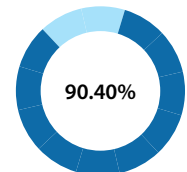
Elevate your political understanding to new horizons with the Master of Political Science — an academic programme that combines deep political analysis, strategic vision, and advanced scientific research. Carefully designed prepare a distinguished group of researchers and experts capable of understanding the political landscape and making decisions with awareness and professionalism, grounded in scientific foundations and realistic perspectives. The programme opens broad career opportunities in the diplomatic corps, research and study centres, international organisations, and political media, allowing you to be part of the elite that contributes to shaping policies and crafting the future. Students may choose between 9 courses plus a research thesis, or 10 courses plus an applied project.

Aims of the Programme

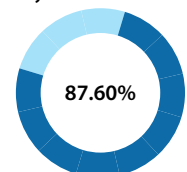
1. Enable graduates to develop a broad and deep understanding of major theoretical trends in political science, knowledge of the context in which they emerged, and their impact on political reality locally, regionally, and internationally.
2. Provide graduates with the opportunity to apply the theories they have studied to real-world contexts, gaining insight into practical and field practices — through field visits, guest lecturers, or simulation models.
3. Equip graduates with tools for political analysis, strategic planning, and public policy-making, as well as communication, negotiation, and presentation skills.
4. Equip graduates with professional competencies and practical applications in the field of political work, such as diplomatic conduct and the management of foreign affairs.
5. Strengthen graduates' capacity for critical analysis, comparison, and inference, enabling a broader understanding of political reality and sound decision-making within their institutions.

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6. Security & Political Analyst
7. University Lecturer
8. Diplomat
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Year 1 – First Semester						
1	POL 611	Political Analysis and Scientific Research Methods	-	3	12	9
2	POL 612	Public Policy	-	3	12	9
3	POL 641	International Political Economy	-	3	12	9
Year 1 – Second Semester						
1	POL 613	Advanced Studies in Comparative Politics	-	3	12	9
2	POL 621	Political Development Theories	-	3	12	9
3	POL 642	Diplomatic and Consular Relations E	-	3	12	9
Year 2 – First Semester						
1	POL 631	Political Theory	-	3	12	9
2	-	Programme Elective (1)	-	3	12	9
3	POL 643	Foreign Policy Analysis	-	3	12	9
Year 2 – Second Semester - Applied Project						
1	-	Programme Elective (2)	-	3	12	9
2	POL 699 Or POL 698	Thesis Or Applied Project	24 Credit Hours	6	24	9

Programme Elective Courses						
No.	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
Group 1 (6 Cr)						
1	POL 644	Contemporary International Politics	-	3	12	9
2	POL 614	Parliamentary Studies	-	3	12	9
3	POL 622	Area Studies	-	3	12	9
4	POL 632	Modern and Contemporary Trends in Political Thought	-	3	12	9
5	POL 645	International Organization and Agencies	-	3	12	9
6	POL 646	International Political Crisis Management	-	3	12	9

Programme Compulsory Courses:

POL 611- Political Analysis and Scientific Research Methods

This is an advanced course in scientific research methodology and political analysis. The course introduces students to in-depth concepts of political analysis, how to build theoretical frameworks and the relationship of scientific research to theory, the latter's relationship to hypothesis and how to build theory. The student also delves into possessing advanced skills in reviewing previous studies, preparing a research plan and report, and defending both. The course addresses quantitative, qualitative and mixed political analysis and their use by focusing on particular tools such as case studies, focus groups, discourse analysis, and political ethnography. The course also demonstrates how to process political data, honesty and stability test, and quantitative curriculum applications in political science, including samples, measurement and computer applications. The student studies the philosophy of scientific research, its role in the renaissance, the ethics of scientific research, and the common mistakes of researchers.

POL 643- Foreign Policy Analysis

This course addresses the essence and analysis of foreign policy, using the historical development to study this field as a basic framework for analysis, the objectives of foreign policy in its comprehensive dimensions, and the foreign policy patterns, focusing on rational and sensible behaviour, violent and coercive behaviour, and the various levels in between in a comparative applied study. The course also addresses the dimensions of foreign policy, external effects related to fundamental theories of international relations, societal sources of foreign policy related to the country's depth as internal influences, and its role in influencing the behaviour of political elites. The course deals with regulatory processes in foreign policy-making based on decision-making perspectives such as institutional regulation procedures and bureaucratic policy. The course also thoroughly examines the psychological factors of decision-makers, including subjective perceptions, conceptual and behavioural differences, and personal factors, through the psychological curriculum in the study of foreign policy. This part addresses the topic of international crisis resolution. The course addresses change and consistency in foreign policy using the comparative approach to foreign policy study in two concluding parts. The course considers the diversity of levels of analysis in the future study of foreign policy at the level of the individual, the country and the international system.

POL 621- Political Development Theories

This course introduces the concept and theories of development, its characteristics, significance, objectives, indicators, obstacles, values, ethics and future in the light of opportunities and challenges. The course also addresses societies' political evolution through the concept of political development by examining political development theories and models in international experiences such as the liberal model, the *** model, the socialist model, the military model, the radical model and the independent development model. Hence, the course familiarizes the student with the theories of dependence and the theory of interdependence in the light of the current evolution of international cooperation.

POL 612 - Public Policy

This course addresses the study of public policies utilizing various scientific concepts and approaches to deepen students' understanding of political reality. The course explains public policymakers' types and characteristics from formal and informal institutions. The course is also based on the stages that support how public policies are made and how to formulate their implementation strategies through

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presenting applied models and developing the necessary analytical skills related to government policies.

POL 631 - Political Theory

This course addresses critical issues and topics in political theory by studying the relationship between "political theory", "political philosophy" and "political science". The course deals with the most important science necessary to understand the political theory and the practice of theorizing such as "logic", "philosophy", "critical thinking" "argument", and "methodological approaches used in the study of political theory". The course deals with value theories and governance, such as "obligation theories", "utilitarian theory", " non-existential theory" and "value theories". The course covers contemporary arguments in justice and freedom such as "theories of justice", and "theories of freedom". The course also addresses modern critical issues such as "State intervention", "just war", "violence and coercion", "freedom and indecency", and the most critical challenges facing building an Arab political theory.

POL 613- Advanced Studies in Comparative Politics

The course addresses in-depth policy concepts from a comparative perspective. The course deals with the approaches for the comparative policy study, the basic stages of their development, the issues related to the modern state, governments, the concept of bureaucracy, the study of the legislative system, interest groups, and the presentation of applied models. The course also focuses on examining the role of civil society in developed and developing countries and social media and its modern role in influencing public opinion and decision-makers.

POL 641- International Political Economy

This course addresses the interaction and mutual influence between economics and politics in the international arena through the study of the foundational theories of the international political economy such as capitalism, socialism and nationalism, and modern theories such as the dual economy, the new world order and dominant stability. The course also addresses transformative production and its role in the international economic system, foreign direct investment (FDI) - case study, poverty and inequality issues, the political economy of the environment and energy, current global financial imbalances: causes, consequences and solutions, globalization of the economy: consequences and disagreements. The course also deals with the future of the international political economy (forward-looking vision).

POL 642- Diplomatic and Consular Relations E

This course addresses critical issues and topics in diplomatic studies, focusing on the historical development and definition of contemporary functions and practices. The course also deals with the forms and characteristics of consular practice in light of diplomatic and commercial transformations. The course provides an overview of the challenges in diplomatic and consular affairs in light of the complex international environment.

POL 699- Thesis

This course is the cornerstone of the Master's Programme in Political Science. The course is research-based on supervising a certified subject in the field of political science. This course, through research and scientific study, addresses a recognized topic in the field of political science. The course is subject to scientific supervision by a specialized professor with an academic degree in line with the university's postgraduate regulations. The course allows students to conduct independent research and research work based on a structured methodology. The course focuses on senior-level skills that should be

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addressed in terms of advanced intellectual discourse, including identifying the research problem, research curriculum, literature review, data analysis, research findings and recommendations. The final version of the letter is subject to the Public Defender, and the assessment is based on written and oral presentations.

(Prerequisite: Passing 24 Credit Hours).

POL 698 - Applied Project

The applied project is an independent research work that aims to apply the knowledge and skills that the students have learned in the classroom to assist the concerned research authority. The student shall communicate with the research authority and the academic supervisor and manage their relationship. Research topics may vary, but they have to include a topic based on political science and real-life problems in the work environment related to political systems, the literature review, use of appropriate data analysis models and tools to obtain results and make recommendations.

(Prerequisite: Passing 24 Credit Hours).

Programme Elective Courses:

POL 646- International Political Crisis Management

This course addresses the most significant concepts relevant to international political crises and their management by providing in-depth knowledge of the significance of international political crises management, causes, types, characteristics and management stages. The course also focuses on scenarios for dealing with international political crises and how to measure the efficiency of crisis management, analyze the role of the media in facing international political crises and how to make political decisions in times of crisis. The course also includes the study of applied models for the management of international political crises.

POL 632- Modern and Contemporary Trends in Political Thought

This course addresses modern and contemporary trends in political thought by studying the development of modern and contemporary schools in Western political thought, starting with a traditional liberal political direction, to the neoliberal direction, to the visions and perceptions of contemporary liberal eminent figures such as John Rawls, Robert Nozick and Ronald Dworkin. The course also addresses the contributions of contemporary Arab and Islamic eminent figures such as Edward Said, Sadiq Jalal al-Azam, Samir Amin, Fouad Zakariyya, etc. The course covers significant issues that have preoccupied "Arab" and "Western" political thought, primarily freedom, justice, equality, nationalism, Arab unity, secularism, capitalism, religious revival and democracy. The course focuses on the extent to which modern and contemporary political ideas influence the traditional Arab and Western perception of the political field and the extent of the ability of contemporary political ideas to address the challenges posed by modernity. (Prerequisite: None).

POL 645- International Organization and Agencies

The course thoroughly addresses the topics of international regulation and international bodies through studying international organizations and international bodies as effective units in the international system, besides other units. The course focuses on the concept of international regulation, its historical emergence, objectives, membership conditions, and institutional structure. The course also thoroughly examines the personality of international organizations, international bodies and general rules, from both legal and functional, at the international and regional levels. The course focuses on

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studying the general rules of international organizations, the powers and sources of international organizations, the methods of decision-making in international organizations, and the international organization's legal status. The course also addresses studying global organizations, and international bodies and the criteria for distinguishing between them. The course evaluates the functions and work of international and regional organizations, and their effectiveness in the international system. The course analyses the influence of globalization and international variables on the effectiveness of international regulation. The course focuses on a number of international organizations and bodies.

POL 614- Parliamentary Studies

This course examines the concept, emergence and evolution of Parliament and the single and bicameral systems to deepen students' understanding of parliamentary systems. The course also clarifies the organization and management of parliamentary institutions, the parliamentary oversight tools, the parliamentary media mechanism and how to measure the functioning of parliament. The course also addresses the practical study in the Arab Parliament and the European Parliament and the parliamentary experiences of some countries by presenting applied models and developing the necessary analytical skills related to parliamentary studies.

POL 644 - Contemporary International Politics

This course addresses the basic concepts related to contemporary international policy which has become vital in today's world through an in-depth knowledge of the significance of international policy and contemporary developments in the international environment. The course addresses key topics and objective facts that scholars of political science and international relations such as diplomats shall understand and interpret scientifically and objectively. The course focuses on methodologies and methods of analysis in contemporary international policy and the study of variables affecting international relations interactions, utilizes this knowledge in specialized fields, develops perceptions and possibilities for the paths of political phenomena. The course handles the international environment, its nature, characteristics, and developments that have resulted in their essential features, based on excellence, collaboration, conflict and the resulting phenomena of peace and war, all of which are linked to the basic concept of "power" in this science. The course also includes a study of applied models of contemporary international policy.

POL 622 - Area Studies

This course deals with the definition of regional studies with a focus on Asian studies as one of the fields of political science and other social sciences. The course investigates regional studies to define a region/s concept and analyses the most significant regional study policies in selected Asian countries. The course emphasizes the most prominent general features of Asian systems and their regional and international relations, their weights in the international system, the most prominent challenges, problems, opportunities, collaborations and conflicts among themselves and other regions through Asian experiences in development field, whether political or economic development and evaluate the most significant elements and determinants that led to knowledge and understanding of regional Asian studies through understanding the relationship between political and economic development indicators. The course focuses on how the countries of Asia have progressed so spectacularly, providing an analytical and evaluative view of the most crucial development policies implemented in the emerging countries of "South-East Asia". On the other hand, case study models must be shown both in the field of development and in the composition of Asian society and their impact on the country, focusing on the experiences of Japan, India, Malaysia, China, Singapore and Indonesia. The Region's choice for this semester is the East Asia Study.

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Mode of Study

Full Time

Programme Structure

Study Period

2 Years

Total Credit Hours

36 Credit Hours

Number of Courses

9 Courses + Thesis or
10 Courses + Applied Project

Brief about the Programme

Unlock your potential with the Master in Business Analytics programme, designed to empower you with critical knowledge and cutting-edge skills in the dynamic field of data-driven decision-making. This comprehensive curriculum blends theoretical foundations with practical applications, equipping you to tackle complex business challenges with innovative analytical techniques. Learn from industry experts and gain hands-on experience using advanced tools and technologies that are transforming organisations worldwide.

Whether you are aiming to enhance your career prospects or pivot into a new field, the programme prepares you to thrive in today's competitive landscape, fostering a mindset focused on strategic thinking and impactful solutions. Students may choose between 9 courses plus a research thesis, or 10 courses plus an applied project.

Aims of the Programme

1. Enable learners to develop in-depth knowledge and critical awareness of the contemporary business analytics field.
2. Provide learners with a deep and systematic understanding of business analytics.
3. Equip learners with required skills that are relevant to the business analytics workplace.
4. Enable learners to reveal, develop, and apply detailed analytical, creative, problem-solving, and research skills in the field of business analytics.
5. Equip learners with comprehensive knowledge and technology for innovation and professional learning in the business analytics context.



Career Paths

1. Data Analyst
2. Business Intelligence Analyst
3. Data Scientist
4. Business Analyst
5. Operations Analyst
6. Marketing Analyst
7. Supply Chain Analyst
8. Risk Analyst
9. Financial Analyst
10. Fraud Analyst
11. Research Analyst
12. Consultant

Entry Requirements

1. Holding a Bachelor's Degree or its equivalent from a university or college recognized by the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
2. The Bachelor's Degree programme should be in the same specialization as the Master Programme or in a similar qualifying field according to the study plan; otherwise, the student should pass a number of remedial courses approved by the University and specified by the relevant department.
3. The applicant should be the holder of a Bachelor's Degree with a GPA of not less than Good or its equivalent to be admitted. If the cumulative GPA is lower than the required minimum, the application may be granted conditional admission with remedial courses selected by the academic department and as per the University graduate studies bylaws.
4. The applicant must pass the English placement test adopted by the University or provide a (TOEFL) score of (500) or equivalent. Otherwise, the student commits during the first year to study and pass one English remedial course determined by the college.
5. The applicant should pass an interview conducted by a committee in the Academic Department.
6. Transfer students are admitted according to Article (17) of the Graduate Studies Bylaw.



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Study Plan

- To be awarded the Master's degree, students are required to successfully complete a total of **36 credit hours** through one of two pathways: a **Thesis Option** or an **Applied Project Option**.
- Students can **exit the programme early** with a **Postgraduate Certificate in Business Analytics (PGCert BusAn)** upon the successful completion of **12 credit** hours during **Year One, Semester One**.

No.	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
Year 1 – First Semester						
1	MBA601	Foundations for Business Analytics	-	3	12	9
2	MBA602	Visualization for Business	-	3	12	9
3	MBA603	Data Mining for Business	-	3	12	9
4	MBA604	Artificial Intelligence for Business	-	3	12	9
Postgraduate Certificate in Business Analytics (PGCert BusAn)				12	48	Exit →
Year 1 – Second Semester						
1	MBA605	Research Methods	-	3	12	9
2	MBA606	Machine Learning	-	3	12	9
3	MBA607	Big Data Analytics and Applications	-	3	12	9
4	MBA608	Decision Analytics	-	3	12	9
Year 2 – First Semester						
Option 1:						
1	MBA609	Consultancy Practice	-	3	12	9
2	MBA610	Special Topics in Business Analytics	-	3	12	9
3	MBA611	Applied Project	MBA605 + Pass 75% of the study plan courses	6	24	9
Option 2:						
1	MBA610	Special Topics in Business Analytics	-	3	12	9
2	MBA612	Thesis	MBA605 + Pass 75% of the study plan courses	9	36	9
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Year-1 Semester 1

Foundations for Business Analytics (MBA601):

This foundational course is designed to introduce students to the essential concepts, techniques, and tools necessary for data analysis in a business context. The course covers topics such as data collection methods, data visualization, descriptive and inferential statistics, predictive analytics, and data-driven decision-making processes. Through lectures, case studies, and hands-on exercises, students will gain practical skills in extracting insights from data sets and effectively communicating findings to stakeholders. This course provides a solid foundation for further study and application of business analytics principles in various industries.

Visualization for Business (MBA602):

This course is designed to equip students with the essential skills for effective data visualization in a business context. Covering a range of visualization techniques, tools, and best practices, students will learn how to transform complex datasets into meaningful insights. The course covers principles of visual perception, data storytelling, dashboard design, and the use of the latest visualization tools. Through hands-on exercises and real-world case studies, students will develop the ability to communicate complex business data in a clear and compelling manner and will be proficient in creating impactful data visualizations that drive informed decision-making in a business setting.

Data Mining for Business (MBA603):

This course is designed to provide students with advanced knowledge and practical skills in the dynamic field of data mining for business. Students will explore fundamental concepts such as data preprocessing, pattern discovery, clustering, classification, and association rule mining. The course emphasizes the application of various data mining algorithms and techniques to solve real-world business problems. Students will gain hands-on experience using industry-standard tools and platforms for data analysis and will be skilled at extracting valuable insights from data through advanced data mining and analysis techniques.

Artificial Intelligence for Business (MBA604):

This course is designed to engage students in the transformative field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within the context of business applications. Students will explore the core principles of AI, machine learning, and deep learning, with a focus on practical implementation in business scenarios. The course covers topics such as natural language processing, computer vision, predictive analytics, and reinforcement learning. Through hands-on projects and case studies, students will gain proficiency in leveraging AI technologies to enhance decision-making, automated processes, and unlock strategic advantages in a business setting, they will be well-equipped to harness the power of AI for strategic business innovation and problem-solving.

Year-1 Semester 2

Research Methods (MBA605):

This course is designed to prepare students for advanced scientific research by examining how to plan, conduct, and report on research in the Business Analytics field. Topics include formulating research problems, Research Design, Qualitative and Quantitative Research, Measurement, Data Analysis, Interpretation of Data, code of ethics and plagiarism, writing scientific proposal, writing research papers, and presenting a project/paper to audience. Students will also examine examples drawn from different research areas as case studies on various aspects of the principal methods.

Machine Learning (MBA606):

This course provides students with a detailed knowledge on Machine Learning (ML) concepts in supervised and unsupervised learning, various ML techniques Regression and Statistical Models, Classification, Clustering, Decision Trees, Neural Networks, Bayesian Networks, Convolutional neural networks and Deep Learning, Support vector machine, Reinforcement Learning, Evolutionary computing in ML, Particle Swarm Intelligence techniques and latest research in ML. The course introduces ML which is a method to discover and predict some unobserved components concerned with the data construction and its relationships.

Big Data Analytics and Application (MABA607):

This course covers advanced big data analytics methodologies and technologies. The course emphasizes systems and algorithms for large-scale advanced data processing and introduces the characteristics and challenges of Big Data and advanced computing paradigms and platforms. The course covers topics such as, the data analytics lifecycle, fundamental and sophisticated analytics approaches, and developing big data technology, big data programming tools (e.g., Hadoop and MongoDB), big data extraction and integration, big data storage, scalable indexing for big data, big graph processing, big data stream techniques and algorithms, big probabilistic data management, big data privacy, big data visualizations, and big data applications (e.g., spatial, finance, multimedia, medical, health, and social data).

Decision Analytics (MBA608):

This dynamic course offers students an immersive journey into the realm of Decision Analytics. Emphasizing practical skills, students will delve into advanced concepts in decision-making frameworks, data-driven strategies, and analytical techniques. Key topics encompass various data sources, sophisticated data modeling, predictive analytics, optimization methods, and scenario analysis. The course underscores real-world applications in business environments, equipping students with the expertise to make strategic decisions, harness data for competitive advantage, and effectively present actionable insights to stakeholders.

Year-2 Semester 1

Option 1:**Consultancy Practice (MBA609):**

This dynamic course immerses students in the practical world of Consultancy Practice, equipping them with essential skills and knowledge to excel in consultancy roles. With a focus on real-world applications, the course covers key topics including consultancy frameworks, strategic planning, client relationship management, problem-solving methodologies, and effective communication techniques. Students will learn to conduct comprehensive needs assessments, develop actionable recommendations, and deliver impactful presentations to stakeholders. Emphasis is placed on ethical practices, professional standards, and the importance of adaptability in various business environments. By the end of the course, students will be prepared to provide valuable consultancy services and drive positive change in organizations.

Special Topics in Business Analytics (MBA610):

This course provides students with critical knowledge and understanding of the concepts and practice of trending topics and the latest research or technology in the field of Business Analytics (BA). It addresses a variety of theoretical and technological issues related to BA and provides an opportunity for students to undertake a term-long BA or research project. The topics might be different from one another and shall be subject to approval from the MIS department to select the course content whenever offering the course.

Applied Project (MBA611):

This course is designed to prepare the student to plan and implement a supervised master's applied project in Business Analytics fields. It is prepared according to the steps of specialized scientific research. The student is expected to use higher-level skills to conduct critical evaluation of information to investigate a real business problem and implement a creative solution to it. By adopting an organized methodology, reviewing literature, and analyzing relevant data, students are expected to reach research conclusions and appropriate recommendations that might contribute to applied business project development at the professional and societal levels. The applied project, in its final version, is subject to the public defense and its evaluation is based on the written and oral presentation, which are prepared according to the Master Dissertation Guidelines at the Applied Sciences University.

Option 2:

Special Topics in Business Analytics (MBA610):

This course provides students with critical knowledge and understanding of the concepts and practice of trending topics and the latest research or technology in the field of Business Analytics (BA). It addresses a variety of theoretical and technological issues related to BA and provides an opportunity for students to undertake a term-long BA or research project. The topics might be different from one another and shall be subject to approval from the MIS department to select the course content whenever offering the course.

Thesis (MBA612):

This course is designed to prepare the student to plan and implement a supervised master's thesis in Business Analytics fields. It is prepared according to the steps of specialized scientific research. The student is expected to use higher-level skills to conduct critical evaluation of information to investigate a real business problem and implement a creative solution to it. By adopting an organized methodology, reviewing literature, and analyzing relevant data, students are expected to reach research conclusions and appropriate recommendations that might contribute to applied business project development at the professional and societal levels. The thesis, in its final version, is subject to the public defense and its evaluation is based on the written and oral presentation, which are prepared according to the Master Dissertation Guidelines at the Applied Sciences University.

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Programme Details

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Master in International Relations

Language of Study

Arabic

Mode of Study

Full Time

Programme Structure

Study Period

2 Years

Total Credit Hours

36 Credit Hours

Number of Courses

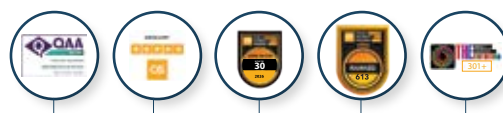
9 Courses + Thesis or
10 Courses + Applied Project

Brief about the Programme

The Master's Program in International Relations represents an advanced academic step within the field of international studies, offered by the Department of Political Science at Applied Science University, the only department of its kind in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The program seeks to meet the needs of society in the Kingdom of Bahrain in particular, and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and the wider Arab world in general, by preparing highly qualified graduates for careers in diplomacy, media, political studies and research centers, as well as regional and international organizations. The program is delivered in Arabic and comprises 36 credit hours distributed across two tracks: the Thesis Track and the Applied Project Track, thereby providing academic flexibility and aligning with contemporary academic and professional trends. The program has been designed based on in-depth studies of the Bahraini and Gulf labor markets, in addition to benchmarking comparisons with reputable regional and international universities.

Aims of the Programme

1. Provide graduates with a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of major theoretical approaches in international relations, including their historical context and their impact on political realities at the local, regional, and international levels.
2. Enable students to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world contexts through field visits, guest lectures, and simulation-based learning.
3. Prepare graduates capable of conducting advanced academic research using established and specialized methodologies, and of designing and implementing studies in advanced topics within international studies, thereby fostering innovation, initiative, and intellectual development through rigorous scientific inquiry.
4. Equip graduates with analytical and strategic planning tools, as well as advanced skills in communication, negotiation, and presentation.
5. Provide graduates with distinguished professional competencies and practical applications in international fields, particularly in diplomacy and the management of external affairs.
6. Develop graduates' critical thinking, analytical, comparative, interpretative, deductive, and evaluative skills, enabling them to better understand the international environment and make sound decisions within their professional institutions.
7. Enable graduates to effectively communicate with diverse audiences across varying levels of expertise and to assume roles in strategic decision-making.
8. Promote the values of citizenship, tolerance, peaceful dialogue, and the rejection of violence, while enhancing graduates' ability to contribute to the dissemination of these values within society.



The first university in the Kingdom of Bahrain achieved the global accreditation from the British Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)

Rated 5 Stars in the QS Rating System

Ranked 30th in the QS Arab Region University Rankings 2026

Ranked 613 in the QS World University Rankings 2026

Ranked 301+ Worldwide in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings

Career Paths

1. Diplomatic at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Third Secretary, Second Secretary, First Secretary, Consul, Chargé d’Affaires)
2. Government Sector Officer
3. Officer in Regional and International Organizations
4. Political, strategic, or security advisor
5. Expert in international or geopolitical affairs
6. Researcher or strategic analyst in research centres
7. Officer at the Shura Council or the Council of Representatives
8. Lecturer or researcher in Political Science and International Relations

Entry Requirements

1. The applicant must hold a Bachelor’s degree or its equivalent from a university or college recognized by the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
2. The applicant’s undergraduate field of study must qualify them for admission to the Master’s program. Otherwise, the student shall be required to pass placement examinations or complete a number of supplementary (bridging) courses approved by the University and determined by the concerned department.
3. The minimum requirement for admission is that the applicant holds a Bachelor’s degree with a cumulative GPA of no less than “Good” or its equivalent. In cases where the cumulative GPA is below the required minimum, the application shall be referred to the Non-Admission Appeals Committee to consider the possibility of granting the student conditional admission and to submit the appropriate recommendation to the University Council.
4. As a condition for admission to any Master’s program, the applicant must pass the English language placement examination approved by the University, or submit a TOEFL certificate or its equivalent with a minimum score of 450. Otherwise, the student shall be required, during the first academic year, to enroll in and pass an English language course specified by the College. Students who have obtained an academic degree from programs taught in English shall be exempted from the English language requirement.
5. The applicant must successfully pass the personal interview.
6. The applicant must fulfill any additional requirements specified by the program.



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Study Plan

No.	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
Year 1 – First Semester						
1	POL 611	Political Analysis and Scientific Research Methods	-	3	12	9
2	INT 611	International Relations Theories	-	3	12	9
3	POL 641	International Political Economy	-	3	12	9
Year 1 – Second Semester						
1	INT 612	Studies in International Relations	-	3	12	9
2	INT 621	Public International Law	-	3	12	9
3	-	Programme Elective (1)	-	3	12	9
Year 2 – First Semester						
1	INT 631	Regional and International Security	-	3	12	9
2	-	Programme Elective (2)	-	3	12	9
3	POL 642	Diplomatic and Consular Relations E	-	3	12	9
Year 2 – Second Semester - Thesis						
1	INT 699	Thesis	21 Credit Hours	9	36	9
Year 2 – Second Semester - Applied Project						
1	-	Programme Elective (3)	-	3	12	9
2	INT 698	Applied Project	24 Credit Hours	6	24	9

Programme Elective Courses						
No.	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
Group 1 (6 Cr)						
1	POL 644	Contemporary International Politics	-	3	12	9
2	INT 613	Middle Eastern Studies	-	3	12	9
3	INT 614	Media and Political Communication	-	3	12	9
4	INT 622	The Art of Negotiation	-	3	12	9
5	POL 645	International Organization and Agencies	-	3	12	9
6	POL 646	International Political Crisis Management	-	3	12	9
7	POL643	Foreign Policy Analysis	-	3	12	9

Programme Compulsory Courses:

POL 611 - Political Analysis and Scientific Research Methods

This is an advanced course in scientific research methodology and political analysis. The course introduces students to in-depth concepts of political analysis, how to build theoretical frameworks and the relationship of scientific research to theory, the latter's relationship to hypothesis and how to build theory. The student also delves into possessing advanced skills in reviewing previous studies, preparing a research plan and report, and defending both. The course addresses quantitative, qualitative and mixed political analysis and their use by focusing on particular tools such as case studies, focus groups, discourse analysis, and political ethnography. The course also demonstrates how to process political data, honesty and stability test, and quantitative curriculum applications in political science, including Research sample, measurement and computer applications. The student studies the philosophy of scientific research, its role in the renaissance, the ethics of scientific research, and the common mistakes of researchers. (Prerequisite: None)

INT 611- International Relations Theories

This course provides an in-depth examination of the theoretical frameworks associated with the field of International Relations. It focuses on the evolution of IR theorization and the major critiques directed at it, as well as the analysis of theoretical propositions and their capacity to explain patterns, regularities, and transformations in the structural characteristics, processes, and stages that shape international relations and its primary actors. The course also assesses the ability of these theories to classify International phenomena within identifiable trends and stereotypical behaviors. The course covers major theoretical paradigms, including Neorealism, Postmodernism, and Neoliberalism, in addition to partial theories such as Integration Theory, International System Theory, and Decision-Making Theory. It further examines key concepts whose interpretations and impacts on the behavior of international actors have evolved over time, including interest, power, values, and nationalism. (Prerequisite: None)

POL 641 - International Political Economy

This course addresses the interaction and mutual influence between economics and politics in the international arena through the study of the foundational theories of the international political economy such as capitalism, socialism and nationalism, and modern theories such as the dual economy, the new world order and dominant stability. The course also addresses transformative production and its role in the international economic system, foreign direct investment (FDI) - case study, poverty and inequality issues, the political economy of the environment and energy, current global financial imbalances: causes, consequences and solutions, globalization of the economy: consequences and disagreements. The course also deals with the future of the international political economy (foresight perspective). (Prerequisite: None)

INT 612- Studies in International Relations

This course examines a range of contemporary topics in International Relations that have become increasingly significant in the modern era. It provides an in-depth conceptual framework for understanding the importance of these issues and the ongoing developments within the international environment. The course also addresses objective realities relevant to scholars of political science—particularly those concerned with international relations, such as diplomats—enabling them to interpret and analyze these realities in a rigorous and scientific manner. Furthermore, the course

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emphasizes methodologies and analytical approaches in contemporary International Relations, as well as the study of variables influencing patterns of interaction among international actors. It also focuses on applying this knowledge within specialized fields and on developing analytical projections and scenarios regarding the trajectories of political, social, and economic phenomena shaping relations between states. In light of the foregoing, the course explores the nature, characteristics, and current realities of International Relations, along with the developments that have shaped their contemporary features—particularly those grounded in conflict dynamics and their implications for the distribution of power in the international system. The course also includes applied case studies drawn from contemporary international relations. (Prerequisite: None)

INT 621- Public International Law

This course provides an in-depth examination of key topics in Public International Law, including international treaties, the law of the sea, international river law, airspace law, and the law of state succession. It also offers a comprehensive analysis of applied issues in international disputes and their peaceful settlement in accordance with the rules of international law. The course further explores diplomatic methods of dispute resolution, the Charter of the United Nations, and major international conventions, alongside analytical studies of selected cases and decisions issued by the International Court of Justice (The Hague). In addition, the course addresses various mechanisms for resolving international disputes through diplomatic, political, and legal means, including international arbitration. (Prerequisite: None)

INT 631- Regional and International Security

This course is designed to provide students with an in-depth understanding of key concepts related to regional and international security. It covers state security and sovereignty, as well as contemporary dimensions of security including health security, food security, environmental security, emergency response, human security, and the principle of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) at both regional and international levels. The course also examines the role of international and regional organizations in maintaining peace and security, with particular emphasis on warfare, the ongoing proliferation of nuclear weapons, arms trade, and human security concerns. In addition, it addresses selected topics such as nuclear weapons in the Middle East, the rise of extremist groups in the region, and the major challenges confronting international security. (Prerequisite: None)

POL 642 - Diplomatic and Consular Relations E

This course addresses critical issues and topics in diplomatic studies, focusing on the historical development and definition of contemporary functions and practices. The course also deals with the forms and characteristics of consular practice in light of diplomatic and commercial transformations. The course provides an overview of the challenges in diplomatic and consular affairs in light of the complex international environment. (Prerequisite: None)

INT 699 - Thesis

This course is a supervised research project based on an approved topic within the field of International Relations. It represents the cornerstone of the Master's Program in International Relations. The course involves conducting rigorous academic research on a specialized topic of relevance to the Kingdom of Bahrain and its regional context, under the supervision of a qualified faculty member in accordance with the University's postgraduate regulations. The course provides students with the opportunity to undertake independent research grounded in a systematic methodological framework. It emphasizes

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advanced-level academic skills, including the formulation of a research problem, selection of appropriate research methodologies, critical literature review, data analysis, and the development of research findings and recommendations. The final thesis must be defended in a public oral examination, and assessment is based on both the written dissertation and the oral defense. (Prerequisite: Completion of 21 credit hours)

INT 698 – Applied Project

The Applied Project is an independent research-based endeavor aimed at applying the knowledge and skills acquired by students in the classroom to support a relevant host organization. Students are required to engage with the host entity, their academic supervisor, and effectively manage the relationship between both parties. Research topics may vary but must address an approved issue within the field of International Relations, focusing on real-world challenges relevant to Bahrain and the Arab region. The project includes a literature review and the application of appropriate analytical models and data analysis tools to derive findings and formulate practical recommendations. (Prerequisite: Completion of 24 credit hours)

Programme Elective Courses:

POL 644 - Contemporary International Politics

This course addresses the basic concepts related to contemporary international policy which has become vital in today's world through an in-depth knowledge of the significance of international policy and contemporary developments in the international environment. The course addresses key topics and objective facts that scholars of political science and international relations such as diplomats shall understand and interpret scientifically and objectively. The course focuses on methodologies and methods of analysis in contemporary international policy and the study of variables affecting international relations interactions, utilizes this knowledge in specialized fields, develops perceptions and possibilities for the paths of political phenomena. The course handles the international environment, its nature, characteristics, and developments that have resulted in their essential features, based on excellence, collaboration, conflict and the resulting phenomena of peace and war, all of which are linked to the basic concept of "power" in this science. The course also includes a study of applied models of contemporary international policy. (Prerequisite: None)

INT 613 – Middle Eastern Studies

This course provides advanced knowledge and analytical skills in Middle Eastern Studies, covering a range of key topics including the concept of the Middle East, processes of democratic transition, and a critical analysis of the Palestinian issue as a central axis of regional conflicts. It also offers forward-looking perspectives on the future of the region in light of ongoing developments. The course examines the American vision of the "Middle East Project" and its complexities, as well as the influential roles of key factors such as Turkey and the European Union. It further explores the political, economic, social, and cultural implications of this project. In addition, the course evaluates the roles and policies adopted by various states in relation to this project and analyzes current political dynamics in the region. It also seeks to deepen understanding of international conflict, the limits of declining U.S. influence in the Middle East, and the transformations of major powers and their effectiveness within the international system. (Prerequisite: None)

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INT 614 – Media and Political Communication

This course examines the core concepts of media and political communication, with a strong focus on the theoretical approaches used in analyzing this field. It provides an in-depth intellectual foundation on the emergence, definition, and key concepts of political communication, including the political environment, political propaganda, political advertising, political participation, and political marketing. The course emphasizes the relationship between media and political communication on one hand, and the political system on the other, through key communication elements such as source, channel, audience, and message. It also explores the types, functions, and objectives of political media. Furthermore, the course introduces major theories used in the study and analysis of media and political communication. These include audience-centered theories such as Uses and Gratifications Theory and Information Processing Theory; communicator-centered theories such as Cultivation Theory and Agenda-Setting Theory; and theories related to media effects, including direct (short-term) effects and cumulative (long-term) effects. Additionally, the course examines internal and external factors influencing media and political communication and incorporates case studies at both regional and international levels to assess their impact on political processes, thereby linking theory with practice. (Prerequisite: None)

INT 622 – The Art of Negotiation

This course offers an advanced study of negotiation as both a concept and an art, highlighting its role in understanding political phenomena and responding effectively through appropriate behaviors, strategies, and decision-making processes to maximize gains in various situations. The course covers the definition, historical evolution, functions, and contemporary practices of negotiation. It also examines the forms, characteristics, and core elements of the negotiation process, including persuasion, communication, strategic planning, contingency planning, and foresight. Moreover, the course sheds light on international experiences in managing conflicts and crises, exploring both theoretical frameworks and practical approaches to negotiation. It also provides an overview of the key challenges facing negotiation processes within the increasingly complex international environment. (Prerequisite: None)

POL 645 - International Organization and Agencies

The course thoroughly addresses the topics of international regulation and international bodies through studying international organizations and international bodies as effective units in the international system, besides other units. The course focuses on the concept of international regulation, its historical emergence, objectives, membership conditions, and institutional structure. The course also thoroughly examines the personality of international organizations, international bodies and general rules, from both legal and functional, at the international and regional levels. The course focuses on studying the general rules of international organizations, the powers and sources of international organizations, the methods of decision-making in international organizations, and the international organization's legal status. The course also addresses studying global organizations, and international bodies and the criteria for distinguishing between them. The course evaluates the functions and work of international and regional organizations, and their effectiveness in the international system. The course analyses the influence of globalization and international variables on the effectiveness of international regulation. The course focuses on a number of international organizations and bodies. (Prerequisite: None)

POL 646 - International Political Crisis Management

This course addresses the most significant concepts relevant to international political crises and their management by providing in -depth knowledge of the significance of international political crises management, causes, types, characteristics and management stages. The course also focuses on scenarios for dealing with international political crises and how to measure the efficiency of crisis management, analyze the role of the media in facing international political crises and how to make political decisions in times of crisis. The course also includes the study of applied models for the management of international political crises. (Prerequisite: None)

POL 643 - Foreign Policy Analysis

This course addresses the essence and analysis of foreign policy, using the historical development to study this field as a basic framework for analysis, the objectives of foreign policy in its comprehensive dimensions, and the foreign policy patterns, focusing on rational and sensible behaviour, violent and coercive behaviour, and the various levels in between in a comparative applied study. The course also addresses the dimensions of foreign policy, external effects related to fundamental theories of international relations, societal sources of foreign policy related to the country's depth as internal influences, and its role in influencing the behaviour of political elites. The course deals with regulatory processes in foreign policy -making based on decision -making perspectives such as institutional regulation procedures and bureaucratic policy. The course also thoroughly examines the psychological factors of decision -makers, including subjective perceptions, conceptual and behavioural differences, and personal factors, through the psychological curriculum in the study of foreign policy. This part addresses the topic of international crisis resolution. The course addresses change and consistency in foreign policy using the comparative approach to foreign policy study in two concluding parts. The course considers the diversity of levels of analysis in the future study of foreign policy at the level of the individual, the country and the international system. (Prerequisite: None)



Master in Computer Science

Programme Details

Final Qualification

Master Degree

Language of Study

English

Mode of Study

Full Time

Programme Structure

Study Period

2 Years

Total Credit Hours

36 Credit Hours

Number of Courses

11 Courses

Brief about the Programme

Advance your career with our master in computer science, offering specialized tracks in Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security. Designed according to modern academic and industry standards, the programme provides advanced knowledge and practical skills in Artificial Intelligence (AI), machine/deep learning, data analytics, business intelligence, and computer security.

Students may choose between an applied project or a research thesis to align their studies with their career goals. Upon completion, graduates earn a reputable qualification that strengthens their competitiveness in today's competitive job market.

Aims of the Programme

1. Provide graduates with critical knowledge of specialized theories, issues, and current methods in computer science and scientific research. This expertise will enable them to effectively contribute to qualitative professional and societal development within an environment characterized by rapid change and ambiguity.
2. Prepare graduates who can apply current theories, methods, and specialized scientific research techniques to conduct advanced studies and research. They will investigate complex computer science-related problems in the business environment and devise creative solutions.
3. Develop graduates critical thinking and analytical skills in computer science, enabling the interpretation and creative evaluation of new situations and problems to effectively assist business enterprises in formulating and implementing relevant computer science-related strategies.
4. Enable graduates to apply professional-level skills in unpredictable and ambiguous work environments and to communicate effectively, collaborate in teams, and uphold a strong sense of responsibility toward colleagues and stakeholders.



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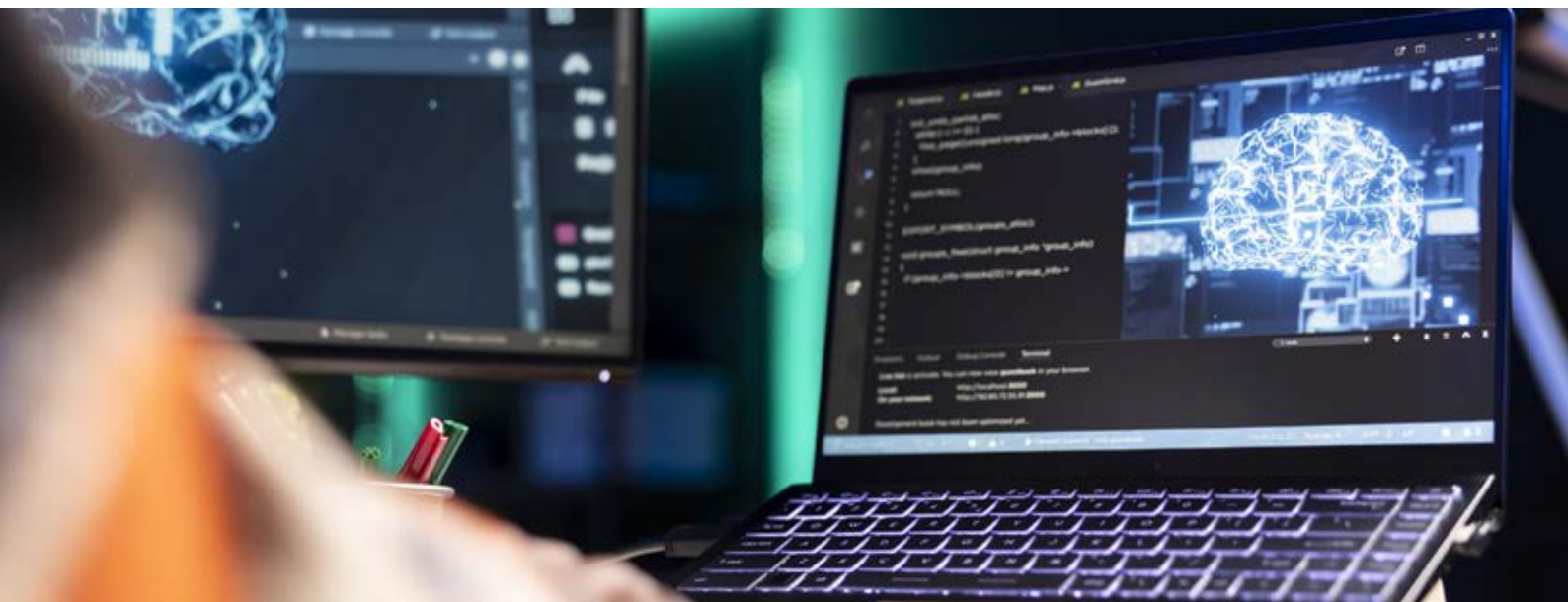


Career Paths

1. AI/ML Specialist
2. Cybersecurity Manager
3. Data Scientist
4. Cloud Solutions Architect
5. Software Development Manager
6. Blockchain Specialist
7. Systems Architect
8. IT Consultant
9. Research Scientist in CS
10. University Lecturer

Entry Requirements

1. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a university or college recognized by the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
2. The applicant's bachelor's degree must be in the same or a closely related qualifying field as the master's programme, as defined by the study plan. Otherwise, the student must successfully complete a number of remedial courses approved by the University and specified by the concerned department.
3. The applicant should be the holder of a bachelor's degree with a GPA of not less than 'Good' or its equivalent to be admitted.
4. Applicants with a GPA less than 'Good' have the chance to be admitted conditionally given they have a one year of experience or be given some remedial courses in case of absence of the work experience.
5. Applicants who do not meet the admission requirements may be granted conditional admission with remedial courses selected by the department and as per the university graduate studies bylaws.
6. Transfer students are accepted as per the Article 17 of the university graduate studies bylaws.
7. The applicant should pass an interview conducted by a committee in the Academic Department.
8. The applicant must pass the University's English placement test or submit a TOEFL score of 500 or equivalent. Applicants who do not meet this requirement must commit to successfully completing a mandatory English remedial course prescribed by the college within their first year of study.



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This degree required from the student to complete 36 CH in one of two options thesis or applied project

First Year – First Semester (9 Credit Hours)			
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
MCS691	Scientific Research Methodology	3	-
MCS611	Advanced Analysis and Design of Algorithms	3	-
MCS612	Advanced Database Systems	3	-
First Year – Second Semester (9 Credit Hours)			
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
MCS613	Advanced Operating Systems	3	-
MCS624	Advanced Artificial Intelligence	3	-
MCS631	Advanced Computer Networks	3	-

Second Year: Option 1 Applied Project

Second Year – First Semester (9 Credit Hours)			
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
MCS625	Data Driven Decision Making	3	-
MCS642	Cybersecurity	3	-
-	Elective Course 1	3	-
Second Year – second Semester (9 Credit Hours)			
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
-	Elective Course 2	3	-
MCS698	Applied Project	6	MCS691 + Pass 75% of the study plan courses

Second Year: Option 2 Thesis

Second Year – First Semester (9 Credit Hours)			
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
MCS642	Cybersecurity	3	-
-	Elective Course 1	3	-
-	Elective Course 2	3	-
Second Year – second Semester (9 Credit Hours)			
Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
MCS699	Thesis	9	MCS691 + Pass 75% of the study plan courses

Programme Elective Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
MCS614	Advanced Software Engineering	3	
MCS621	Big Data Analytics	3	
MCS622	Data Mining and Analysis	3	
MCS623	Machine Learning	3	
MCS632	Cloud Computing and Internet of Things	3	
MCS643	Advanced Cryptography and Network Security	3	
MCS692	Selected Topics in Computer Science	3	Dept Approval

MCS611 -Advanced Analysis and Design of Algorithms

This course introduces students to advanced algorithms analysis and design techniques used in Computer Science. The course is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in conceptual and formal models, efficiency, and levels of abstraction as used in the field of Computer Science.

MCS612 - Advanced Database Systems

This course covers advanced aspects of database management systems including advanced normalization and denormalization, Database recovery, object-oriented and object-relational databases, concurrency control, transaction management, data integration (e.g. semi structured data and XML). Students will undertake a semester project that involves the design and implementation of a database system.

MCS613 - Advanced Operating Systems

This course is designed to introduce students to advanced topics in standard, embedded and cloud operating systems. Topics include operating systems architecture, processes, threads, concurrency, memory management, file management, scheduling, embedded operating systems, operating systems security, IoT and cloud operating systems.

MCS614- Advanced Software Engineering

This course is designed to provide the student with the critical knowledge and professional skills needed for software requirements engineering, design, implementation and testing and to cover advanced theoretical concepts in software engineering including: software reuse, component-based software engineering, distributed software engineering, service-oriented architecture, embedded software and aspect-oriented software engineering. The course involves hands-on experience in dealing with various issues in software development.

MCS621- Big Data Analytics

This course covers advanced data science and big data analytics methodologies and technologies. The course emphasizes systems and algorithms for largescale advanced data processing and introduce the characteristics and challenges of the Big Data, state-of-the-art computing paradigms and platforms. The course covers: The data analytics lifecycle, fundamental and sophisticated analytics approaches, and developing big data technology, big data programming tools (e.g., Hadoop and MongoDB), big data extraction and integration, big data storage, scalable indexing for big data, big graph processing, big

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data stream techniques and algorithms, big probabilistic data management, big data privacy, big data visualizations, and big data applications (e.g., spatial, finance, multimedia, medical, health, and social data).

MCS622 - Data Mining and analysis

This course provides students with critical knowledge and understanding of Data Mining algorithms. This course covers the theoretical and practical aspects in data mining. It includes some of topics are: Introduction to Data Mining, data preprocessing and cleaning, visualization, classification, clustering, association, using different statistical and machine learning techniques, current research in data mining and applications in data mining.

MCS623 - Machine Learning

Machine Learning is a method to discover and predict some unobserved components and concerned with the data construction and its relationships. This course provides students with a detailed knowledge on machine Learning concepts in supervised and unsupervised learning, various machine learning techniques Regression and Statistical Models, Classification, Clustering, Decision Trees, Neural Networks, Bayesian Networks, Convolutional neural networks and Deep Learning , Support vector machine , Reinforcement Learning, Evolutionary computing in machine learning, Particle Swarm Intelligence techniques and latest researches in Machine Learning.

MCS624 - Advanced Artificial Intelligence

This course is designed to introduce students to advanced topics in Artificial Intelligence. Topics include reasoning under uncertainty, AI programming, machine learning, making simple and complex decisions, and natural language processing.

MCS631 - Advanced Computer Networks

This course is designed to provide the student with critical knowledge and professional skills to be a follow-up module to the advanced computer networks. This course will cover application layer protocols, Internet protocols, transport layer services and protocols, IP addressing, traffic analysis, flow and congestion control algorithms, Routing algorithms, internetworking, MPLS networking technology, security, network performance, Quality of Service and current topics of research and development. This course will cover the practical aspects of computer networks, with emphasis on the layers protocols, IP addressing and Routing.

MCS632 - Cloud Computing and Internet of Things

This course includes IoT topics: IoT Network Architecture and Design, Smart Objects: The “Things” in IoT, Connecting Smart Objects, IP as the IoT Network Layer, Application Protocols for IoT. As well as this course includes the cloud computing topics: fundamental cloud computing, cloud computing mechanisms, cloud computing architecture, working with clouds and latest search in IoT and cloud computing.

MCS642- Cyber Security

This course is designed to provide the student with the critical knowledge and professional skills needed for Cyber Security. The topics are Importance of Cybersecurity, Security Evolution — From Legacy to Advanced, to ML and AI, Learning Cybersecurity Technologies, Skills We Need for a Cybersecurity Career, Attacker Mindset, Understanding Reactive, Proactive, and

Operational Security, Networking, Mentoring, and Shadowing, User Authentication, Network access control and cloud security, Transport level security, Web security consideration, Wireless network security, Electronic Mail Security, Knowledge Check and Certifications, Security Intelligence Resources.

MCS643- Advanced Cryptography and Network Security

This course is designed to provide the student with the critical knowledge and professional skills needed to cover advanced topics in cryptography and network security. This course covers diverse topics on cryptography and network security techniques including conventional encryption, asymmetric and symmetric cryptology, digital signatures, certificates, key exchange, key management, authentication, network access control, cloud computing security, electronic mail security, advanced crypto primitives. This course focuses on both theoretical concepts and practical applications of cryptanalysis and network security techniques.

MCS691 - Scientific Research Methodology

This course is designed to prepare students for advanced scientific research by examining how to plan, conduct, and report on research in the Computer Science field. Topics include: formulating research problems, Research Design, Qualitative and Quantitative Research, Measurement, Data Analysis, Interpretation of Data, code of ethics and plagiarism, writing scientific proposal, writing research papers and presenting a project/paper to audience. Students will also examine examples drawn from different research areas as case studies on various aspects of the principal methods.

MCS692 - Selected Topics in Computer Science

This course provides students with critical knowledge and understanding of the concepts and practice of the hottest topics and the latest research or technology in the field of Computer Science. It will address a variety of theoretical and/or technological issues related to computer science and provides an opportunity for students to undertake a term-long software development or research project. The topic might be different from one run to another; an approval from the computer science department is required to select the course content whenever offering the course.

MCS698 - Applied Project

This course is designed to prepare the student to plan and implement a supervised master's applied project in computer science fields. It is prepared according to the steps of specialized scientific research. The student is expected to use higher-level skills to conduct critical evaluation of information to investigate a complex problem, devise and implement a creative solution to it, by adopting an organized methodology, reviewing literature and analyzing relevant data, to reach research conclusions and appropriate recommendations that hopefully contribute to applied project development at the professional and societal levels. The applied project, in its final version, is subject to the public defense and its evaluation is based on the written and oral presentation, which are prepared according to the thesis Master Thesis Guidelines at the Applied Sciences University.

MCS699 – Thesis

This course is designed to prepare the student to plan and implement a supervised master's thesis in computer science fields. It is prepared according to the steps of specialized scientific research. The student is expected to use higher-level skills to conduct critical evaluation of information to investigate a complex problem and devise creative solutions to it, by adopting an organized methodology, reviewing literature and analyzing relevant data, to reach research conclusions and appropriate recommendations that hopefully contribute to qualitative development at the professional and societal levels. The thesis, in its final version, is subject to the public defense and its evaluation is based on the written and oral presentation, which are prepared according to the thesis Master Thesis Guidelines at the Applied Sciences University.

Master in Law

Programme Details

Final Qualification

Master in Law

Language of Study

Arabic

Mode of Study

Full Time

Programme Structure

Study Period

2 Years

Total Credit Hours

36 Credit Hours

Number of Courses

9 Courses + Thesis or
10 Courses + Applied Project

Brief about the Programme

The Master in Law programme offers you a distinguished opportunity to excel in the legal field by choosing one of two tracks: Public Law or Private Law. It is carefully designed to provide you with in-depth legal knowledge and advanced critical and analytical skills that enable you to understand and interpret laws with high proficiency, alongside developing scientific research and innovation capabilities.

The Public Law track focuses on legal issues relating to the government sector and international institutions, while the Private Law track provides you with specialised knowledge in commercial law, civil law, and contracts, qualifying you to work in the private sector and legal institutions. Students may choose between 9 courses plus a research thesis, or 10 courses plus an applied project.

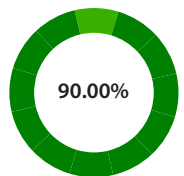
Aims of the Programme

1. Meet the needs of society by providing graduates specialised in Public Law or Private Law, capable of serving it and working with high efficiency, by enabling students to acquire critical knowledge, use professional skills, and innovate in their application.
2. Prepare graduates capable of using a combination of approaches to conduct critical analysis and evaluation in the field of existing and emerging legal issues.
3. Encourage and foster rigorous scientific research and innovation among graduates in the legal field, and contribute to it, through developing their skills in using sound research methods, methodology, ethics, and mastering its tools.
4. Develop and refine graduates' scientific capabilities and create an appropriate climate for creativity and innovation in the legal field, in a manner consistent with professional ethics and social responsibility.
5. Develop graduates' communication skills to convey complex information and ideas in the field of law, and work independently in this regard across changing contexts

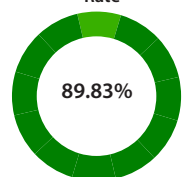


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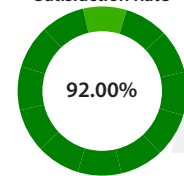
Employer Satisfaction Rate



Graduate Satisfaction Rate



Advisory Board Satisfaction Rate



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Career Paths

1. Legal Researcher
2. Judge
3. International Arbitrator
4. Specialist Lawyer
5. Legal Consultant
6. Specialist Legal Counsel
7. University Lecturer
8. Legal Affairs Manager

Entry Requirements

1. The applicant must hold a Bachelor's degree in Law or its equivalent from a university or college recognised by the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain, or any other relevant discipline subject to successfully completing a number of remedial courses approved by the University and specified by the department.
2. The minimum requirement for admission is a Bachelor's degree with a cumulative GPA of not less than 'Good' or its equivalent. If the applicant's GPA is below the required level, the case is referred to the Appeals Committee chaired by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Development.
3. The applicant must pass an interview conducted by the Academic Department committee.
4. 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 a remedial English course determined by the College during their first year of study.



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No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
First Year - First Semester - Programme Compulsory Courses: (9) Credit Hours				
1	ML 601	Legal Research Methodology - In- Depth Studies	3	-
2	ML 611	Civil Law - In-Depth Studies	3	-
3	ML 651	Political Systems and Constitutional Law - In- Depth Studies	3	-
First Year – Second Semester (Private Law Path)				
1	MCL 620	Law of Commerce - In-Depth Studies	3	-
2	ML 614	Law of Civil and Commercial Procedures - In Depth Studies	3	-
3	-	Course Elective (Group 1)	3	-
4	-	Course Elective (Group 1)	3	-
First Year – Second Semester (Public Law Path)				
1	ML 641	Administrative Law - In-Depth Studies	3	ML 641
2	ML 631	Criminal Law - In-Depth Studies	3	ML 631
3	-	Course Elective (Group 2)	3	-
4	-	Course Elective (Group 2)	3	-
Second Year - First Semester (Private Law Path)				
1	ML 681	Jurisprudence of Islamic Transactions	3	-
2	-	Course Elective (Group 1)	3	-
3	ML 600	Thesis	9	21 credit Hours
Second Year - First Semester (Public Law Path)				
1	ML 661	Public International Law - In-Depth Studies	3	-
2	-	Course Elective (Group 2)	3	-
3	ML 600	Thesis	9	21 credit Hours
Second Year - Second Semester (Both Paths)				
1	ML 600	Continuity in Thesis	-	-

Programme Compulsory Courses (9 Credit Hours)

ML601 Legal Research Methodology - In- Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with studying various scientific research methods. The specific curriculum addresses an in-depth study of the conceptual framework of legal research curricula and their classifications in the legal studies field through addressing the scientific and legal research curriculum, its types, progress and development, and preference over research methods in the social and natural sciences. It also addresses the curriculum applications in the legal studies field.

ML611 Civil Law - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum examines some significant topics relating to private law in general, civil law and its sources, tortious liability and contractual liability and their provisions. The specific curriculum includes an in-depth study of a topic of civil law, such as the civil liability of the doctor, the provisions of the promise of an award through modern means of communication in the Civil Code, franchise agreements, liability for nuclear and radiological damage, civil liability of the real estate broker, civil liability of the judicial expert, personal data protection, compensation for variable damage under civil liability, or any other topic as deemed appropriate the lecturer deems and approved by the concerned department.

ML651 Political Systems and Constitutional Law - In- Depth Studies

The course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of political systems that are based on the country and government, and constitutional law rules that are based on the form of the system of government and the organization of public authorities in the country. The specific curriculum includes an in-depth analytical study of one of the topics of political systems and constitutional law, such as overseeing the constitutionality of laws, which includes the types of control, its applications and the mechanism of undertaking, or any topic that the course lecturer deems appropriate and approved by the concerned department.

Compulsory Requirements depending on the path: (9 credit hours)

Private Law Path:

MCL620 Law of Commerce - In- Depth Studies

The course includes an in-depth legal study of commercial law topics. The General curriculum deals with studying Bahraini trade law in terms of its sources, the scope of application and relationship with other branches of law, the legal system for business, and the obligations of the commercial profession. The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth study of one of the topics of the general curriculum, such as commercial contracts (e.g. the commercial mortgage contract) in terms of its meaning, characteristics, composition, consequences and expiry, or any topic of the general curriculum as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

ML614 Law of Civil and Commercial Procedures - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with studying the Civil and Commercial Procedures Law, its sources, its significance and validity in terms of time, and the judicial organization in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth study of one of the topics of the pleadings law, such as the theory of defences in jurisprudence and civil justice, the conflict between judicial rulings, conflict of jurisdiction rules, the

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role of the judge and the litigants in the conduct of the litigation, or any of the other topics as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the department.

ML681 Jurisprudence of Islamic Transactions

This course examines the provisions of transactions within Islamic jurisprudence and the underlying rules. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of the theory of money and ownership and an introductory introduction to the definition of financial transactions and their divisions within the framework of Islamic Sharia provisions compared to the law and positive legislation. The Specific Curriculum deals with an in-depth study of one of the Islamic transaction jurisprudence topics (contracts received on property ownership - and contracts received on usufruct ownership) or deals with any topic within the framework of Islamic transaction jurisprudence in an accurate and detailed manner as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

Public Law Path:

ML661 Public International Law - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of public international law in terms of its characteristics, sources, nature and individuals of public international law. The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth analytical study of one of the topics of public international law, such as international disputes and general rules for dispute settlement, compensation in public international law, or one of the topics related to public international law as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

ML631 Criminal Law - In-Depth Studies

The course includes a general and specific curriculum. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of the general theory of crime and criminal sanction. The specific curriculum addresses one of the criminal law topics and its in-depth study in a precise, comprehensive manner as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department, such as the study of alternative penalties.

ML641 Administrative Law - In- Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of the basics of administrative law and general principles in administrative management. The specific curriculum includes an in-depth study of one of the topics of administrative law, such as administrative decision, administrative contract, exceptional management authority in the administrative contract field, management's sanction authority, management's power to withdraw and terminate the administrative contract, or any topic as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

Programme Elective Courses depending on the path: (9 Credit Hours)

Elective Courses: (Private Law Path)

ML612 Private International Law - In- Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with an in-depth study of the general framework of private international law in terms of its nature, sources, and issues of private international law. The specific curriculum addresses an in-depth analytical study of one of the selected topics of the general curriculum, such as recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments, impediments to the enforcement of foreign judgments, judicial

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immunity, Foreign Law Centre before National Courts, exclusion of foreign law applicable in conflict of laws, or any topic of the general curriculum topics as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the department.

ML613 Labour Law - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum addresses an in-depth study of the employment contract and its implications. The specific curriculum addresses an in-depth study of one of the labour law topics, such as the legal protection of the employee's private life or any other topic as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

ML615 Electronic Communications and Transactions Law – in Depth Studies

This course includes a general and a specific curriculum. The general curriculum addresses a domestic in-depth legal study of the Electronic Communications and Transactions Law No. 54 of 2018 and a regional study in terms of concluding the electronic contract and the law applicable to electronic contracts and finding potential solutions to these difficulties. The specific curriculum addresses an in-depth analysis of one of the course topics, such as the authenticity of electronic records or any topic of electronic communications and transactions as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the department.

MCL622 Commercial Arbitration – in Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum addresses the study of arbitration as a means of settling civil and commercial disputes in terms of its nature, types, stages, and relationship to the ordinary judiciary in the light of Bahraini law, international and regional agreements and comparative laws. The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth study of one of the general curriculum topics, such as the arbitration decision, in terms of its definition, and preference over the judicial ruling, methods of appealing and cancelling the arbitration decision, and the reasons for cancellation contained in the Bahrain Arbitration Law and comparative laws and international agreements, or any topic as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

MCL629 Maritime Law - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum includes the study of maritime navigation in terms of its definition, characteristics and types, and the related contracts. The specific curriculum includes a topic of maritime law and studying its in-depth analytical studies, such as the maritime transport contract and maritime carrier's legal liability under the contract, where the provisions related to this contract are studied, where the provisions relating to this contract are examined in terms of stating the necessary terms for concluding the contract and the parties thereto, how the contract is concluded and its implications, examining the bill of lading and the liability of the maritime carrier, or any topic of the specific curriculum as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

Elective Courses: (Public Law Path)

ML632 Law of Criminal Procedures - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of the procedural rules that govern the conduct of the public rights lawsuit (criminal lawsuit) in its various stages, from the occurrence of the crime until the issuance of a final

criminal case, the authorities concerned with taking procedures and its relationship to a fair and prompt trial. The specific curriculum addresses an in-depth study of issues related to procedural rules, such as alternatives to criminal proceedings or the theory of criminal invalidity and criminal proof in light of the criminal judge's discretion within the framework of Bahraini legislation, comparative legislation, jurisprudence and judicial jurisprudence, or any other topic as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the academic department.

ML633 Cyber Crimes

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of the general framework of information technology crime and its distinction from traditional crimes in terms of nature, elements and national and international efforts to combat IT crime. As for the specific curriculum, it deals with an in-depth analytical study of one of the selected topics, such as crimes against the systems and data of the information technology means, related crimes, and the procedural rules for information technology crimes in terms of jurisdiction and agencies concerned with combating IT crimes or any topic as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the department.

ML634 Economic Crimes

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The General curriculum addresses a detailed study of the general framework for economic crimes in terms of the nature, risks, characteristics and types of economic crimes, the scope of criminal responsibility, and the various legislative approaches to confronting economic crimes. The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth, analytical study of one of the selected topics, such as money laundering crimes, tax evasion crimes, commercial fraud crimes or any topic as deemed appropriate by the lecture and approved by the concerned department.

ML642 Administrative Judiciary

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of the legality principle, the administrative judiciary's formation and development. The specific curriculum includes a detailed analysis of one of the topics of administrative judiciaries, such as the annulment lawsuit or any other topic as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

ML671 Financial and Tax legislation - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with a detailed study of the general principles of financial science. The specific curriculum includes one of the topics of finance and tax legislation and an in-depth analytical study, such as the value-added tax, mechanisms for reducing public debt, mechanisms of reducing public debt, mechanisms of closing the public budget deficit, or any other topic as deemed as the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

The Thesis is a compulsory course for both paths.

ML600 Thesis(9 Credit Hours)

This course is designed to prepare the student to plan and implement an independent specialised Thesis in Law according to the specialised scientific research steps. The student is expected to utilise the higher-level skills to conduct a critical evaluation of information to investigate a complex problem and devise creative solutions by adopting an organised methodology, reviewing the literature and analysing relevant data, reaching research conclusions and appropriate

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recommendations that hopefully contribute to qualitative development at the professional and societal levels. The Thesis, in its final version, is subject to the public defence, and its evaluation is based on the written and oral presentation, which is prepared according to the Thesis Guide at Applied Science University. To enrol in the Thesis, the student must successfully pass (21) credit hours, including Legal Research Methodology – In-Depth Studies (ML 601), and observe the stipulated conditions in the University's Graduate Studies By laws.

Master in Commercial Law

Programme Details

Final Qualification

Master in Commercial Law

Language of Study

Arabic

Mode of Study

Full Time

Programme Structure

Study Period

2 Years

Total Credit Hours

36 Credit Hours

Number of Courses

9 Courses + Thesis or
10 Courses + Applied Project

Brief about the Programme

The Master in Commercial Law programme is one of the leading postgraduate programmes, aiming to provide the local and regional market with specialised and distinguished legal competencies in commercial law, particularly in advanced fields of legal studies related to commercial topics such as commercial arbitration, commercial companies, international trade contracts, banking operations, industrial and commercial property elements, maritime law, stock exchange, securities, promotion of commercial competition, and other advanced commercial legal topics.

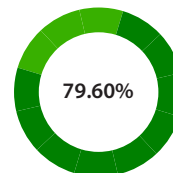
The programme aims to prepare a competent graduate capable of making a genuine contribution to the labour market, enabling them to address new and emerging legal challenges. Students may choose between 9 courses plus a research thesis, or 10 courses plus an applied project.

Aims of the Programme

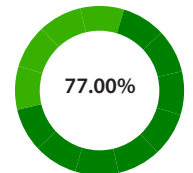
1. Meet the needs of society by providing graduates specialised in commercial law, capable of serving it and working with high efficiency, by enabling learners to acquire critical knowledge, use professional skills, and innovate in their application.
2. Prepare graduates capable of using a combination of approaches to conduct interpretation, critical analysis, weighting, and reasoning in the field of commercial law and related emerging legal topics.
3. Encourage rigorous scientific research and innovation among graduates in commercial law, contribute to it, and develop their skills in using sound research methods, methodology, and ethics, and mastering its tools.
4. Develop and refine graduates' scientific capabilities and create an appropriate climate for creativity and innovation in commercial law, in a manner consistent with professional ethics and social responsibility.
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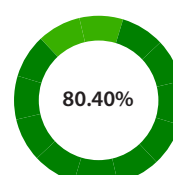
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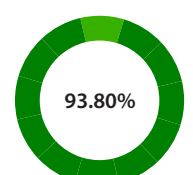
Graduate Satisfaction Rate



Student Satisfaction Rate



Advisory Board Satisfaction Rate



The first university in the Kingdom of Bahrain achieved the global accreditation from the British Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)
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 Ranked 613 in the QS World University Rankings 2026
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1. Legal Advisor in Commercial Affairs
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5. Expert in Maritime & Aviation Law
6. Commercial Law Researcher
7. Corporate Legal Affairs Manager
8. Legal Expert in Financial Markets
9. University Lecturer

Entry Requirements

1. The applicant must hold a Bachelor's degree in Law or its equivalent from a university or college recognised by the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain, or any other relevant discipline subject to successfully completing a number of remedial courses approved by the University and specified by the department.
2. The minimum requirement for admission is a Bachelor's degree with a cumulative GPA of not less than 'Good' or its equivalent. If the applicant's GPA is below the required level, the case is referred to the Appeals Committee chaired by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Development.
3. The applicant must pass an interview conducted by the Academic Department committee.
4. 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 a remedial English course determined by the College during their first year of study.



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Study Plan

Programme Study Plan				
No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Prerequisite
First Year - First Semester (12 Credit Hours)				
1	ML 601	Legal Research Methodology – In Depth Studies	3	---
2	MCL 620	Law of Commerce - In-Depth Studies	3	---
3	MCL 621	Commercial Companies - in Depth Studies	3	---
4	---	Programme Elective 1	3	---
First Year – Second Semester (12 Credit Hours)				
1	MCL 630	Methods of Settling Commercial Disputes – In Depth Studies	3	---
2	MCL 623	Industrial and Commercial Property Laws - in Depth Studies	3	---
3	MCL 624	International Trade Contracts - in Depth Studies	3	---
4	---	Programme Elective 2	3	---
Second Year - First Semester (9 Credit Hours)				
1	MCL 600	Thesis	9	(21) Hrs
2	---	Programme Elective 3	3	---
Second Year - Second Semester				
1	MCL 600	Continuity in Thesis	-	--

Compulsory subjects: (18 credits)

ML601 Legal Research Methodology - In- Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum deals with studying various scientific research methods. The specific curriculum addresses an in-depth study of the conceptual framework of legal research curricula and their classifications in the legal studies field through addressing the scientific and legal research curriculum, its types, progress and development, and preference over research methods in the social and natural sciences. It also addresses the curriculum applications in the legal studies field.

MCL620 Law of Commerce - In- Depth Studies

The course includes an in-depth legal study of commerce of law topics. The General curriculum deals with studying Bahraini trade law in terms of its sources, the scope of application and relationship with other branches of law, the legal system for business, and the obligations of the commercial profession. The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth study of one of the topics of the general curriculum, such as commercial contracts (e.g. the commercial mortgage contract) in terms of its meaning, characteristics, composition, consequences and expiry, or any topic of the general curriculum as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

MCL 621 Commercial Companies - in Depth Studies

The course deals with an in-depth legal study of commercial companies. The general curriculum addresses the commercial companies in terms of the company's contract definition, its forms, and its formal and substantive aspects. The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth study of one of the commercial companies topics, such as studying the contract of one of the commercial companies types (such as a joint stock company) in terms of formation and the effects that result from the company's contract, such as the emergence, management, liquidation and dissolution of a new legal person, or any topic of the general curriculum that the course lecturer deems appropriate and approved by the concerned department.

MCL623 Industrial and Commercial Property Laws - in Depth Studies

The course deals with an in-depth legal study of the industrial and commercial property elements as a part of intellectual property. The general curriculum deals with the industrial and commercial property study in terms of its concept, the legal nature of these rights, types of the rights, and historical development of the legal regulation of industrial and commercial property, whether at the level of national legislation or international agreements. The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth analysis of its most important elements, such as the trademark in terms of its concept, the ownership system, its protection, its relationship to the electronic address and acts of unfair competition, or any in-depth topic within the elements of industrial and commercial property that the course lecturer deems appropriate and approved by the concerned department.

MCL624 International Trade Contracts – in Depth Studies

This course includes a general curriculum that deals with an in-depth legal study of the legal system of international trade in terms of its nature, scope and the most important international commercial contracts. The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth study of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods in terms of the scope of application of the Convention, excluded sales, the obligations of the parties or addressing any of the topics of international trade contracts in detail after the concerned department approval.

MCL630 Methods of Settling Commercial Disputes – In Depth Studies

This course includes a general curriculum, which studies the methods of settling commercial disputes, such as the judiciary, arbitration, reconciliation, and arbitration (conciliation), in the light of Bahraini and comparative law and international conventions. The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth study of one of the general curriculum topics, such as arbitration procedures, the stage of issuing an arbitral award, and the methods of appealing and cancellation that are contained in the Bahrain Arbitration Law, the UNCITRAL Model Law, comparative law and international agreements, or any topic that the course lecturer deems appropriate and approved by the concerned department.

Elective Courses: (9 credit hours)

MCL625 Commercial Papers - In- Depth Studies

This course deals with an in-depth study of commercial papers. The general curriculum deals with the commercial papers study in terms of their types, characteristics, functions and basic rules (bill of exchange, cheque, and balance sheet). The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth study of one of the general curriculum topics, such as trading of commercial papers (endorsement and manual handling), how commercial papers are traded by endorsement, types of endorsement, terms of each type, its effects and guarantees, the legal status of the parties to endorsement, or any topic of commercial papers in a detailed manner or any topic that the course lecturer deems appropriate and approved by the concerned department.

MCL626 Banking Operations - In- Depth Studies

The course deals with an in-depth study of the banking operations and the basis on which banks carry out various operations at the national and international levels. The general curriculum deals with the study of the legal rules regulating banking, bank accounts, finance and banking services. The specific curriculum deals with an in-depth study of the most important credit banking operations offered by banks, which are concentrated in documentary credit in terms of its definition, nature, characteristics, types, provisions for document auditing and their conformity criteria, the bank's responsibility to accept and implement documents and their risks, or addressing any topic within banking operations in a detailed manner as the course lecturer deems appropriate and approved by the concerned department.

MCL 627 Stock Market and Securities Laws - In-Depth Studies (E)

This course includes a "general programme" and a "specific programme". The general programme deals with the provisions on the concept of the stock market, the market objectives and its growth, the legal personality of the market, as well as the board of directors of the market and its terms of reference, the market manager and employees, the specialized organs, the disciplinary and arbitration committee, market members, and monitoring and listing and trading securities in the market. The specific programme deals with market finance, such as mechanisms used by the market, deposit system, clearing, definition of financial broker and the description of his significant functions, and the detailed provisions stipulated under Law No. (57) of 2009 regarding Bahrain Stock Exchange, and Establishing and Regulating the Internal Regulations of Bahrain Stock Exchange or any other topic related to the course and approved by the concerned department.

MCL 628 Law to Encourage and Protect Competition- In- Depth Studies (E)

The curriculum of this course includes a "general" and a "specific" programme. The general programme aims to provide the learners with critical knowledge and understanding related to

promotion and Protection of Competition Law which affecting the wealth of a country; as well as the concept of competition and its nature, the scope of investment and its Mechanisms to encourage it, at the level of national and Regional. The "specific" programme contains a detailed and analytical comparative study of one of the topics of the "general" programme, as abuse of dominant position and the exceptions it or what is approved by the concerned department.

MCL629 Maritime Law - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum includes the study of maritime navigation in terms of its definition, characteristics and types, and the related contracts. The specific curriculum includes a topic of maritime law and studying its in-depth analytical studies, such as the maritime transport contract and maritime carrier's legal liability under the contract, where the provisions related to this contract are studied, where the provisions relating to this contract are examined in terms of stating the necessary terms for concluding the contract and the parties thereto, how the contract is concluded and its implications, examining the bill of lading and the liability of the maritime carrier, or any topic of the specific curriculum as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the concerned department.

MCL 641 Reorganisation and Bankruptcy Law – In Depth Studies

The course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum includes the bankruptcy study in terms of its definition, characteristics, purpose, types, and the conditions required by the reorganisation act and the bankruptcy. The specific curriculum includes an in-depth study of one of the topics of the reorganisation act and bankruptcy, such as imitating bankruptcy procedures, debtors and creditors lawsuits to initiate bankruptcy procedures and decide on their requests, or any topic of the specific curriculum that the course lecturer deems appropriate and approved by the concerned department.

ML611 Civil Law - In-Depth Studies

This course includes a "general" curriculum and a "specific" curriculum. The general curriculum examines some significant topics relating to private law in general, civil law and its sources, tortious liability and contractual liability and their provisions. The specific curriculum includes an in-depth study of a topic of civil law, such as the civil liability of the doctor, the provisions of the promise of an award through modern means of communication in the Civil Code, franchise agreements, liability for nuclear and radiological damage, civil liability of the real estate broker, civil liability of the judicial expert, personal data protection, compensation for variable damage under civil liability, or any other topic as deemed appropriate the lecturer deems and approved by the concerned department.

ML615 Electronic Communications and Transactions Law - in depth studies

This course includes a general and a specific curriculum. The general curriculum addresses a domestic in-depth legal study of the Electronic Communications and Transactions Law No. 54 of 2018 and a regional study in terms of concluding the electronic contract and the law applicable to electronic contracts and finding potential solutions to these difficulties. The specific curriculum addresses an in-depth analysis of one of the course topics, such as the authenticity of electronic records or any topic of electronic communications and transactions as deemed appropriate by the lecturer and approved by the department.

Thesis (MCL 600) - (9 credit hours)

MCL 600 Thesis

Thesis According to the specialized scientific research steps, this course is designed to prepare students to plan and implement an independent Master's Thesis in Commercial Law. The student is expected to use the skills of higher levels to conduct a critical evaluation of information to investigate a complex case and create creative solutions by adopting a structured methodology, reviewing the literature and analysing the relevant data, in order to reach research conclusions and appropriate recommendations that it shall contribute to achieving qualitative development at the professional and community levels. In the final version, the Thesis is subject to public defence, and its evaluation is based on the written and oral presentation, which are prepared according to the Thesis Handbook at Applied Science University.

(Pre-requisite: 21 Credit Hours including the Legal Research Methodology - In-Depth Studies (ML 601). In accordance with the postgraduate regulations in the ASU.



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Programme Details

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Programme Structure

Study Period

3 Years

Total Credit Hours

54 Credit Hours

Number of Courses

12 Courses + Dissertation
(18 Credit Hours)

Brief about the Programme

Elevate your academic and professional experience with the PhD in Business Administration programme, designed to qualify future leaders in business and scientific research, in collaboration with the World Islamic Science & Education University-Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

The programme equips you with tools for critical analysis and strategic thinking to deal with complex and unexpected market challenges through a balanced curriculum of theoretical and research courses, opening wide horizons to work in senior management positions, decision-making centres, and academic and research sectors in prestigious institutions inside and outside the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Aims of the Programme

1. Strengthen the theoretical, scientific, and practical aspects of graduates, to raise their competitiveness, efficiency, and effectiveness in business management fields.
2. Develop applied, analytical, and methodological skills professionally to evaluate and conduct research in business and related fields, through designing and conducting original research, encouraging scientific publication in accordance with research ethics standards.
3. Prepare distinguished scientific cadres with academic qualification and deep knowledge competency in business, capable of developing various business fields in the local, regional, and global market.
4. Develop communication skills, self-development, and evaluation of global practices in business management, supply the local and regional labour market with graduates at an advanced academic and professional level in business fields, to play their pioneering role in sustainable development and knowledge transfer to future generations.



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1. Chief Executive Officer
2. Entrepreneur
3. Expert in Public Sector Management
4. Expert in Private Sector Management
5. Strategic Consultant in HRM, PR & Management
6. Assistant University Professor
7. Business Management Analyst
8. Administrative Affairs Expert & Researcher

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; otherwise, the student must complete tests or 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 the first year. Students holding a degree from programmes taught in English are exempted from the English language requirement.



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No	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite Course	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
First Year – First Semester						
1	PBA701	Research Methods and Applied Statistics Seminar	-	3	12	10
2	PBA711	Strategic Human Resource Management	-	3	12	10
3	PBA721	Seminar in Production and Supply Chain Management	-	3	12	10
First Year – Second Semester						
1	PBA731	Advanced Management Studies	-	3	12	10
2	PBA741	Seminar in Financial and Monetary Markets	-	3	12	10
3	PBA734	Business Intelligence	-	3	12	10
Second Year – First Semester						
1	PBA702	Preparatory Course for Doctoral Dissertation	-	3	12	10
2	PBA751	Strategic Management and Planning	-	3	12	10
3	-	Elective Course	-	3	12	10
Second Year – Second Semester						
1	PBA703	In-Depth Studies on Advanced Administrative Issues	PBA702	3	12	10
2	-	Elective Course	-	3	12	10
3	-	Elective Course	-	3	12	10
Third Year – First Semester						
1	PBA799	Doctoral Dissertation	Credit Hours 27 / PBA701 / PBA702 / PBA703	18	36	10
Third Year – Second Semester						
1	PBA799	Doctoral Dissertation	-	-	36	10

Compulsory Program Courses (27 Credit Hours)						
No	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite Course	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
1	PBA701	Research Methods and Applied Statistics Seminar	-	3	12	10
2	PBA702	Preparatory Course for Doctoral Dissertation	-	3	12	10
3	PBA703	In-Depth Studies on Advanced Administrative Issues	-	3	12	10
4	PBA741	Seminar in Financial and Monetary Markets	-	3	12	10
5	PBA721	Seminar in Production and Supply Chain Management	-	3	12	10
6	PBA731	Advanced Management Studies	-	3	12	10
7	PBA751	Strategic Management and Planning	-	3	12	10
8	PBA711	Strategic Human Resource Management	-	3	12	10
9	PBA734	Business Intelligence	-	3	12	10

Elective Program Courses (9 Credit Hours)						
No	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite Course	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
1	PBA761	Advanced Marketing Management	-	3	12	10
2	PBA742	Investment and Portfolio Management	-	3	12	10
3	PAC713	Managerial Accounting	-	3	12	10
4	PBA752	International Business Management	-	3	12	10
5	PBA753	Entrepreneurship and Small Business Strategies	-	3	12	10
6	PBA722	Project Management	-	3	12	10
7	PBA712	Organizational Change and Development	-	3	12	10
8	PBA713	Knowledge Management and Technology	-	3	12	10
9	PBA733	Insurance and Risk Management	-	3	12	10

No	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite Course	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
1	PBA799	Doctoral Dissertation	27 Credit Hours PBA701 / PBA702 / PBA703	18	72	10

Compulsory Program Courses

PBA711 Strategic Human Resource Management

This course addresses human resource management from a strategic perspective, focusing on the role of HR decisions in building high-performance organizations and institutions. HRM is presented as a dynamic system that helps organizations adapt to rapid environmental changes. Key topics include reward systems, performance management, and the selection and retention of high-performing employees, with emphasis on the challenges managers face across various roles. Special attention is given to identifying, evaluating, and resolving problems, as well as highlighting the core strategies and functions of HRM and their importance in achieving organizational success and executing visions, along with HR planning and career path planning. (Prerequisite: None)

PBA751 Strategic Management and Planning

This course examines how an organization's strategy is built by defining its vision and mission and implementing strategic planning through setting future goals based on an analysis of the current situation. It aims to provide a comprehensive view of organizations that goes beyond simply linking various functional cycles, by exploring contemporary theories and practices across different fields. Topics include environmental scanning, corporate responses to environmental changes, sustainability, strategic and ethical behavior, industry analysis, and business globalization. The course enhances analytical, cognitive, and applied skills while providing details on organizational decision-making processes in a global context, as well as the scientific and analytical study of management cases from advanced organizations. (Prerequisite: None)

PBA702 Preparatory Course for Doctoral Dissertation

This course aims to enable students to prepare and present their doctoral dissertation proposal before the relevant committee and defend it in a public session. A student is considered successful upon the committee's acceptance of the submitted proposal and the student's successful completion of the public defense session. (Prerequisite: None)

PBA721 Seminar in Production and Supply Chain Management

This course aims to provide students with detailed critical knowledge and in-depth concepts in operations management, production, and supply chains in industrial and service organizations, and to develop their skills in using quantitative methods to address problems facing operations management in a changing work environment. Emphasis is placed on the trend toward large-scale service production and the globalization of production operations, alongside the expanded use of modern technology and the promotion of technological innovation. The course covers quantitative methods in areas such as demand forecasting, production capacity planning, internal layout design, work standards, production scheduling, inventory and quality control, Just-in-Time (JIT) supply systems, Material Requirements Planning (MRP), and maintenance, with a focus on achieving integration in material flow through supply chains (SC). (Prerequisite: None)

PBA701 Research Methods and Applied Statistics Seminar

This course is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct advanced scientific research. It covers the stages of scientific research, from problem identification and question formulation to study design and the selection of appropriate methodologies. The course also focuses on data collection and analysis techniques using quantitative and qualitative statistical methods, highlighting ethical issues and the reliability and validity of findings. It further addresses how to write, document, and discuss scientific research and academic theses, with a focus on applying statistical

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methods in the fields of management and accounting. Content includes types, characteristics, and steps of scientific research, data collection methods, sampling, research design, data review and coding, analysis, hypothesis testing, output interpretation, data presentation, and proper scientific documentation. (Prerequisite: None)

PBA741 Seminar in Financial and Monetary Markets

This course aims to provide students with the fundamentals of money and financial markets, focusing on their vital role in supporting saving, investment, and financing in the global economy. It covers the analysis of various financial instruments such as stocks, bonds, and money market instruments, as well as the rules of securities trading and financial market efficiency. It also focuses on investment strategies, portfolio management, central bank monetary policies, and the impact of interest rates, economic changes, and political developments on markets. The course includes a study of contemporary applications of securities instruments and markets and their impact on economic growth and liquidity provision, in addition to seminars on current trends in financial and monetary markets, an analysis of the challenges and opportunities facing investors, and an assessment of the impact of financial and monetary policies on securities markets. (Prerequisite: None)

PBA731 Advanced Management Studies

This course examines management concepts and principles from a comprehensive perspective, focusing on the philosophical and ethical foundations underpinning management. It includes exploration of management methods that uphold core values such as justice, transparency, and credibility, with an emphasis on how these principles are applied in different work environments. It also addresses contemporary management issues such as effective leadership, human resource management, and strategic decision-making, and aims to develop students' ability to integrate modern management knowledge with ethical principles to design innovative management models that address current challenges and respond to the demands of evolving work environments. (Prerequisite: None)

PBA703 In-Depth Studies on Advanced Administrative Issues

This course aims to familiarize students with various research approaches and models in the field of business administration, providing them with a comprehensive overview of the state of scientific research in areas of interest to faculty members, with a focus on current research issues in these fields. It also aims to develop students' skills in preparing and writing systematic literature reviews, supporting their ability to build a solid theoretical foundation for their research dissertations. The course serves as a platform for faculty members to present their research interests and ongoing projects, helping guide students toward selecting appropriate research areas and working on doctoral dissertations in collaboration with an academic faculty member. (Prerequisite: PBA702)

PBA734 Business Intelligence

This course aims to provide students with a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of the advanced principles and techniques of business intelligence and their applications in the modern business environment. It focuses on clarifying the relationship between managerial and technological aspects through the use of advanced data analysis techniques to support strategic decision-making. Students learn how to collect, store, and analyze complex data from multiple sources, in addition to using descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive analytics tools to provide strategic insights that help evaluate performance, discover trends, and develop policies. The course also covers artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques for developing smart systems that improve efficiency and support the resolution of complex problems in companies, enhancing innovation, institutional efficiency, and the achievement of competitive advantage in changing markets. (Prerequisite: None)

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PBA799 Doctoral Dissertation

This course is designed to prepare students to plan and execute a specialized doctoral dissertation in the field of business administration according to a rigorous scientific methodology based on the principles and steps of advanced scientific research. Students are expected to use higher-order skills to conduct critical evaluation of information in order to investigate and address a highly complex and non-routine research problem and develop innovative, evidence-based solutions. This is achieved through a structured methodological framework encompassing a systematic literature review and the collection and analysis of relevant data, with the goal of reaching sound research conclusions and practical, actionable recommendations that achieve a qualitative impact at both the professional and societal levels. The final version of the dissertation is subject to an oral and written presentation before the examination committee, and its evaluation is based on the student's adherence to the scientific and academic standards set forth in the approved thesis preparation guide of the Applied Science University. (Prerequisites: PBA701, PBA702, PBA703)

Elective Program Courses

PBA742 Investment and Portfolio Management

This course is designed to provide students with critical knowledge and comprehensive understanding of modern strategies for investment and portfolio management. It covers the assumptions, importance, determinants, and critique of Modern Portfolio Theory, as well as risk management, risk aversion, probability distributions, and return and risk measures. It also addresses optimal portfolio management and modern asset management strategies, including the Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM), Arbitrage Pricing Theory (APT), Sharpe and Markowitz models, the Treynor index, and stock selection applications. The course also covers efficient capital markets, advanced technical analysis and efficient market testing tools, behavioral finance and behavioral models, investment from an Islamic perspective, the legitimacy of investment portfolios and their risk management, as well as options contracts, swaps, financial derivatives, foreign investment risks, and exchange rate fluctuations. (Prerequisite: None)

PBA752 International Business Management

This course examines methods of managing and organizing multinational and transnational organizations, with a focus on identifying promising, emerging, and advanced markets and how to enter them and adapt to varying economic, social, political, and legal conditions. It combines theoretical and applied aspects through discussion of recent cases from international organizations and the presentation of effective strategies for dealing with the challenges of diverse business environments. The course aims to introduce students to international business and how organizations decide to expand internationally by understanding the cultures of communities in new markets, identifying appropriate leadership styles, designing international business strategies, managing international human resources, and selecting elements of international marketing. (Prerequisite: None)

PBA761 Advanced Marketing Management

This course focuses on the requirements for developing a marketing strategy for a business organization by understanding its integrative relationship with the organization's overall strategy. It addresses the importance of marketing decisions based on the results of strategic analysis of the marketing environment, as well as diagnosing gaps using appropriate analysis tools for the components of the marketing mix based on consumer trends. The course also covers international marketing in the context of globalization and prepares students to use monitoring mechanisms to evaluate marketing performance, with a focus on research and development in the marketing field. It includes the study of business markets, market segmentation, building business relationships, product and pricing strategies,

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traditional and electronic distribution channels, and communication and promotional tools. (Prerequisite: None)

PBA722 Project Management

This course focuses on reviewing fundamental and advanced concepts related to project management and organization, including feasibility studies, implementation, and progress monitoring, as well as identifying potential risks facing a project. It also covers the analysis of schedules and estimated budgets for each project. The course aims to familiarize students with how to successfully manage diverse projects by activating core management processes such as planning, organizing, directing, and controlling across all phases of the project lifecycle, with a focus on appropriate management strategies linked to the project type, contributing to the achievement of objectives efficiently and effectively and enhancing the ability to deal with complex challenges in dynamic work environments. (Prerequisite: None)

PBA713 Knowledge Management and Technology

This course covers the concept of knowledge management, the nature of knowledge and its relationship to technology, and the foundations of knowledge management such as infrastructure and knowledge management solutions, including the processes, systems, and organizational effects arising from them. It also addresses knowledge application systems and technologies, such as knowledge-using systems, knowledge capture systems that preserve and shape it, knowledge-sharing systems that organize and distribute knowledge, and knowledge discovery systems that secure knowledge. The course also focuses on emerging knowledge management practices and the factors influencing them, the role of leadership in evaluating knowledge management and its future, and how to create and mine knowledge repositories to enhance organizational performance and achieve competitive excellence in the changing international business environment. (Prerequisite: None)

PBA753 Entrepreneurship and Small Business Strategies

This course focuses on advanced concepts and theories in entrepreneurship and the study of recent developments in this field, in addition to the managerial philosophies and approaches associated with entrepreneurial strategies and small businesses. It covers the concept of entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurial personality, the evolution of related management concepts, and highlights the importance of entrepreneurial ventures at various levels and the entrepreneur's role in the success of small businesses, with an emphasis on their management, financing, and role in economic development. (Prerequisite: None)

PBA733 Insurance and Risk Management

This course aims to introduce insurance services and their marketing concept, comparing capitalist and socialist economic systems. It also addresses the concept of social solidarity from an economic perspective, in addition to studying the banking system. The course focuses on the principles and foundations of insurance in terms of philosophy, objectives, and types such as commercial, cooperative, social, and takaful insurance as well as commercial reinsurance. It also covers insurance management through the fundamental principles of solidarity and cooperation, studying and analyzing risk management across various types of insurance, and offering a comparison between conventional thought and traditional insurance management, thereby enhancing the understanding and application of risk management strategies in various economic contexts. (Prerequisite: None)

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PBA712 Organizational Change and Development

This course is designed to present the concept and origins of organizational development and theories of planned change, clarifying the characteristics and skills of organizational planning and change. It provides a detailed explanation of the stages of the general model of planned change, from entry and contracting, through diagnosis at various levels, to planning and implementing change through various organizational interventions. The course focuses on the importance of managing organizational development and change in facing the challenges organizations encounter and how to adapt to changing circumstances amid local and international competition, in addition to studying applied cases of organizations that have successfully adapted to change through effective organizational development strategies. (Prerequisite: None)

PAC713 Managerial Accounting

This course is designed to cover advanced skills and detailed critical knowledge in management accounting topics, including the role of contemporary management accounting in serving strategic management, management accounting in a big data environment in terms of cost and benefit, and modern continuous improvement strategies. It also covers the role of the sustainable balanced scorecard and strategy map in measuring and controlling performance, the use of contemporary methods for differential costs and value stream costing in strategic decision-making, modern Activity-Based Costing (ABC) systems, strategic planning and performance-oriented budgeting, variance analysis as a control tool for performance evaluation, the strategic role of responsibility accounting and decentralization, contemporary methods of total quality management, advanced tools for implementing cost and market strategy, and emerging ethical issues in management accounting and control systems. (Prerequisite: None)

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12 Courses + Dissertation
(18 Credit Hours)

Brief about the Programme

Embark on a distinguished academic journey with the PhD in Accounting programme, which offers a unique opportunity to develop your skills in accounting and finance, opening wide horizons for careers in senior accounting or financial positions.

The programme combines theoretical study, scientific research, and practical application, making it aligned with labour market requirements in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Arab Gulf states.

Through this programme, you will learn how to handle complex and non-routine issues in the world of finance and business, while developing your innovative thinking and strategic decision-making abilities. The programme was carefully designed to align with the ambitious economic visions of the region, in collaboration with the International Islamic Sciences University – Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Aims of the Programme

1. Strengthen the theoretical, scientific, and practical aspects of graduates, and raise their competitiveness, efficiency, and effectiveness in accounting fields.
2. Develop applied, analytical, and methodological skills professionally to evaluate and conduct research in accounting and related fields, and encourage scientific publication in accordance with research standards and ethics.
3. Prepare distinguished academic cadres with deep knowledge expertise in accounting, capable of developing economic, financial, and commercial activities in the local, regional, and global market.
4. Develop communication skills, self-development, and evaluation of global practices in accounting, to transfer knowledge to future generations and play a pioneering role in achieving sustainable development goals.



Career Paths

1. Expert in Managerial & Financial Accounting
2. Tax Accounts Manager
3. Audit Manager
4. Financial Analyst
5. Administrative & Financial Consultant
6. Risk & Investment Expert
7. Assistant University Professor
8. Financial Expert

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.
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Study Plan

No.	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
First Year – First Semester						
1	PBA701	Research Methods and Applied Statistics Seminar	-	3	12	10
2	PAC711	Advanced Auditing	-	3	12	10
3	PAC712	Seminar in Advanced Financial Accounting	-	3	12	10
First Year – Second Semester						
1	PAC713	Managerial Accounting	-	3	12	10
2	PAC714	Seminar in Accounting Theory	-	3	12	10
3	PAC715	Seminar in Accounting Information Systems	-	3	12	10
Second Year – First Semester						
1	PAC702	Preparatory course for Doctoral Dissertation	-	3	12	10
2	PAC721	Special Topics in Islamic Accounting	-	3	12	10
3	-	Elective Course	-	3	12	10
Second Year – Second Semester						
1	PAC703	In-depth Studies on Advanced Accounting Issues	PAC702	3	12	10
2	-	Elective Course	-	3	12	10
3	-	Elective Course	-	3	12	10
Third Year – Second Semester						
1	PAC799	Doctoral Dissertation	27 credits / PBA701 / PAC702 / PAC703	18	36	10
Year Three – Semester Two						
1	PAC799	Doctoral Dissertation	-	-	36	10

Compulsory Program Courses (27 Credit Hours)						
No.	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
1	PBA701	Research Methods and Applied Statistics Seminar	-	3	12	10
2	PAC702	Preparatory course for Doctoral Dissertation	-	3	12	10
3	PAC703	In-depth Studies on Advanced Accounting Issues	PAC702	3	12	10
4	PAC711	Advanced Auditing	-	3	12	10
5	PAC712	Seminar in Advanced Financial Accounting	-	3	12	10
6	PAC713	Managerial Accounting	-	3	12	10
7	PAC714	Seminar in Accounting Theory	-	3	12	10
8	PAC715	Seminar in Accounting Information Systems	-	3	12	10
9	PAC721	Special Topics in Islamic Accounting	-	3	12	10

Elective Program Courses (9 Credit Hours)						
No.	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
1	PAC716	International Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards(IFRS)	-	3	12	10
2	PAC717	Advanced Cost Accounting	-	3	12	10
3	PAC718	Advanced Financial Control	-	3	12	10
4	PAC719	International Auditing Standards	-	3	12	10
5	PAC722	Financial Management and Advanced Financial Analysis	-	3	12	10
6	PAC723	Econometrics	-	3	12	10
7	PAC724	Specialized Topics in Banking	-	3	12	10
8	PAC725	Tax Accounting and Zakat	-	3	12	10
9	PBA733	Insurance and Risk Management	-	3	12	10
10	PBA751	Strategic Management and Planning	-	3	12	10

No.	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
1	PAC799	Doctoral Dissertation	27 credits / PBA701 / PAC702 / PAC703	18	72	10

Compulsory Program Courses

PBA701 Research Methods and Applied Statistics Seminar

This course is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to conduct advanced scientific research. It covers the stages of scientific research, from problem identification and question formulation to study design and the selection of appropriate methodologies. The course also focuses on data collection and analysis techniques using quantitative and qualitative statistical methods, highlighting ethical issues and the reliability and validity of findings. It further addresses how to write, document, and discuss scientific research and academic theses, with a focus on applying statistical methods in the fields of management and accounting. Content includes types, characteristics, and steps of scientific research, data collection methods, sampling, research design, data review and coding, analysis, hypothesis testing, output interpretation, data presentation, and proper scientific documentation. (Prerequisite: None)

PAC702 Preparatory course for Doctoral Dissertation

This course aims to enable students to prepare their doctoral thesis proposal and present it before the relevant committee, defending it in a public session. A student is considered successful in this course upon the committee's acceptance of the submitted thesis proposal and the student's successful completion of the public defense session. (Prerequisite: None)

PAC703 In-depth Studies in Advanced Accounting Issues

This course aims to familiarize students with various research approaches and models in the field of accounting, and to provide them with a comprehensive overview of the state of scientific research in the specializations of interest to faculty members, with a focus on current research issues in these areas. It also aims to develop students' skills in preparing and writing systematic literature reviews, supporting their ability to build a solid theoretical framework for their research theses. The course serves as a platform for faculty members to present their research interests and ongoing projects, thereby guiding students toward selecting suitable research areas and working on doctoral theses in collaboration with academic staff. (Prerequisite: PAC702)

PAC711 Advanced Auditing

This course is designed to provide students with detailed critical knowledge and a deep understanding of core concepts in advanced auditing. It covers multiple topics including modern trends and strategic intelligence in auditing; the internal control system according to international standards for internal auditing and risk assessment in the control environment; and the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. It also covers audit program design, evidence collection, and audit reports; the use of the Six Sigma approach in advanced auditing; performance auditing and evaluation according to GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) standards and Sustainable Development Goals; and social and environmental auditing in the context of global warming and carbon emissions. The course further addresses professional ethical issues, accounting fraud, creative accounting, and the legal liability of auditors; corporate governance, financial control procedures, and cybersecurity; big data analysis and quality of financial reports; the role of oversight bodies in supporting transparency, integrity, and detecting financial and administrative corruption; and the use of computerized technologies and artificial intelligence to support digital auditing, with practical applications on reports from financial control bodies and audit firms. (Prerequisite: None)

PAC712 Seminar in Advanced Financial Accounting

Course Description

This course is designed to provide students with detailed critical knowledge and a deep understanding of core concepts in advanced financial accounting. Course topics are covered through research seminars addressing emerging issues in business combinations; contemporary applications of equity investments and accounting and reporting for investors; contemporary applications in the preparation of consolidated financial statements and consolidation techniques and methods; contemporary applications of intercompany transactions within a group relating to goods, fixed assets, and bonds; and emerging developments in financial derivatives, foreign currencies, and hedging activities; in addition to contemporary applications of financial statements in foreign currencies and emerging issues in the formation and liquidation of partnerships. (Prerequisite: None)

PAC713 Managerial Accounting

This course is designed to cover advanced skills and detailed critical knowledge in topics specific to managerial accounting, including the role of contemporary managerial accounting in serving strategic management; managerial accounting in a big data environment in terms of costs and benefits; and modern strategies for continuous improvement. It also covers the role of the Sustainable Balanced Scorecard and the strategic map in measuring and controlling performance; and the use of contemporary methods for differential costs and value stream costing in strategic decision-making. The course includes modern activity-based systems (ABC); strategic planning and performance-oriented budgeting; variance analysis as a control tool for performance evaluation; the strategic role of responsibility accounting and decentralization; in addition to contemporary methods for total quality management, advanced tools for implementing cost and market strategy, and emerging ethical issues in managerial accounting and control systems. (Prerequisite: None)

PAC714 Seminar in Accounting Theory

This course is designed to cover advanced skills and detailed critical knowledge in accounting theory. Course topics are addressed through research seminars covering accounting disclosure requirements and ethical responsibilities; accountability and its relationship to responsibility and accounting; measurement issues such as accounting for the effects of price and market changes; normative theories of accounting; various approaches to accounting theory; positive accounting theory; unregulated corporate reporting decisions; and systems-oriented theory considerations. The course also addresses broadening the scope of corporate accountability; emerging issues in integrating social and environmental reporting according to the latest relevant standards; leading approaches to dealing with individual and capital market reactions to financial reports; and critical perspectives on accounting and the development of the contemporary accounting model. (Prerequisite: None)

PAC715 Seminar in Accounting Information Systems

This course is designed to provide students with detailed critical knowledge and a deep understanding of core concepts in accounting information systems. Course topics are addressed through research seminars covering the contribution of artificial intelligence to the development of accounting information systems; the latest methods for designing and developing information systems according to modern approaches using expert systems; practical applications of emerging issues in information systems; leading methods for dealing with big data; internal control, security, and reliability of accounting information systems; cybersecurity and accounting information systems; electronic data auditing issues; expert accounting information systems and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals; and contemporary challenges of accounting information systems. (Prerequisite: None)

PAC721 Special Topics in Islamic Accounting

Course Description

This course is designed to provide students with critical knowledge and a deep understanding of Islamic accounting, covering diverse topics including the ethical framework of financial transactions in Islam; digitization and artificial intelligence applications in Islamic banks; financial innovation and sustainable financing in Islamic financial institutions; emerging topics in Islamic sustainability sukuk; sustainability issues, digital Islamic finance, and financial inclusion; Islamic insurance (Takaful) issues; contemporary accounting applications for Islamic finance formulas according to the latest Islamic accounting standards issued by the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI); cybersecurity and Islamic finance formula risk issues; modern strategies for crisis management from an Islamic perspective; challenges facing Islamic banks; Zakat accounting, Waqf accounting, and inheritance accounting; and the pioneering role of Islamic institutions in achieving comprehensive sustainability. (Prerequisite: None)

PAC799 Doctoral Dissertation

This course is designed to prepare students to plan and execute a specialized doctoral dissertation in the field of business administration according to a rigorous scientific methodology based on the principles and steps of advanced scientific research. Students are expected to use higher-order skills to conduct critical evaluation of information in order to investigate and address a highly complex and non-routine research problem and develop innovative, evidence-based solutions. This is achieved through a structured methodological framework encompassing a systematic literature review and the collection and analysis of relevant data, with the goal of reaching sound research conclusions and practical, actionable recommendations that achieve a qualitative impact at both the professional and societal levels. The final version of the dissertation is subject to an oral and written presentation before the examination committee, and its evaluation is based on the student's adherence to the scientific and academic standards set forth in the approved thesis preparation guide of the Applied Science University. (Prerequisites: PBA701, PAC702, PAC703)

Elective Program Courses

PAC716 International Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards(IFRS)

This course is designed to provide students with detailed critical knowledge and a broad and deep understanding of international accounting and financial reporting standards. It covers topics including the objective, importance, scope, applications, and analysis of international accounting and financial reporting standards; obstacles to their implementation; and the latest updates. It also addresses public sector international accounting standards; International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs); and contemporary practical applications of international accounting and financial reporting standards for the preparation of financial reports. (Prerequisite: None)

PAC717 Advanced Cost Accounting

This course is designed to provide students with deep knowledge and understanding of advanced cost accounting, and to demonstrate the strategic role of cost accounting in serving modern strategic management, providing a comprehensive view of the roles played by advanced cost accounting. It provides insight into both the role of the manager and the role of the accountant in the organization. Topics covered include: the nature, source, and purpose of management information; job costing; activity-based costing system design; process costing; inventory management strategy; Just-in-Time (JIT); simplified costing methods; variable and absorption costing; standard costs and variance analysis; joint products and by-products; strategic maps and the balanced scorecard. (Prerequisite: None)

Course Description

PAC718 Advanced Financial Control

This course is designed to provide students with detailed critical knowledge and a deep understanding of advanced concepts in modern trends in financial control. It covers the standards of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) and the Arab Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ARABOSAI); the design of audit programs and procedural plans for implementing advanced financial control procedures; and the government internal control system. It also covers international standards for internal auditing in the public sector and the risk-based internal auditing methodology; fundamentals of government auditing as an introduction to public sector auditing; modern tools for financial control bodies and investigative auditing; mechanisms and procedures for combating financial and administrative corruption; performance evaluation in the government sector; the use of artificial intelligence in general auditing; and the problems and challenges facing supreme financial control bodies. (Prerequisite: None)

PAC719 International Auditing Standards

This course is designed to provide students with detailed critical knowledge and a broad and deep understanding of international auditing standards. It covers topics including advanced strategies in auditing and account monitoring according to international auditing standards; the internal control system according to global internal auditing standards; the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing; professional conduct rules and ethics; International Standards for Quality Control, Auditing, Review, and Assurance Engagements; corporate governance; applications of international auditing standards to improve audit quality; the use of international auditing standards in auditing small and medium-sized enterprises; and the design of proposed audit programs according to international auditing standards. (Prerequisite: None)

PAC722 Financial Management and Advanced Financial Analysis

This course is designed to cover advanced skills and detailed critical knowledge in advanced financial management and financial analysis. Topics include the pioneering role of financial management in financing, financial planning, control, and financial disclosure operations, and the impact on financing decisions; modern theories of financial investment and portfolio management; leading approaches in credit analysis and performance evaluation; emerging topics in financial engineering and behavioral finance; principles for selecting the optimal financing structure; capital budgeting; merger and acquisition analysis techniques; and financial derivatives management. The course also covers types of financial analysis and the preparation of financial statements for analysis purposes; short-term and long-term debt management strategies in business organizations; risk management strategies; and emerging issues in advanced financial analysis and its strategic role in predicting corporate failure, insolvency, and bankruptcy, with practical applications of analytical models for predicting financial failure in industrial and banking companies. (Prerequisite: None)

PAC723 Econometrics

This course is designed to provide students with detailed critical knowledge and a broad and deep understanding to enable them to apply a set of advanced methods and deal with cases and studies requiring in-depth knowledge of econometrics and the standard multiple regression model. It also covers major econometric problems such as Heteroskedasticity, Serial Correlation, and errors in variables. Advanced topics include nonlinear regression and Dummy Variables; limited dependent variable models; Panel Data analysis; Time Series analysis (Integration and Cointegration); with the use of statistical software such as E-views and STATA. (Prerequisite: None)

PAC724 Specialized Topics in Banking

This course is designed to provide students with critical knowledge and comprehensive understanding of a number of topics, including green banking and its role in achieving sustainability; artificial intelligence and digital banking operations; sources and uses of funds in banks and cash reserve management; and crowdfunding through digital platforms. It also covers leading approaches in managing financing and investment formulas; investment fund management; mergers and acquisitions in the banking sector; risk management and future challenges for banks in the digital age; and leading approaches in human resource management to achieve sustainable development goals. It additionally addresses the strategic role of banks in applying anti-money laundering laws; emerging issues in banking supervision; and the classification and importance of feasibility studies in evaluating investment projects. (Prerequisite: None)

PAC725 Tax Accounting and Zakat

This course is designed to cover advanced skills and detailed critical knowledge in tax accounting and Zakat. It covers topics including the conceptual framework of tax accounting; the tax system and taxable and exempt income sources; tax assessment and withholding procedures, with selected applications for GCC countries; deductible and non-deductible expenses; tax return filing mechanisms and tax auditing; the impact of taxes on the state's general budget; emerging issues in dealing with double taxation; e-commerce and its impact on taxes; issues of discovering tax evasion and amendments to tax laws; contemporary methods for calculating value added tax; leading methods in Zakat accounting; in-depth readings in Sharia standards issued by the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI); and a comparison of tax systems with Zakat and the economic and social effects of each. (Prerequisite: None)

PBA733 Insurance and Risk Management

This course aims to introduce insurance services and their marketing concept, comparing capitalist and socialist economic systems. It also addresses the concept of social solidarity from an economic perspective, in addition to studying the banking system. The course focuses on the principles and foundations of insurance in terms of philosophy, objectives, and types such as commercial, cooperative, social, and takaful insurance as well as commercial reinsurance. It also covers insurance management through the fundamental principles of solidarity and cooperation, studying and analyzing risk management across various types of insurance, and offering a comparison between conventional thought and traditional insurance management, thereby enhancing the understanding and application of risk management strategies in various economic contexts. (Prerequisite: None)

PBA751 Strategic Management and Planning

This course examines how an organization's strategy is built by defining its vision and mission and implementing strategic planning through setting future goals based on an analysis of the current situation. It aims to provide a comprehensive view of organizations that goes beyond simply linking various functional cycles, by exploring contemporary theories and practices across different fields. Topics include environmental scanning, corporate responses to environmental changes, sustainability, strategic and ethical behavior, industry analysis, and business globalization. The course enhances analytical, cognitive, and applied skills while providing details on organizational decision-making processes in a global context, as well as the scientific and analytical study of management cases from advanced organizations. (Prerequisite: None)

PhD in Private Law

Programme Details

Final Qualification

PhD in Private Law

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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Year 1 – First Semester						
1	PRL701	Research Seminar in Comparative Law	---	10	12	3
2	PRL714	Advanced Studies in Law of Evidence in Civil and Commercial	---	10	12	3
3	PRL720	Advanced Studies in Commercial Law	---	10	12	3
Year 1 – Second Semester						
1	PRL713	Advanced Studies in Real Rights	---	10	12	3
2	PRL723	Advanced Studies in Industrial and Commercial Property	---	10	12	3
3	PRL730	Advanced Studies in Civil and Commercial Procedural Law	---	10	12	3
Year 2 – First Semester						
1	702PRL	Preparatory Course for Doctoral Dissertation	---	10	12	3
2	PRL722	Advanced Studies in Electronic Commercial Contracts	---	10	12	3
3	--	Elective Course	---	10	12	3
Year 2 – Second Semester						
1	PRL703	Advanced Studies in Selected Issues of Private Law	702PRL	10	12	3
2	--	Elective Course	---	10	12	3
3	--	Elective Course	---	10	12	3
Year 3 – First Semester						
1	PRL799	Doctorate Dissertation	PRL701 / PRL702 / PRL703	10	36	9
Year 3 – Second Semester						
1	PRL799	Doctorate Dissertation	Doctorate Dissertation	10	36	9

Programme elective courses (9 Credit Hours)						
No.	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
1	PRL711	Advanced Studies in Sources of Obligation	---	10	12	3
2	PRL712	Advanced Studies in Provisions of Obligation	---	10	12	3
3	PRL715	Advanced Studies in Insurance Contract	---	10	12	3
4	PRL716	Advanced Studies in Consumer Protection	---	10	12	3
5	PRL717	Advanced Studies in Private International Law	---	10	12	3
6	PRL721	Advanced Studies in Commercial Companies	---	10	12	3
7	PRL724	Advanced Studies in Investment Environment	---	10	12	3
8	PRL731	Advanced Studies in Commercial Arbitration	---	10	12	3
9	PRL732	Advanced Studies in Implementation Law	---	10	12	3

PRL 701 Research Seminar in Comparative Law

General programme: the concept, origins, importance, fields, methods and conditions of comparative law; classification of comparative legal families; comparison between different judicial systems. Specific programme: an advanced comparative study of a contemporary legal system approved by the Faculty Council.

Prerequisite: None

PRL 702 Preparatory Course for Doctoral Dissertation

Aims to enable the student to prepare a doctoral dissertation proposal, present it to the competent committee and defend it in a public session. A student is considered successful upon the committee's acceptance of the proposal and successful completion of the public defence.

Prerequisite: None

PRL 703 In-Depth Studies in Advanced Issues in Private Law

Familiarises students with various research approaches and models in private law, provides a comprehensive overview of current research in the relevant specialisations, develops skills in preparing systematic literature reviews, and serves as a platform for faculty to present their research interests and current projects, guiding students toward appropriate doctoral research topics.

Prerequisite: PRL 702

PRL 713 Advanced Studies in Real Rights

General: types of real rights, ownership rights and the powers they confer, and causes of acquiring ownership in Bahraini and comparative law. Specific: an in-depth study of newly established guarantees under the Law on Securing Rights over Movable Assets (concept, subject matter, contract formation, effects between parties and against third parties).

Prerequisite: None

PRL 714 Advanced Studies in Evidence Law in Civil and Commercial Matters

General: the law of evidence in Bahraini and comparative law (nature of proof, schools of thought, substantive and procedural evidence rules, and types of evidence — writing, testimony, presumptions, confession, oath and expert opinion). Specific: evidence by electronic means and its evidentiary value.

Prerequisite: None

PRL 720 Advanced Studies in Commercial Law

General: commercial law (nature, theory of commercial acts, the merchant and the commercial establishment in Bahraini and comparative law). Specific: reorganisation and bankruptcy law (definition, characteristics, purpose, types, conditions and procedures for opening bankruptcy proceedings).

Prerequisite: None

PRL 722 Advanced Studies in Electronic Commercial Contracts

General: the concept, importance, forms and nature of electronic commercial contracts in Bahraini and comparative law. Specific: a comparative study of topics such as smart contracts (provisions, execution, disputes), electronic payment, and electronic dispute resolution.

Prerequisite: None

PRL 723 Advanced Studies in Industrial and Commercial Property

General: definition, importance, types and legislative framework of industrial and commercial property rights in Bahrain and comparative law. Specific: an in-depth study of topics such as trademarks, patents, industrial designs, integrated circuit topographies, licensing agreements, compared with relevant international conventions.

Prerequisite: None

PRL 730 Advanced Studies in Civil and Commercial Procedure

General: the nature, sources and general rules of civil and commercial procedure; court composition; jurisdiction; and the theory of action in Bahraini and comparative law. Specific: an in-depth study of topics such as applications, defences, judgments and ordinary and extraordinary methods of challenge.

Prerequisite: None

PRL 711 Advanced Studies in Sources of Obligation

General: the philosophy of obligation in positive law, the personal and material theories of obligation, the jurisprudential basis of obligation in Islamic law, and the foundations of the Civil Code in Bahraini and comparative law. Specific: the concept of civil liability (contractual and tortious), manifestations of personal fault, corporate liability for harmful acts, liability for computer virus damage, the legal basis of supervisory and vicarious liability, and liability for mechanical devices.

Prerequisite: None

PRL 712 Advanced Studies in Rules of Obligation

General: execution of obligations (forms, extinction, assignment and protective actions). Specific: an in-depth study of obligations — conditions vs. terms (comparison of suspension and subsequent effects), alternative vs. optional obligations, joint creditor vs. joint debtor solidarity, and joint debt compared with creditor solidarity.

Prerequisite: None

PRL 715 Advanced Studies in Insurance Contract

General: insurance in Bahraini and comparative law — definition, types, general and specific rules for insurance against liability and life insurance. Specific: an in-depth study of a topic such as forfeiture of the insured's right and its conditions, or characteristics of life insurance such as the absence of an indemnity character.

Prerequisite: None

PRL 716 Advanced Studies in Consumer Protection

General: the philosophy of consumer protection in Bahraini and comparative law — definition of consumer, goods, services, supplier and advertiser, and the national consumer protection association. Specific: an in-depth study of a topic such as the consumer contract (parties, elements, formation, consumer rights, supplier obligations, joint liability, unfair terms) and consumer protection in the digital environment.

Prerequisite: None

PRL 717 Advanced Studies in Private International Law

General: the nature, general rules and sources of Private International Law; general theory of conflict of laws; assignment rules for personal status, legal persons and international jurisdictional rules in Bahraini and comparative law. Specific: proof and interpretation of foreign law, rights of aliens, conflict of laws in commercial obligations, and conflict of nationalities.

Prerequisite: None

PRL 721 Advanced Studies in Commercial Companies

General: commercial companies law (nature, incorporation, types and management) in Bahraini and comparative law. Specific: a comparative study of public joint-stock companies and modern corporate governance mechanisms.

Prerequisite: None

PRL 724 Advanced Studies in the Investment Environment

General: legislation and agreements relating to the investment environment in Bahraini and comparative law — philosophy, impact on the national economy, investor incentives and guarantees, foreign direct and indirect investment, and the role of relevant bodies. Specific: a topic such as the legislative stability clause and dispute resolution in investment contracts.

Prerequisite: None

PRL 731 Advanced Studies in Commercial Arbitration

General: arbitration law (nature, arbitration agreement, proceedings, effects, award issuance, correction and nullity) in Bahraini and comparative law. Specific: international commercial arbitration under UNCITRAL, ICC Paris rules, applicable law (procedural and substantive), enforcement of foreign awards, electronic arbitration and emergency arbitration.

Prerequisite: None

PRL 732 Advanced Studies in Execution Law

General: execution law in civil and commercial matters (concept, types, enforcement orders, court judgments, parties, methods of compelling payment, and execution procedures against movables and immovables). Specific: an in-depth study of a topic such as challenging execution judge decisions, public auction of debtor assets and distribution of proceeds.

Prerequisite: None

PRL 799 Doctoral Dissertation

Designed to prepare the student to plan and execute a doctoral dissertation specialised in private law on an independent basis. The student uses highest-level critical evaluation skills to investigate a highly complex, unexpected problem and devise creative solutions, adopting a structured methodology, literature review and data analysis. The dissertation is subject to a public defence evaluated on written and oral presentations according to ASU's Dissertations Guide.

Prerequisite: 27 Credit Hours

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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.



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 Sectors

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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Programme Study Plan						
No.	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
Year 1 – First Semester						
1	PRL701	Research Seminar in Comparative Law	---	10	12	3
2	PPL741	Advanced Studies in Administrative Law	---	10	12	3
3	PPL731	Advanced Studies in Criminal Law	---	10	12	3
Year 1 – Second Semester						
1	PRL713	Advanced Studies in Criminal Procedure Law	---	10	12	3
2	PRL723	Advanced Studies in Administrative Disputes	---	10	12	3
3	PRL730	Advanced Studies in Constitutional Law	---	10	12	3
Year 2 – First Semester						
1	PPL702	Preparatory Course for Doctoral Dissertation	---	10	12	3
2	PPL761	Advanced Studies in Public International Law	---	10	12	3
3	-	Elective Course	---	10	12	3
Year 2 – Second Semester						
1	PPL703	Advanced Studies in Selected Issues of Public Law	PPL702	10	12	3
2	-	Elective Course	---	10	12	3
3	-	Elective Course	---	10	12	3
Year 3 – First Semester						
1	PRL799	Doctorate Dissertation	PRL701 / PRL702 / PRL703	10	36	9
Year 3 – Second Semester						
1	PRL799	Doctorate Dissertation	Doctorate Dissertation	10	36	9

Programme elective courses (9 Credit Hours)						
No.	Course Code	Course Title	Prerequisite	ASU Credit	NQF Credit	NQF Level
1	PPL733	Advanced Studies in Cybercrime Law	---	10	12	3
2	PPL734	Advanced Studies in offenses against the security of the State	---	10	12	3
3	PPL763	Advanced Studies in International Environmental Law	---	10	12	3
4	PPL762	Advanced Studies in International Humanitarian Law	---	10	12	3
5	PPL743	Advanced Studies in a Public Office	---	10	12	3
6	PPL752	Advanced Studies in Constitutional Judiciary	---	10	12	3
7	PPL704	Advanced Studies in Media Legislation	---	10	12	3
8	PPL771	Advanced Studies in Public Finance and Tax Legislation	---	10	12	3

PRL 701 Research Seminar in Comparative Law

General programme: concept, origins, importance, fields, methods, conditions and applications of comparative law; classification of comparative legal families and criteria; comparison of different judicial systems. Specific programme: a comparative advanced study of a contemporary legal system of practical and academic significance (e.g. the Islamic inheritance system vs. English law; freedom of contract in European laws; the historical origins of property law in Roman law) or any other topic approved by the Faculty Council.

Prerequisite: None

PPL 702 Preparatory Course for Doctoral Dissertation

Aims to enable the student to prepare a doctoral dissertation proposal, present it to the competent committee and defend it in a public session. The student is considered successful upon acceptance of the proposal and successful public defence.

Prerequisite: None

PPL 703 In-Depth Studies in Advanced Issues in Public Law

Familiarises students with various research approaches and models in public law, provides a comprehensive overview of current research in faculty specialisations, develops skills in preparing systematic literature reviews, and serves as a platform for faculty to present current research projects. Used to apply scientific methodology to one or more contemporary public law topics to reach adequate legal solutions and innovative approaches.

Prerequisite: PPL 702

PPL 731 Advanced Studies in Criminal Law

General rules and the theory of criminal liability in Bahraini and comparative criminal law; crimes committed by artificial intelligence entities and the scope of criminal responsibility for such acts. Specific: an in-depth study of criminal participation (theory of the moral perpetrator, role of the instigator and accomplice and their relationship to the principal offender) or any other topic approved by the Faculty Council.

Prerequisite: None

PPL 741 Advanced Studies in Administrative Law

General rules of administrative law. Specific: a partial advanced study of an administrative law topic with philosophical comparative analysis (administrative decisions, administrative contracts, administrative police, newly developed principles such as legal certainty), all through comparative study in Bahraini and comparative law.

Prerequisite: None

PPL 751 Advanced Studies in Constitutional Law

General: the nature of constitutional law and contemporary constitutional systems. Specific: topics such as constitutional amendment and judicial review of amendments; legislative authority composition and competences; executive authority composition and competences; parliamentary dissolution; electoral guarantees; or parliamentary immunity in comparative constitutional systems.

Prerequisite: None

PPL 761 Advanced Studies in Public International Law

General: sources of Public International Law and its principles under the UN Charter. Specific: the state in international law, the evolution of sovereignty rules and the principle of use of force in public international law, through comparative study.

Prerequisite: None

PPL 732 Advanced Studies in Criminal Procedure Law

General: procedural rules governing the criminal case through all stages; the theory of nullity in criminal proceedings; general principles of fair trial; and alternatives to pretrial detention. Specific: an in-depth study of newly introduced mechanisms for terminating criminal action, assessing their advantages, disadvantages and ability to limit punitive inflation.

Prerequisite: None

PPL 742 Advanced Studies in Administrative Disputes

General: the nature of public administration disputes, methods of settlement, and administrative litigation in annulment and compensation (jurisdiction, procedures and judgments). Specific: a specific topic studied in depth and analytically, such as no-fault administrative liability and its applications in administrative judiciary.

Prerequisite: None

PPL 733 Advanced Studies in Information Technology Crimes

Covers legal protection of critical national infrastructure from cyber incidents (preventive measures and criminal prosecution), legal protection of digital personal data, an in-depth study of protections under Bahrain's IT Crimes Law and comparative laws, and protection of children from sexual exploitation and the electronic evidence chain.

Prerequisite: None

PPL 734 Advanced Studies in Crimes against State Security

General: the nature of crimes against state security (internal and external) and their general provisions. Specific: the legal structure of crimes against the state, guarantees for the accused, and an in-depth study of counter-terrorism legislation.

Prerequisite: None

PPL 763 Advanced Studies in International Environmental Law

Covers advanced topics in the development of international environmental law, its founding principles and analysis of international environmental treaties. Specific: an in-depth study of international liability in the field of environmental protection.

Prerequisite: None

PPL 762 Advanced Studies in International Humanitarian Law

Covers the origins, philosophy and major sources of IHL (Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols); fundamental principles, legal nature and sources; relationship with international human rights law; and newly protected categories, international penalties for violations and enforcement mechanisms.

Prerequisite: None

PPL 743 Advanced Studies in Public Service Law

Covers the evolution of the public service, the organisations and bodies overseeing it, the scope of human resources management, job grades, appointment, rights and duties, conduct rules, performance management, disciplinary procedures, and termination of public employment. Specific: an in-depth study of disciplinary liability (nature, the disciplinary action, investigation, trial procedures, sanctions and guarantees of a fair trial).

Prerequisite: None

PPL 752 Advanced Studies in Constitutional Judiciary

Covers the jurisdiction of constitutional courts in comparative systems, political and judicial review of constitutionality, and topics such as the standing requirement, treaty review, review of legislative omission, review of constitutional amendments, the constitutional court's role in interpreting constitutional provisions and ensuring legal certainty, and the effects and authority of constitutional court judgments.

Prerequisite: None

PPL 704 Advanced Studies in Media Legislation

Introduces insurance services and their marketing concept, compares capitalist and socialist economic systems, covers the concept of social solidarity from an economic perspective, studies the banking system, and covers the philosophy, objectives and types of insurance (commercial, cooperative, social, takaful, reinsurance), insurance management principles, risk management analysis and comparative strategies.

Prerequisite: None

PPL 771 Advanced Studies in Public Finance and Tax Legislation

Covers procedures for filing and auditing tax returns, the competent courts for tax disputes, tax administration powers, judicial oversight and litigation procedures at first instance, appellate and cassation levels. Specific: an in-depth study of a tax law topic such as evidence before the tax judiciary, assessment, taxpayer rights or tax equity.

Prerequisite: None

PPL 799 Doctoral Dissertation

Designed to prepare the student to plan and execute a doctoral dissertation specialised in public law on an independent basis. The student uses highest-level critical evaluation skills to investigate a highly complex problem and devise creative solutions. The dissertation is subject to a public defence evaluated on written and oral presentations according to ASU's Dissertations Guide.

Prerequisite: 27 Credit Hours

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