



Admission Policy

Admission to Ahlia University is selective based on academic achievements. Applications are welcomed from all students regardless of race, color, gender, religion, nationality or physical or learning disability. Admission is purely based on merit. Applicants are selected from the most promising of the eligible applicants and up to the limits of available space determined by the university. Ahlia University admits students to undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

1. Admission to Undergraduate Programmes

To be eligible for consideration for admission at the undergraduate level, an applicant should normally hold a recently issued recognized secondary school certificate or its equivalent. The requirements for admission stated by the University are in all cases the minimum demanded for admission, and their fulfilment by a candidate does not automatically ensure his /her selection.

Prior to enrolling at Ahlia University, citizens of non-GCC States should secure residence permits in the Kingdom of Bahrain; otherwise, their admission, will be conditional and subject to being rescinded at the discretion of the University.

1.1. Recognized Secondary Certificates.

- Bahraini secondary School certificate (Tawjihia).
- Secondary school certificates awarded by private secondary school in the Kingdom of Bahrain provided such certificates are endorsed by the Bahraini Ministry of Education.
- Arab secondary school certificates awarded by Arab Ministries of Education. Where applicable, the streams of these certificates are given the same consideration as the Bahraini Tawjihia.
- Any other certificates recognized by the Bahraini Ministry of Education as equivalent to a Tawjihia certificate.

1.2. Undergraduate Transfer Admission

The university accepts undergraduate programme applicants transferring from other recognized institutions of education. Transfer applicants are eligible for consideration for admission subject to meeting the following conditions:

- Completion of one or more semesters in the institution they are transferring from.
- Passing the English language proficiency requirements, if required.
- Submission of a copy of the official transcripts of the courses studied with the syllabi and description from the previous institution of higher education.

- Submission of a leave letter from transferring institution (stating reason for discontinuation).

Transfer applicants attempting to transfer credits earned from their previous institution of higher education may be granted credits for courses required in their new academic programme at Ahlia University according to the University transfer of credits rules and regulation which are in line with the with the Bahraini Higher Education Council transfer of credits regulations, which are as follows:

- The maximum number of credits that an undergraduate programme transfer applicant can be exempted from based on their prior education is 66% of the total number of credits required in the programme they applied for at Ahlia University.
- Equivalent credits/courses taken at previous higher education institution will be transferred only if;
 - The applicant has obtained a “C” grade or higher in the course
 - The course has an equivalent course in the new academic programme at Ahlia University
 - The course has an equal or higher number of credits to its equivalent course at Ahlia University.

The final approval on the transferred credits earned from their previous institution of higher education come from the Higher Education Council (HEC).

1.3. Orientation Programme

The Orientation Programme is a one-semester programme offered to full-time students, who intend to pursue their education at Ahlia University. The Programme aims at helping students develop proper study habits and skills, and to better prepare themselves for the initiation of their university work. The programme consists of a core of two subjects, English and Mathematics.

1.4. Placement Tests

The university administers placement tests in English language and Mathematics. Students who pass these exams are exempted from the orientation programme.

2. Admission to the Postgraduate Programmes

Admission to the Master’s Degree programmes is contingent on the applicant demonstrating sufficient academic preparation at the undergraduate level, to warrant a prediction of scholastic success at the postgraduate level.

2.1. Entry Requirements

Ahlia University accepts Master programme applicants holding undergraduate degrees to join the University as new students provided that they meet the entry and application requirements set by the University and are in-line with the Bahraini Higher Education Council requirements;

- Applicants must hold at least a Bachelor's Degree that is recognised and endorsed by the Higher Education Council (HEC) in Bahrain and the Bahraini Ministry of Education.
- Applicants must demonstrate a satisfactory level of English proficiency, if English language is the primary language of instruction at undergraduate level.

Applicants should normally possess a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or its equivalent. Applicants with a GPA of less than 2.5 will be given conditional acceptance.

Candidates applying for the Master of Science Degree in Engineering Management must meet the entrance requirements of the School of Engineering and Applied Science in the George Washington University, USA. The final acceptance for joining the programme will be decided by the George Washington University, USA.

The Admissions Committee reserves the right to stipulate deficiency requirements to any applicant offered admission where, in the judgment of the Committee, the mastery of the relevant subject matter has not been conclusively demonstrated by the academic transcript.

2.2. Master's Degree Transfer Admission

Master's degree candidates transferring from a recognized institution of higher education are eligible for consideration for admission subject to meeting the following conditions:

1. Successful completion of one or more semesters in the institution they are transferring from.
2. Leave letter from transferring institution (stating reason for discontinuation).
3. Submission of official transcripts of the courses studied with the syllabi and descriptions.
4. The maximum number of credits that a postgraduate transfer applicant can be exempted from is 50% of the total number of credits required in their postgraduate degree at Ahlia University.
5. The dissertation course cannot be transferred.

Postgraduate transfer applicants may be given transfer credits for courses required in their new programme:

1. If there is a matching and/or equivalent course in their new programme at Ahlia University.
2. If they have obtained a "C" grade or higher in the courses studied in the previous higher education institution.