

الجامعة الأهلية  
AHLIA UNIVERSITY  
BAHRAIN

# UNDERGRADUATE PROSPECTUS





# Your global future begins here



Artist's impression of the new Ahlia University campus at Al Madina Al Shamaliya.



**100%**  
Success rate  
in BQA reviews

**28** student  
nationalities  
**at Ahlia**

**70+**  
activities  
to get involved in  
each year

**2038**  
students currently  
studying on Ahlia  
programmes



**1st** fastest  
rising  
university  
in the Arab Region



one of the top  
**3.5%**  
universities in Arab Region

**12** bachelor's  
programmes  
available to study  
**at Ahlia**



**80%**  
of Ahlia graduates  
are in work or  
further study

(AU alumni survey data)

**53** training  
companies  
& employers  
at Ahlia Careers Day 2017

**90%**  
student satisfaction  
with Ahlia's workplace  
internship course

**300+**  
courses available  
to study on our  
bachelor's programmes

**3 million**  
resources in our  
**library**

**2** PhD  
programmes  
available at Ahlia

## Foreword **Founding President**

I am delighted to write a foreword for the Ahlia University's Prospectus.

Ahlia University was established to achieve the highest level of excellence in education and research. We collaborate with international universities because we hold the view that to be a global citizen, our students need a global education. Our programmes are academically rigorous, with a global perspective, the knowledge and skills content required in today's world underpinned by a broad-based curriculum and many extra-curricular activities, because we believe that university education should provide opportunities for personal as well as academic growth.

Since our founding in 2001 and the admission of our first 50 students in 2003, Ahlia University has grown to become an internationally recognised university with affiliations to many prestigious institutions around the world and a well-deserved reputation for excellence and innovation.

We are now on the threshold of an exciting new phase: relocation to a purpose-built, state-of-the-art campus in Al Madina Al Shamaliya. In February 2016 we were honoured to hold the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony under the Patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Ahlia University's Vision and Strategy focuses on elevating the social and living standards of society through the education we provide. In this way we contribute to the future of our students, of the Kingdom and of the wider world.

We believe that we offer our students the best start for their global future.

We hope that you will join us and become part of our story.

**Professor Abdulla Al Hawaj**

Founding President and  
Chairman of Board of Trustees





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# President of **Ahlia University**

## *Welcome...*

I am very glad that you are thinking of applying to Ahlia University.

At Ahlia we pride ourselves on being the top-ranked private university in Bahrain. We achieved this position by offering high quality education and high quality experience, because we know how important it is for students to gain the knowledge and skills that will help them in their careers and throughout their lives.

Ahlia education gives you the chance to study with world standard faculty, to explore your interests, to engage with the community, and to gain real-life practical experience. Ahlia programmes are highly-rated by external quality assurance authorities and Ahlia graduates are highly-valued by employers. Whatever your future plans are, Ahlia education will help you get there.

In this Prospectus you will read about our wide range of programmes, our quality, our facilities and services, and our reputation across the world. You will hear from our students, from our graduates, from our faculty, and from some of the many employers who have links with us.

More than all of this, you will find out what makes Ahlia University special – the extra ingredient that comes from being part of a family, which is the meaning of the Arabic word “Ahlia”. We want to make your Ahlia experience the best it can be, while you are a student and throughout your life.

I very much hope that you will want to become an Ahlia family member and look forward to welcoming you in person.

**Professor Mansoor Alaali**  
President



# President of **Student Council**

## *Hello!*

Welcome to Ahlia – your second home

I'm loay, Ahlia University's student council president. Currently I'm in my fourth year as a banking and finance student. Here in Ahlia, we have a very friendly and warm environment making it an ideal place for all.

When I was in my senior year and seeking university options, Ahlia stood out to me for what it offers from extra activities and what I heard from my friends on how Ahlia University prioritizes their students.

Being a part of Ahlia's family will provide you with endless opportunities, you will take part in several activities that are enjoyable and beneficial through which you'll be able to learn more about what might interest you.

It's an honor to welcome you into being a part of Ahlia's family, where you will be guaranteed top education, wonderful experience and a loving environment.

Wishing you a delightful experience!

**Loay Mubarak**  
Student Council President





# Success from the Best





Success from the Best...

# ...Academic Quality

At Ahlia University we offer the best academic quality, to help you to success.

From our first beginnings we developed our programmes based on the best international examples and we continue to measure (benchmark) ourselves against the best, so that our students benefit.

### BEST QUALITY JUDGEMENTS

And it's not only our belief that Ahlia provides the highest quality teaching and learning - Bahrain Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA) reviews our programmes regularly and their reports show that we are the top private university in the Kingdom. To date we have received "Confidence" (BQA's top judgement) for our programmes that have been reviewed.



### BEST QUALITY FACULTY

Our faculty come from almost 30 different nationalities and hold credentials from some of the best universities in the world, ensuring we provide our students with a high quality education and prepare them for today's global world.



### BEST QUALITY PARTNERSHIP

We have collaborations with high-quality universities and other institutions to ensure that our programme provision is innovative and unique.

### BACHELOR'S DEGREES

- Accounting & Finance (2015)
- Banking & Finance (2015)
- Computer & Communication Engineering (2016)
- Distributed Systems & Multimedia (2014)
- Economics & Finance (2015)
- Information Technology (2014)
- Management & Marketing (2009 and 2015)
- Management Information Systems (2015)
- Mobile & Network Engineering (2016)
- Physiotherapy (2012)

### MASTER'S DEGREES

- Information Technology & Computer Science (2011 and 2014)
- MBA Business Administration (2012 and 2015)

BQA also undertakes institutional quality reviews of all the universities in the Kingdom. Ahlia's institutional review took place in 2009/10 and Ahlia received an excellent report. We were also the only university (public or private) that was judged to have made "Good" progress in the follow-up review.

Our quality achievements in programme and institutional reviews were highlighted by the BQA in their Annual Report 2010 and Ahlia University featured as a "Success Story" in their Annual Report 2013.

In addition, our programmes are listed on Bahrain's National Qualification Framework (NQF) which is another review and validation scheme that guarantees their quality. Although the NQF process is in its early stages, Ahlia was one of the first two universities to be included in the Institutional Listing and already our Bachelor's Degree in Banking & Finance has been included in the 7 programmes listings.

- The QQA is the independent agency mandated by Bahrain's Government to evaluate academic programmes at public and private educational institutions. Its Directorate of Higher Education Reviews conducts quality reviews of institutions and programmes - see <http://www.qqa.gov.bh/En/QQAetUnits/SRU/Pages/DHR.aspx>
- QQA Review Reports are available on their website [http://www.qqa.gov.bh/En/Reports/UniReports/Pages/UniDetailedInformation.aspx?UName=Ahlia%20University%20\(AU\)](http://www.qqa.gov.bh/En/Reports/UniReports/Pages/UniDetailedInformation.aspx?UName=Ahlia%20University%20(AU))
- More information about the NQF on its website <http://www.qqa.gov.bh/En/QQAetUnits/NQFU/Pages/NQF.aspx>
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- NQF Qualification Listings website <http://www.qqa.gov.bh/En/QQAetUnits/NQFU/Pages/Qualifications-Reports.aspx>

### BEST PROGRAMME DESIGN

We design our programmes to provide academic challenge and real-world relevance. Our students have the opportunity to study with well-qualified faculty. Our outstanding placement scheme helps ensure that our highly sought-after graduates are ready to meet the evolving needs of employers.

All our programmes are designed to have learning outcomes that cover knowledge and understanding; subject-specific skills; critical thinking skills and essential transferable skills.



### What does this mean for me?



- Quality endorsed programmes
- Education that meets global standards
- Lecturers with international qualifications and experience

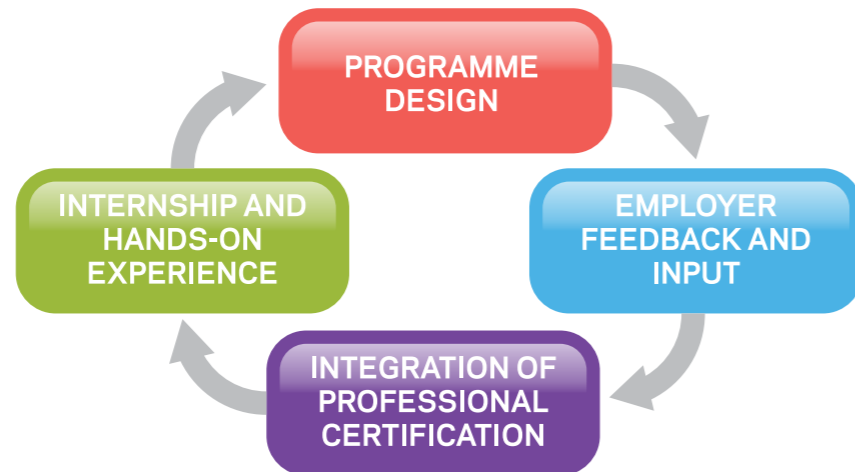


Success from the Best...

# ...Employability Skills

A degree from Ahlia is a great thing to have, because employers know that Ahlia family members are special!

We design our degree programmes to give you the best start to your working life. Employability skills are embedded into our programmes in four ways:



**1 Programme Design**

We undertake market studies and benchmarking to ensure we meet the best educational standards and employer requirements; and we ensure that our courses all contain theoretical knowledge; subject-specific skills; critical thinking; and essential transferable skills

**2 Employer feedback & input**

College Advisory Boards include employers from relevant business sectors to ensure our programmes meet market needs.

**3 Internships & hands-on experience**

All our programmes have an Internship to help you prepare for the world of work. Read more details on page 25.

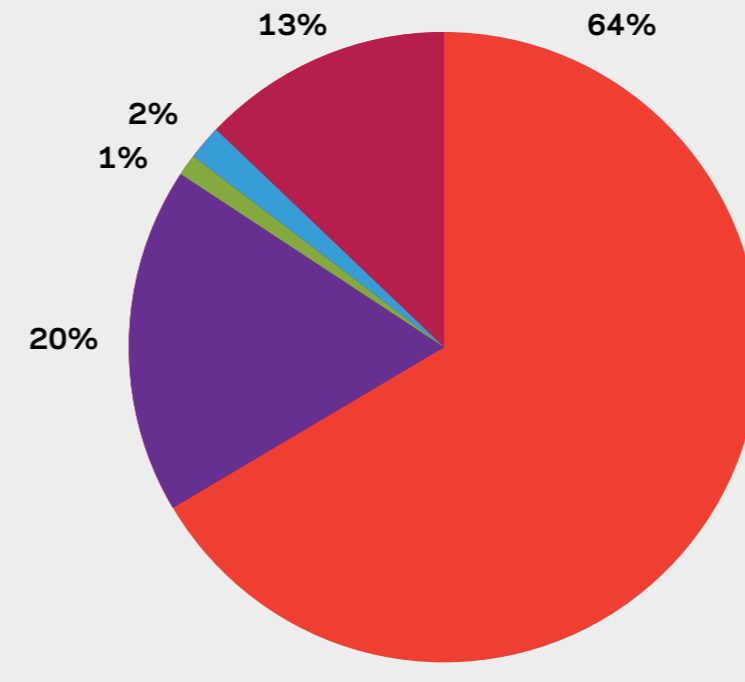
**4 Integrated professional certification**

Current professional certifications and exemptions include Cisco Professional Certificate; Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer; and professional exemptions by the UK's Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).



"We give preference to AU graduates when we are hiring and we value them because of their quality. They have good preparation for work in terms of skills by the time they come to their jobs in the corporate environment"

**Saidul Arfin**  
Head of Regional Recruitment, Jawad Business Group



Our graduates are really successful at getting jobs – surveys show that 80% are employed, including some running their own businesses.

- Employment (degree-related field)
- Employment (other field)
- Other (including own business)
- Further study
- Not working

**AND... 80% of employers are happy too!**

"We value AU graduates because they display signs of using problem solving skills and critical thinking at work. They are also open to trying new things"

**Dr Suzanne White**  
Managing Director,  
Oasis Training Centre

Careers Days every year are a chance for Ahlia students to meet employers and learn about internships and job opportunities. In 2016/17, a record number of 53 employers attended the Careers Day and there were also 6 workshops about the job market, delivered by speakers from Ahlia, Bahrain and beyond.



**What does this mean for me?**

- Programmes designed to suit your career goals
- Learning based on real-world case studies
- A head-start in the job market



Success from the Best...

# ...Global Connections



*Being part of our family means having links with family members across the world!*

Students from almost thirty different nationalities; faculty and staff from over twenty different nationalities – your Ahlia experience is a truly international education and a fantastic preparation for your future as a citizen of our global community.

Ahlia has established connections with well-respected universities across the world, to bring our students the best academic experience and to achieve our vision of being an outstanding regional and international academic institution.

Our partnerships mean that you benefit from programmes with an international outlook; an exchange programme which allows you to spend a semester abroad and brings students from other countries to study here; a multicultural faculty with global experience; and student community drawn from all over the world.

All of this results in an academic education which considers global issues and offers real inter-cultural experience.

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

1. George Washington University, USA
2. Brunel University, UK

## INTERNATIONAL LINKS

3. CERN, Switzerland
4. University of Wisconsin-River Falls, USA
5. Philadelphia University, Jordan
6. Keimyung University, South Korea

## INTERNATIONAL STUDY

7. Brunel University, UK
8. EPITA (Graduate School of Computer Science), France
9. EPITECH (European Institute of Technology), France
10. ISG (High Institute of Management), France



# ...Student Experience



**"For me the best thing about Ahlia is that it feels like you are part of a super educated family."**

Jamal Al Seeb  
Mass Communication & Public Relations  
Bahraini

"Courses at Ahlia are challenging and practical but most importantly fun & exciting."

Vita Abdulla  
Management & Marketing  
Lithuanian

**"Always follow your dreams when choosing your degree programme and Ahlia will help you achieve them."**

Mohamed Altaweel  
Mobile & Network Engineering  
Bahraini

**"Ask yourself deep down what you want to be and all your dreams will come true at Ahlia, the best University in Bahrain."**

Ahmed Alhayki  
Interior Design  
Bahraini

**"Ahlia University is really flexible. I work full time and have still managed to study and achieve a good GPA."**

Fahad Naqi  
Management & Marketing  
Bahraini

**"I'm speechless to describe their love and how well they treat their special needs students as I am one of them."**

Maryam Alkhajah  
Mass Communication & Public Relations  
Bahraini

**"By choosing to study at Ahlia, I have secured a bright and successful future."**

Nawal Eltahir  
Banking & Finance  
Sudanese

"The supportive environment, the continuous guidance and the excellent teaching are all reasons why students should be part of Ahlia."

Ahmed Al Ghamdi  
Accounting & Finance  
Saudi

**"The friendly and open environment has provided me with an experience that I will cherish forever."**

Salek Akbar  
Economics & Finance  
Bangladeshi

**"I have had a great time at Ahlia. The best days of my life so far."**

Juma Alkhanaizi  
Physiotherapy  
Bahraini

"Best time of my life. Professor Abdulla Al Hawaj (the founder of Ahlia University) was so generous with his advice."

Mohammed Ashoori  
Multimedia Systems  
Bahraini

**"Ahlia has given me the opportunity to change my life."**

Taghreed Al Matouk  
Information Technology  
American



# Real People, Real Stories

## Real Success

### Student

I chose the Economics and Finance bachelor's programme at Ahlia University for the reason that economics is a subject of vast theories and concepts which makes it one of the most open subjects available. Its concepts can not only be used for government policies but also in one's daily life. Furthermore, different theories have formed different schools of thought, which has encouraged me to think from different points of view.

The programme is built to prepare economics students for the rigour and trials in the practical economics fields and furthermore, the double major is designed to meet the labour market demands to create informed graduates attaining knowledge via the two subjects.

My dream and aim is to research and come up with economic theories, test their validity and implement them in our everyday modern lives. As a researcher I would be contributing, not only to my field, but also to improving our lifestyles.

#### Salek Akbar

Economics & Finance  
2nd year  
Bangladeshi



### Alumnus

I chose the accounting & finance degree at Ahlia University primarily for its ranking as Bahrain's top private university and also the reputation of the University.

The outline of the programme suited me as I particularly wanted to do a joint major. I have to say that the accounting and finance programme has helped me a lot in my current work position as a product development specialist especially the accounting aspect of my work.

I was fortunately very lucky as I secured my current job in the organisation where I took my Ahlia internship. On completing my internship the company called me in for an interview and offered me a position.

I always felt at home at Ahlia University, the staff and the faculty members are very helpful and friendly. My role on the social activities committee really helped me a lot and I gained a huge amount of self-confidence. To future students thinking of applying I would say to choose a programme you are passionate about for there is sure to be a future job for you.

#### Khalid Bardooli

Accounting and Finance graduate, 2012  
Product Development Specialist, Kuwait Finance House  
Bahraini



### Employer

Batelco through its leadership role in Bahrain is proud to support Bahraini students and help them to choose their career paths and guide them to develop their skills. We highly value our internship programme with Ahlia University and gain great benefits from the energy and creativity the students bring to the workplace, while the students benefit from the experience and knowledge contributed from Batelco employees.

We believe that students from Ahlia University and across the whole Kingdom are the engine of growth and the most valuable resources for the future.

My advice for students thinking about going to university would be to aim high to be the best you can, strive to be productive, creative and always continue with self-development.

The top five skills that I would recommend for graduates would be teamwork, communication, leadership, strong work ethic and integrity. These are essential skills and values that will support career success.

#### Eng Muna Al Hashemi

CEO  
Bahrain Telecommunications Company (BATELCO)  
Bahrain



### Lecturer

Dr Dalia graduated from the Faculty of Physiotherapy, Cairo University in 1996 and finished her internship in 1997. She continued her postgraduate studies and got her Masters in 2002 and PhD in 2006. She worked as an assistant Professor in the Faculty of Physiotherapy, Cairo University. Dr Dalia joined Ahlia University in 2009 and she was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. Dr Dalia's interests are in women's health and she has published many papers in refereed journals. She is a reviewer and editorial board member in a number of a well-known journals.

Dr Dalia is an Associate Professor of Physiotherapy in the College of Medical & Health Sciences. Dr Dalia has a great passion of teaching. With 18 years experience, Dr Dalia's research interest is musculoskeletal and biomechanical issues and she has carried out extensive research in this subject.

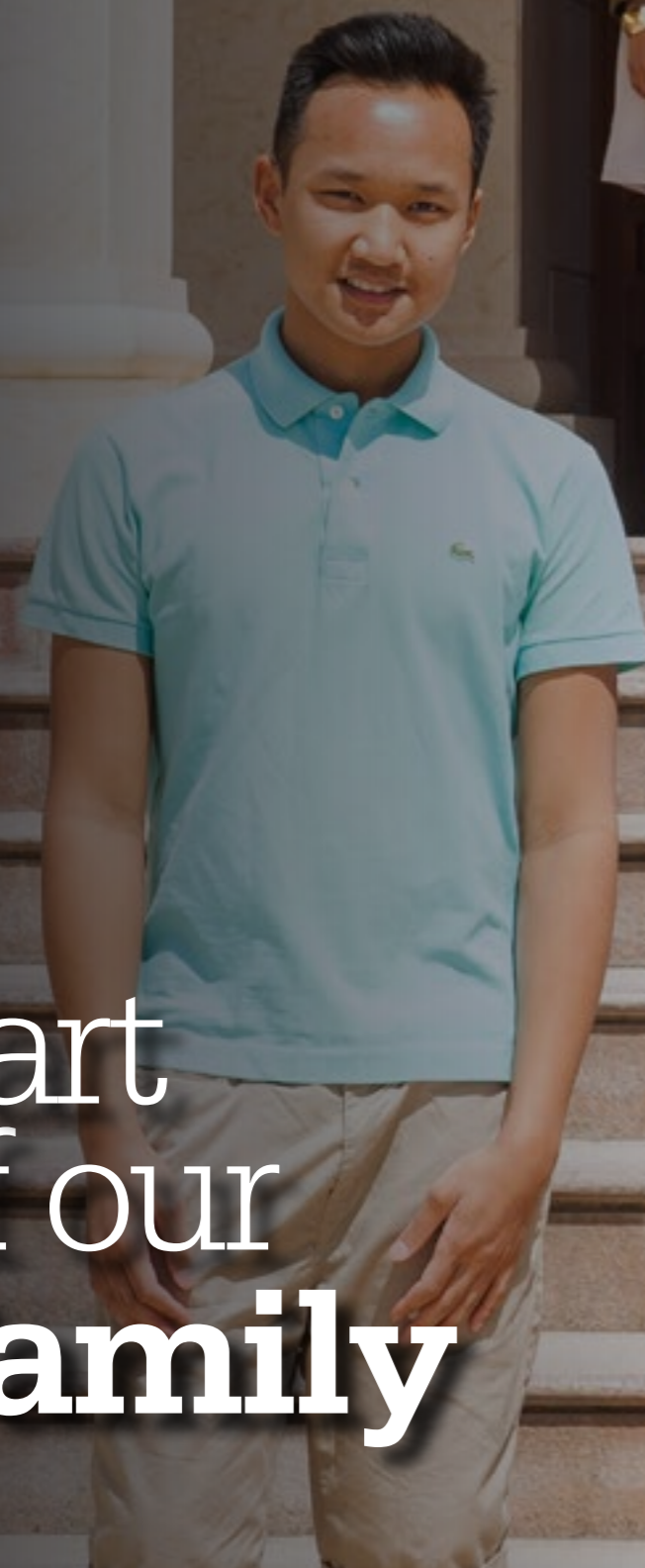
#### Dr Dalia Kamel

Associate Professor  
College of Medical & Health Sciences  
Egyptian





Spring Sale in Dubai  
Monday - Thursday  
8:00 am - 10:00 pm  
Friday  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm



Part  
of our  
**Family**



# Learning to Learn

When you join our family, we want to help you succeed in your studies.

At Ahlia, we know that being a university student is different from being at school and we provide the kind of resources you need.

### Experienced faculty and staff

We have a great team to support you on your academic journey: all of our faculty are experts in their subject and the majority hold a PhD or other doctorate qualification.

Our faculty work with a dedicated team of technical staff who look after labs, IT and facilities and all of them are supported by a great group of administrative staff who bind our operation together.

All of us are here at Ahlia, ready and willing to support you!

### Library

Ahlia's Library holds over 9,000 printed volumes, ranging from reference books, periodicals, journals, pamphlets and newspapers to theses and dissertations, and covering all the subjects we teach. In addition, the Library also provides access to over 3 million online resources including e-books, e-magazines, e-journals and e-dissertations. Our e-resources cover all our taught subjects and provide students with a "virtual library" which is available 24 hours each day, 7 days each week.

The Library also offers internet access and Wi-Fi; photocopying and printing; staff-assisted search; a special collections area; reading and study rooms; and of course briefing sessions on how to use our resources.



### Information Technology

Our Information & Communication Technology Centre is the department which provides our Wi-Fi, computing services, IT lab support - in fact all the technology you need to support your learning.

### Moodle

Ahlia uses the Moodle virtual e-learning platform to make course materials available and for you to submit your assignments the easy way - online!

### Self-service student records

You will get a private username to access your programme record on ADREG, our student record system, so you can register for courses; update contact information and view your transcript.

### Student-centred learning

We use a variety of teaching methods, including face-to-face lectures, seminars, tutorials and practicals, supported by e-learning resources. All of these provide a



- Faculty
- Administrative staff
- Technical staff

framework for your independent studies. This blended approach will enable you to develop the intellectual and technical skills you need to succeed in your subject and to succeed in the future.

*"Ahlia provides all the extra help and support you need, even if you are starting from scratch. I had been raising my family since I left school, so I didn't know anything about computers. I received extra support when I started and am loving my IT degree, especially the programming. I want to do a master's programme when I finish!"*



**Taghreed Al Matouk**  
Information Technology  
American

### What does this mean for me?

- Access to great academic and technical resources
- Support as you develop degree-level learning skills
- Access to course materials wherever you are

# Internships

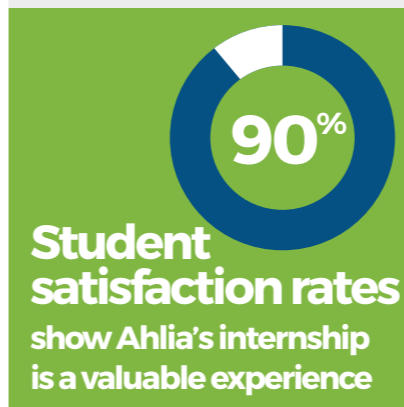
As part of the Ahlia family, we want to help with your future.

We know that getting a good job is important to you, so our programmes all have an internship, where you will spend time with a relevant employer, discovering what it is like in the working world, gaining more practical skills and maybe even a potential opportunity for future employment.

Thanks to our close contacts and collaborations with many companies and major employers, we can offer you a wide variety of opportunities for your internship, giving you a chance to experience working life and a head-start for your career.

Your internship is a six-credit course and it is graded so that it contributes to your GPA. It is taken in your final year, so by this time you will have developed a lot of skills and knowledge, which you will be able to apply in a real-life working situation.

Internships are arranged through our Professional Relations team, which coordinates with public and private sector companies and organisations to help you find the perfect position. You can also identify an organisation yourself and PR will make the arrangements; you can even take your internship abroad!



*"We notice that AU interns working with us acquire the culture of work and learn workplace discipline and skills that are needed in their employment"*

**Abdullah Abdulla**  
Manager of Media & Public Relations,  
Telecomms Regulatory Authority

*"I really loved my internship. It gave me the chance to experience life in my chosen profession of marketing and now I am really keen. Also I have been offered a job in a marketing agency, so this has focused me even more on my studies"*

**Yousif Abdulla**  
Management & Marketing  
Bahraini



### What does this mean for me?

- Real-life work experience to add to your academic learning
- Contact with employers before you start looking for a job
- Support from our experienced Professional Relations Team



# Study Abroad

The Ahlia family spreads across the world to form a global community.

We want our family's student members to gain the broadest international education and we believe that this isn't limited just to your studies, it's also about your experience. That's why we offer opportunities to study abroad, so you have the chance to live and study in other dynamic cities – as part of your programme!

Our exchange programmes works both ways – they are open to Ahlia-based students wishing to study abroad and to international students looking to get a taste of Bahrain's welcoming culture and Ahlia's quality education. This means that you will also meet students from other countries here at Ahlia.

## WHERE CAN I GO...?

At the moment, you can choose to go to either London, UK (Brunel University) or Paris, France (Epita, Epitech or ISG) ...and our networks are growing, so your choice of destinations for study abroad is also increasing.

## WHAT CAN I DO...?

Semester abroad: as part of your programme, you can choose to take one or two semesters abroad during your third year – the courses you take will usually contribute credits to your programme.

Summer school: you can also take a summer session at one of our partner universities – these courses will not necessarily contribute credits to your programme.

Ahlia's International Relations Directorate works with academic departments to advise on choices, assess courses here and abroad so it's clear which ones can contribute credits to your programme and then makes all the arrangements for the students.



# Why Paris?

- Coffee & Croissants
- The Louvre
- The Eiffel Tower
- Champs Elysees
- The Mona Lisa
- "Ooh La La"

## WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE TO DO A SEMESTER ABROAD...?



"I spent my semester abroad in Paris, France. As well as learning a new programming language, it was special because I have never been on my own in another country before and it taught me that I can count on myself and I don't need to depend on others to do so.

Another highlight was the friends I made and the people I met, it's nice to learn about new cultures and traditions. The whole experience was so very different and absolutely fantastic."

**Wafa Alsammak**  
Management Information Systems  
Bahraini



# Why London?

- Fish and chips
- Buckingham Palace
- London Eye
- Harrods
- Hyde Park
- Big Ben



## What does this mean for me?

- Increase your confidence through an amazing experience
- Widen your cultural awareness and become a global citizen
- International perspective that's highly attractive to employers





## Support and Well-Being

At Ahlia, as in every family, support and care is part of the deal!

And while you might not actually need to use the services, it is reassuring to know that they are there.

### ACADEMIC ADVISERS

At the start of your programme you will be assigned an academic adviser, who is a faculty member of your department. They will meet you on a regular basis so you can talk to them about academic matters, course choices, career goals, personal support you might need and point you in the direction of other support in the University. They will be available to discuss any problems with you, academic or otherwise. If you need general academic advice relating to, for example, dyslexia or study skills, they'll point you in the right direction.

### COUNSELLING

Ahlia's Counselling Services are there to help you overcome any challenges that interfere with your learning. This means assisting with academic support services, resolving personal concerns and helping you succeed. Our aim is to prevent problems arising and to help you resolve them if they do arise.

The support we offer ranges from short-term advice for a particular problem to help for a situation or condition that is on-going. The underlying goal of all counselling is to support the development of coping abilities, a sense of empowerment and the ability to find personal solutions for issues.

On the academic side, we will counsel you if academic problems arise and liaise with your academic advisers. As counsellors we can also help if you are finding it difficult to settle into university life and work with you on things like motivation, time management, study skills and techniques, planning, goal setting, anxiety etc.

On the personal side, we provide personal counselling; give direction, support and mentoring; act as confidential and supportive "listeners" when needed; and make referrals to appropriate support services if necessary.

### STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Ahlia University is an open and inclusive environment and we welcome applications from students with special needs - we even have a special team who will advise during the application process. We encourage you to state your disability on your application form because it helps us to prepare for your arrival and plan your support (it won't affect your application). Support for your needs continues once you become a student and is organised through staff in the Deanship of Student Affairs to ensure you are able to participate fully in Ahlia life.

"Ahlia has given me the opportunity that no other university in Bahrain would. They have done everything to make student life as easy as possible. My special needs were accommodated and nothing stopped me from achieving my dreams. I can never thank Ahlia enough!"

### Mahmood Alhayki

Management Information Systems graduate, 2015  
Marketing Officer, German Orthopedic Hospital Bahraini



### What does this mean for me?



- Personalised advice whenever you need it
- Help with any academic or life issues that may arise
- A caring community that makes you feel at home



# Activities, Clubs & Student Council

Ahlia family members work hard – and play hard too!

We want you to develop as a person as well as improving your academic knowledge and skills, so there are lots of opportunities to pursue your interests and develop other knowledge and transferable skills to prepare you for the future – all while you are having fun.

We have a dedicated Student Activities Team to support students with setting up clubs and organising activities. The Student Activities Team also works closely with the Student Council.



## ACTIVITIES

There are many activities on many different themes for you to enjoy and benefit from. Some are cultural, such as the National Day Carnival and the Poetry Day.

Some are social, such as the Desert Camp-out and the Stand-Up Comedy Event. Some are sporting, such as the Football Championship XV and the Basketball Tournament. Some are community-focused, such as the blood donation drive and volunteer sessions at the Care Centre for the Elderly. Some are aimed at personal development, such as the Youth Empowerment Programme.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council was established for two reasons

- to provide an opportunity for students to organise their own events and activities
- to provide an effective means of communication with AU management

Council members are elected each year by the whole student body and they hold office for a year.

The SC President is a member of University Council and other main committees all have a student representative who is an SC member. In this way, the student voice is heard directly when decisions are taken.

## CLUBS

Clubs and society can be as many and varied as your interests.

Clubs set up in the past few years have related to interests as wide-ranging as engineering and psychology.

And if there isn't a club to suit your interests – you can set up your own!

So, as you can see, there are lots of opportunities to get involved – join us and take part!



### What does this mean for me?

- Chance to follow your interests and socialise
- Lots of things to do as a break from your studies
- Opportunity to hold a leadership role if elected to SC



**WE WON!!!**  
Bahrain Universities Annual Indoor Football Championship 2016



**EMPLOYABILITY SUCCESS**  
64 companies attended our annual Careers Day 2016



**THRILLS & SPILLS**  
Our students enjoyed a competitive experience at the F1 Circuit in Bahrain.



**MAGNIFIQUE 2016**  
Our french students enjoying a sports packed visit to Al-Bandar.



**WINNING DEBATE**  
Our debating team won first place in the Inter - University debate competition 2015



**SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
Community cooperation with AISEC in Bahrain.



**MEDIA STARS OF THE FUTURE**  
Our students visiting the production and broadcast studios at MBC in Dubai.



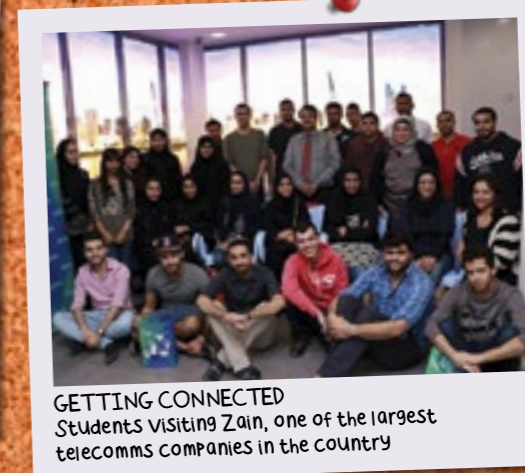
**NEW CULTURES**  
Culture Day was held on campus at Ahlia University with the participation of students from different nationalities and cultures.



**SUN, SPORTS & SAND**  
A volleyball match in Sakhr during our annual desert camping trip.



**YALLA YALLA!**  
Ahlia Basketball Team enjoyed success at this competition held by The Ministry of Youth & Sports



**GETTING CONNECTED**  
Students visiting Zain, one of the largest telecomms companies in the country



**HEALTH MATTERS**  
Our annual blood drive helping the community to heal



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**Family**





# Alumni

## Families are forever - and it's the same at Ahlia!

Your family membership does not end with graduation - it continues in the special bond we have with you as one of our alumni. This is a different kind of relationship with you, one which is still as close as when you were a student.

We want to know about all your successes, if we can help you further with your ongoing education or if you need help in finding employment.

### ALUMNI LINKS

Ahlia University is proud of its alumni and is keen to maintain communication channels with them after their graduation.

The Professional Relations Team are the main point of contact after you graduate.

Colleges also keep in close contact with their own alumni, through External Advisory Boards and through college alumni clubs.

As well as wanting to encourage you to keep in touch, we often seek feedback or advice from alumni while developing our programmes to improve them and keep them up-to-date with market needs and technological advances.

### ALUMNI SUPPORT

The Professional Relations Team provide support to Ahlia students and alumni, focusing on employment-related assistance by holding conferences, seminars, workshops and lectures.

### AHLIA ALUMNI CLUB

The Alumni Club is open to all graduates and offers a wide range of educational, cultural, sporting and social events to maintain strong bonds between graduates and the university and to provide activities which enhance their professional capabilities.

*Ahlia Alumni - your global future continues here!*



### AMINA AL HAWAJ

Amina Al Hawaj, a graduate from Ahlia's Physiotherapy programme, has revolutionised the way people recover from accidents, sports injuries and life-long conditions such as osteoporosis and muscular dystrophy through the devices she invented to assist movement in the lower limbs.

Not just Bahrain's youngest inventor, Amina became the first ever 'Ambassador for Invention' in the Arab world and she has won many prizes for her work, including the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Golden Award for best woman inventor (2011); Diamond Award for best inventor in the world (2013); and GCC Patent Office First Award from the Gulf Cooperation Council Secretariat. Bahraini awards include the Nasser bin Hamad Youth Creativity First Award for science invention (2011) and Bahrain SME's Appreciation Award (2011).

Amina is now working as Innovation Specialist at Ahlia University. She says "There is so much talent amongst young people in Bahrain and all across the Arab world. My aim is to help them achieve their potential because their inventions - medical or computers or business - can really change the world."



### ALUMNI EVENTS

Ahlia hosts an annual Alumni Gathering for all graduates to attend. It's a great chance to see your old faculty, catch up with friends from your student days and re-establish contacts with people.

We also hold lots of events every year for our alumni, from social and entertainment activities through to educational and cultural events. Make sure to visit us often via our website, social media and at the campus.



### FAHAD NAQI

"I have been working since I was 17 years old, so I needed to do my degree on a part-time basis. Ahlia's programme rules are really flexible if you are working. Ahlia also helps you develop as a person, for example when some of us put forward a proposal for a Psychology Club, we got all the support we needed. The Club organised a World Health Day with yoga sessions and speeches; a SELF-Discovery Day in partnership with ISIC; and a Depression Awareness event.

In summer 2012 I went with 5 others to do an internship in India for 1.5 months through AIESEC with AU sponsorship. We volunteered at a school, organising events promoting health awareness, etc. The experience was wonderful and I learned so much!

Also, as a result of connections I made, I got an interview in the UAE and am now working as a Research Executive for Market & Research Services, Dubai, where I conduct surveys and focus groups etc. I really enjoy it and my ambition is to do have similar role at somewhere like CNN one day."

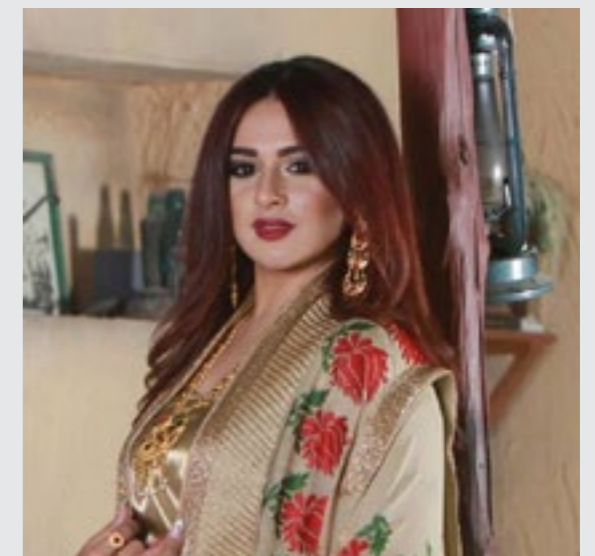


### SHAIMA RAHIMI

Shaima Rahimi studied the Bachelor's programme in Mass Communication & Public Relations. She is now a TV presenter and is well-known throughout Bahrain as a social influencer and public figure who is highly active on social media. She began her career as a fashion and beauty specialist on "Hala Bahrain"; then appeared on "Ana Bahrain" covering social and political issues and she now presents the Bahrain TV show "Al Layla" ("Tonight").

She believes that while reporting for youth TV may be different from reporting "in the field", it is still a real job and not a hobby and requires good confidence and presenting skills. Shaima says that students wanting a career in TV should learn from leading regional and international presenters, especially their example regarding knowledge and training.

Her advice to all students is that they should love their subject and take it seriously. They should also develop a unique style that is different what others offer. Finally, it's very important to take advice and do an internship with a relevant employer.







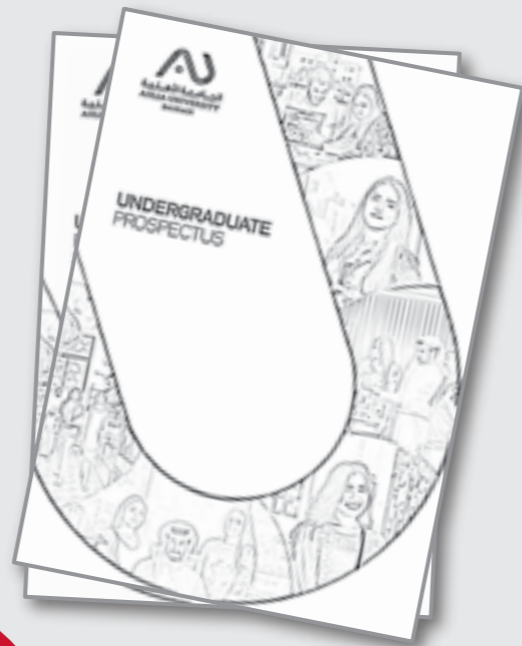
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# How to Apply

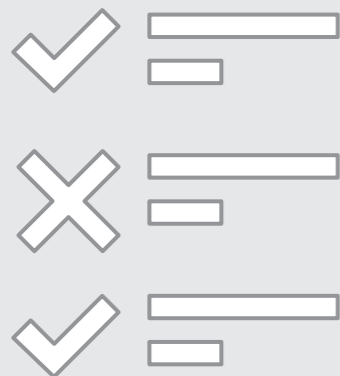
So now you know why Ahlia University is for you, it's time to apply!

At Ahlia we make the application process simple for you. Follow these **6 easy steps** to join us...



**1**

Read how our programmes work (p 36)



**2**

Choose your programme (p 38)  
Read all about it (p40 to p75)

**3**

Check our entry rules (p76)  
Check our fees (p78)



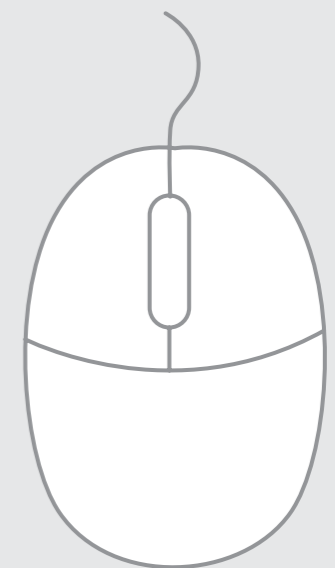
**4**

Complete the application form  
or fill in our online form at  
[www.ahlia.edu.bh](http://www.ahlia.edu.bh)



**5**

If necessary, take a placement test



**6**

Get accepted  
and start your  
programme!





# Your route to Success



## HOW OUR PROGRAMMES WORK

Each course has a number of credits and the courses/credits that you take each semester are known as your academic load. To graduate, you must complete either 134 credits (most programmes) or 156 credits (Physiotherapy). Each semester most full-time bachelor students take courses that add up to between 12 and 18 credit hours (a summer session academic load is normally between 3 and 9 credit hours).

Students are all expected to attend their classes and Ahlia's attendance regulations are set out in the Student Handbook which you will receive at Induction.

It usually takes 4 years to complete your programme. You have the flexibility to decide how long your programme will last by choosing how many courses to take each semester within the minimum and maximum limits and subject to the rules on maximum length of study. Full details of Ahlia's rules and regulations are set out in the Student Handbook which you will receive at Induction.

### AHLIA CORE REQUIREMENTS

- Arabic
- English
- Ethics
- History
- Human Rights
- Information Technology
- Mathematics
- Statistics
- Work Placement Internship

### PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

- Core skills courses specified by your college
- Courses specified by your programme
- Programme elective courses

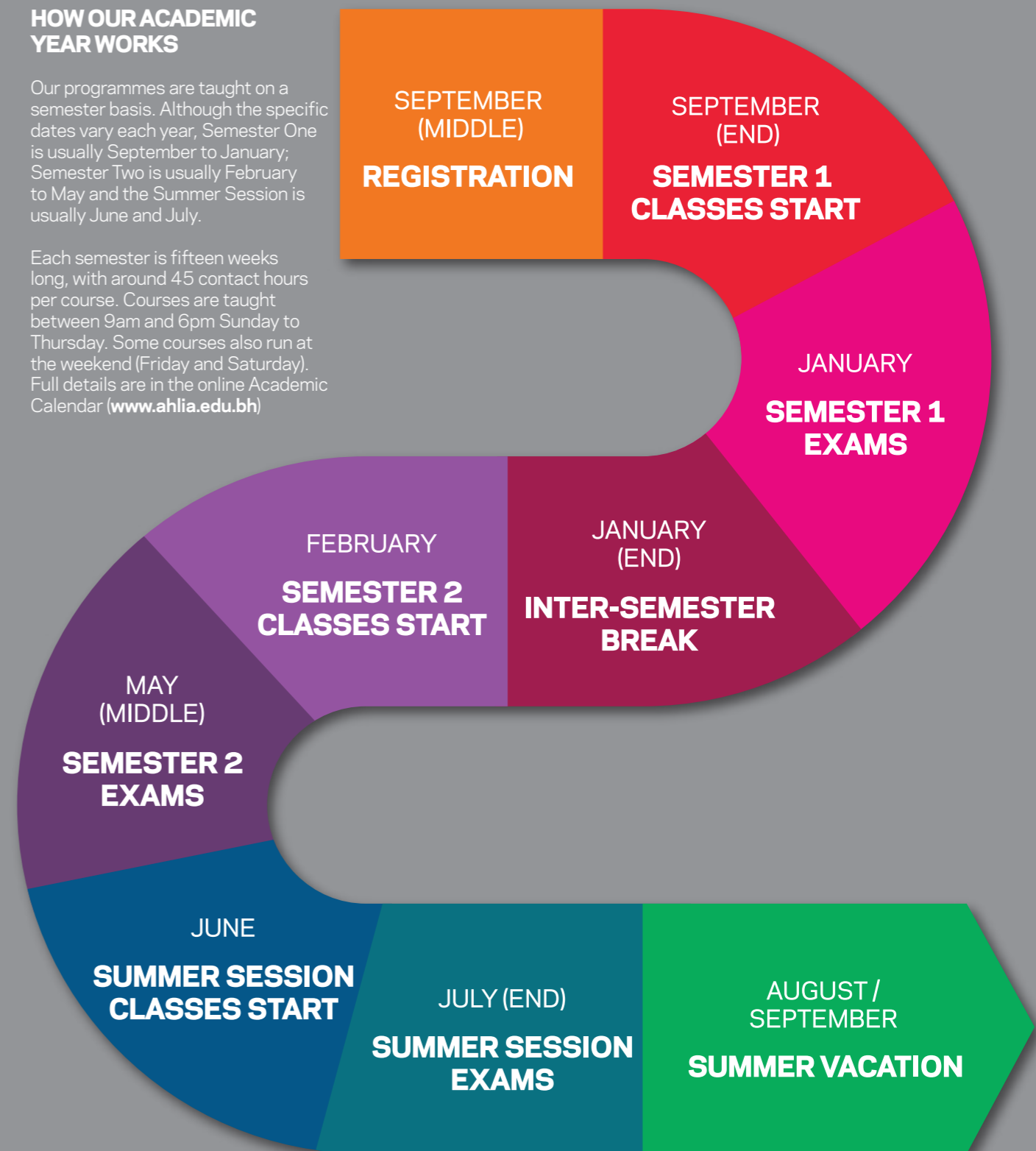
### ELECTIVE COURSES

- 2 Free elective courses
- 1 Course in Social Sciences and/or Humanities

## HOW OUR ACADEMIC YEAR WORKS

Our programmes are taught on a semester basis. Although the specific dates vary each year, Semester One is usually September to January; Semester Two is usually February to May and the Summer Session is usually June and July.

Each semester is fifteen weeks long, with around 45 contact hours per course. Courses are taught between 9am and 6pm Sunday to Thursday. Some courses also run at the weekend (Friday and Saturday). Full details are in the online Academic Calendar ([www.ahlia.edu.bh](http://www.ahlia.edu.bh))





# Ahlia University Programmes

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE

- Bachelor's Degree in Interior Design (BSID)
- Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication & Public Relations (BSMCP)\*

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & FINANCE

- Bachelor's Degree in Accounting & Finance (BSAF)
- Bachelor's Degree in Banking & Finance (BSBF)
- Bachelor's Degree in Economics & Finance (BSEF)
- Bachelor's Degree in Management Information Systems (BSMIS)
- Bachelor's Degree in Management & Marketing (BSMM)

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

- Bachelor's Degree in Computer & Communication Engineering (BSCCE)
- Bachelor's Degree in Mobile & Network Engineering (BSMNE)

## COLLEGE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Bachelor's Degree in Multimedia Systems (BSMS)
- Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology (BSIT)

## COLLEGE OF MEDICAL & HEALTH SCIENCES

- Bachelor's Degree in Physiotherapy (BSPT)\*

We also offer 6 postgraduate programmes.  
Full details can be found in our Postgraduate Prospectus.

### COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE

- Master's Degree in Mass Communication & Public Relations (MSMCP)\*

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & FINANCE

- Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA)
- Master's Degree in Engineering Management in collaboration with The George Washington University - USA
- PhD (WR) In Management Studies Research in collaboration with Brunel University London

### COLLEGE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Master's Degree in Information Technology and Computer Science (MITCS)
- PhD (WR) in Information Systems & Computing in collaboration with Brunel University London

\* The Admission of the new students to the programme is suspended by the decision of the Higher Education Council (HEC).

You will find more about our programmes and our colleges in the next section.

- For each college, you can read about the college and hear from some of the faculty who teach there and some of the students who have followed its programmes.
- For each programme, we have included exactly what you need to decide if it is for you. The programme pages are all set out in the same way (see below), to make it easier for you to compare them.



### 1 Name and Award

Here you will find the name and qualification.

### 2 Key Facts

This gives you an idea of what to expect when studying this programme.

### 3 Introduction

This section provides you with a summary of what you will learn and what you can expect to have knowledge of, on completion.

### 4 Learning Outcomes

All the necessary information to help you compare and contrast between programmes.

### 5 Career Opportunities

Information on the types of careers and employers you can look forward to after graduation.

### 6 Student Experience

Here a real student gives their opinions on studying the programme and provides some helpful information.



# Welcome to College of Arts & Science

## Introduction

As one of the six colleges of Ahlia University, the College of Arts & Science strives to provide excellence in teaching and research in a stimulating learning environment. The College is committed to producing competent well-rounded graduates in the field of humanities and science who are able to meet new challenges and responsibilities in a technology driven society. It seeks to help students to acquire transferable skills needed in their professional life and develop their critical, creative and analytical thinking and problem solving skills.

The College of Arts & Science aspires to achieve a position of international distinction by offering outstanding quality programmes in the areas of humanities and sciences, with excellence in research responsive to the needs of the community, enabling students to meet the global challenges faced by modern organisations. It also aims to enhance the quality of education in its programmes by constantly monitoring teaching/ learning effectiveness and periodically reviewing its academic programmes.

The College maintains a good relationship with the relevant industries. There are strong ties with the local newspapers, radio and T.V. personnel as well as various interior design organisations. This relationship enhances training and job opportunities for the College graduates.



## Message from the Dean



Welcome to the College of Arts & Science (AS) at Ahlia University. Arts & Science demonstrates excellence in Mass Communications & Public Relations (MCPR) and Interior Design (INTD). It exemplifies Ahlia University's commitment to academic excellence as well as contributes to the University's status as a great global community research university in Bahrain with a view to solving real world problems through quality in research while providing relevant and substantial skills to its students.

In AS, we provide our students with strategies that help them develop their critical thinking skills, the ability to communicate efficiently as well as advancing the cutting edge of knowledge through investigation and innovative activity. We develop a wide-ranging intellectual foundation that prepares students for a lifetime of education, growing in a rapidly altering world, as well as becoming leaders in a diverse and global society. We do our best to prepare our students for a hard and active search for truth. We generate and foster relationships with our students that guide our planning.

Finally, our students are our motivation for existence. It is our concern to provide them with a sound, open-minded arts education, so they become the most effective idea creators and knowledge correspondents of the upcoming generation. We prepare our students to acquire the real knowledge that allows them to be leaders in an ever-changing global context.

**Dr. Said Taan El Hajjar**  
Acting Dean  
College of Arts & Science

**Did you know?**

You can choose your elective courses from our wide selection including French, Spanish, Chinese, Psychology among others.

# Real People, Real Stories Real Success

## Student



I chose Interior Design because I love arts and the history of arts. Its the best programme for me as I feel that design affects every part of life, like food, houses and organisations. Ahlia is like my second home. I love this university from the bottom of my heart.

There are many people from different countries and I really like that. I have made many good friends and the lecturers are very cool and they have great experience.

I would like to work in a design company to gain experience but ultimately I will start my own business.

**Ahmed Alhayki**  
Interior Design  
Bahraini

## Lecturer



I was born in Muharraq to an ordinary fisherman father and a traditional Quran teacher mother. I shared my life with 14 brothers and sisters, received my education in public schools. I worked and studied at the same time for 21 years before becoming what I am today. I obtained my MSc and PhD degrees in education technology from China. I learned Chinese and I used it in all my postgraduate studies and research, and I succeeded. Today, I am a proud member of AU Faculty.

**Dr Yaser Jawad**  
Assistant Professor / Director of CME  
College of Arts, Science & Education  
Bahraini

## Alumnus



Ahlia University first came to my attention from my cousin who had studied at Ahlia and recommended the University as being a great place to further my studies. As it turned out it was a great move and I was really thankful for the opportunity.

The programme has helped me a lot with my day to day work experience in my current position, and has enabled me to deal head on with the daily challenges I encounter at work. It was relatively easy to secure the position at my place of work taking one month after sending out applications to finally accepting a position. I had a wonderful time at Ahlia University and have no hesitation in referring to Ahlia as a second home.

**Ghezlan Alkhaja**  
Interior Design graduate, 2014  
Teacher, Ministry of Education  
Bahraini

## Employer

In some ways an "attitude" cannot be taught. At university, students need career counselling and information regarding work/career options. An Ahlia University Internship can help students along the path to achieve a career success.



We give preference to AU graduates when we are hiring and we value them because of their quality. They have good preparation for work in terms of skills by the time they come to their jobs in the corporate environment. Employers don't expect perfection from Day One. They do expect graduates joining a company to be polite; adjustable and flexible; willing and able to take responsibility; respectful; proactive in learning about the job and their role and are willing to learn.

**Saidul Arfin**  
Head of Regional Recruitment Department  
Jawad Business Group, Bahrain & GCC



# Bachelor's Degree in Interior Design (BSID)

## Key Facts

**Length of Programme**  
4 Years

**Qualification**  
Bachelor's Degree in Interior Design (BSID)

**Teaching Language**  
English

**Licensing Body**  
HEC (Higher Education Council)

**NQF\***  
Mapping and alignment in progress, due to be submitted to NQF in 2019

**Internship**  
Yes

**Contact Person**  
Dr Imad Assali  
Tel: +973 1729 8953  
Email: iassali@ahlia.edu.bh

\*National Qualification Framework

## Why choose Bachelor's in Interior Design

The Department of Interior Design at Ahlia University (AU) offers a curriculum that balances academic study with professional training, helping students gain both conceptual knowledge and technical skill. In addition, the department boasts a strong faculty, an active relationship with the professional community and extensive resources for students, including computer labs and outdoor working areas. As part of the emphasis on real-world experience, students are required to serve internships where they receive training in all areas of design, including presentation and communication skills. In addition, the Interior Design department provides the facilities, equipment, technical expertise and instruction necessary for students to develop a range of expression as a designer.

The interior design programme is an architecturally oriented programme with emphasis on spatial design as well as surface embellishment. This programme focuses on transforming and exploring space within the context of interior design and will allow you to manipulate, in three dimensions, the interior sculptural qualities of a building or space. The course will teach you how to give a new life to an existing space, while also addressing aesthetics, human needs, materiality, colour, light and shade. The student will also gain the skills to be able to organise spatial activities and plan to design creative and innovative interiors.

Alongside the regeneration of existing space, students will discover new interior environments in a broad range of industry sectors, such as hospitality, retail, leisure and residential.



## Learning Outcomes

- Have an understanding of briefs and how to critically appraise them to ensure that the design response is appropriate to site and context, and for reasons such as sustainability and budget. In addition Understand concept of Interior Design within different disciplines.
- Demonstrate a knowledge of the inter-relationship between people, buildings and the environment and an understanding of the need to relate buildings and the spaces between them to human needs and scale
- Understand Interior Design physical and computer modeling, simulations, rendering & presentation in addition to design space & Context.

## Career Opportunities

While there are many different careers in interior design and several exciting and rewarding career paths that an interior designer can choose to follow, quite often an interior designer will decide to specialise in more than one area of practice. Interior designers enjoy using their creativity, knowledge, and research skills by designing a wide range of interior spaces including those found in hotels, restaurants, hospitals, stores, medical offices, showrooms, museums, shopping centres, health clubs, spas, libraries and homes.

## Student Experience



**Zahra Khan**  
Interior Design  
Graduated  
British

*I chose Interior Design because I was always drawn to the fusion of art & geometry. In turn it helped me to select Interior Design. With the help of a friend I was introduced to Ahlia University & was introduced to the programme with total clarity along with the academic challenges which I would be facing.*

*I like that the faculty along with the current students welcome you with open arms regardless of your background.*

## Study Plan

### First Year

The curriculum for the Interior Design programme includes study of space, form, colour, and light in collaboration with the pragmatic investigation of building codes, materials, finishes, construction methods and business practices. An important focus is on the history of interior environments. This four-year, undergraduate programme is for the student interested in becoming a professional interior designer. The professional interior designer is a person qualified by education, experience, and examination.

### Second Year

In year two students develop knowledge and skill bases in interior design that will prepare them for upper level interior design studio courses (IDES 301, 302, 400 and 401) to enable successful entry into the interior design profession.

### Third Year

In year three the students will further their studies to gain greater knowledge and skill bases in interior design that will prepare them for upper level interior design studio courses (INTD 300 and 310) and so help students to progress to the final year.

### Fourth Year

The senior year culminates with a thesis project which requires students to develop a body of research on a particular issue of interior design, which they then develop as a design project at the end of fall semester.



# Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication & Public Relations (BSMCPR)

## Key Facts

### Length of Programme

4 Years

### Qualification

Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication & Public Relations (BSMCPR)

### Teaching Language

Arabic

### Licensing Body

HEC (Higher Education Council)

### NQF\*

Mapping and alignment in progress, due to be submitted to NQF in 2019.

### Internship

Yes

### Contact Person

Dr Zuhair Hussain Dhaif  
Tel: 1729 8992  
Email: zdhaif@ahlia.edu.bh

\*National Qualification Framework

## Why choose Bachelor's in Mass Communication & Public Relations

The Department of Communication & Public Relations offers students a highly qualified and educational environment in which to study. We have very strong links with the PR and advertising industries, inviting in a range of guest speakers, and organising events and visits. All students undertake an internship in their final year giving first hand experience to all our students.

The programme of Mass Communication & Public Relations objective is to produce highly competent communicators with broad knowledge and training in the liberal arts and the media.

The department promotes effective communication, critical thinking and ethical responsibility. The department is committed to leading the study and practice of media and public relations.

The programme also seeks to introduce and prepare its students for a career in Mass Communication & Public Relations and at the same time maintain the academic ethos of graduate study.

The curriculum was designed in response to the growing need in the Kingdom of Bahrain for professionals in the fields of mass communication and public relations and enables graduates to compete in the local, Arabic and international markets.



## Learning Outcomes

The programme has identified four broad standards of performance, or Student Learning Outcomes, that prepare students to meet the programme objectives, including:

- Demonstrating understanding of the contemporary concepts, theories and production practice,
- Using communication as a means of expression
- Ability to think critically, creatively and independently, ability to carry out media research
- Ability to create, analyze, edit, and respond to written, spoken, and visual messages in various media formats and contexts
- Understand professional ethics as well as acquiring practical & technological experiences that are necessary for collecting information from different sources

## Career Opportunities

Many career options are available for graduates with a degree in Mass Communication & PR.

Advertising/Marketing – advertising sales-person, designer, graphics and production specialist, Information specialist, marketing communications trainee, media buyer or planner, promotion representative, publicity director.

Business – business manager, customer service manager, information specialist, research analyst, public relations manager.

Broadcasting and Production – Broadcast technician, director, disc jockey, engineer, film editor, lighting director, news director, newscaster, producer, production manager or supervisor, programme director, script-writer, sound mixer, special effects specialist, station manager, technical director, video graphics artist.

## Student Experience



**Maryam Alkhajah**

Mass Communication & Public Relations  
Graduated  
Bahraini

*As I want to be a TV presenter, so the Mass Communication & Public Relations programme suits me down to the ground. What I like about Ahlia University is that the academic department and the relation between the students and the staff is excellent and helps to create a very relaxing and friendly atmosphere whilst completing my studies.*

## Study Plan

### First Year

In the first year, students will take media theory modules, which introduce them to the frameworks in which the media operate and some of the major theoretical tools for analysing them. They consider the place of the media in society, politics, arts and culture.

### Second Year

During year two students will learn how to analyse media output and examine the relationships between media, society, politics, culture and technology through a variety of core and option modules. Students are also introduced to key public relations and advertising skills.

### Third Year

The third year prepares students to write clearly, speak effectively and think critically which is essential for a successful student career and personality building.

### Fourth Year

In the final year students are provided with research plus practical skills that are relevant for entry-level jobs and continuing professional development.

\* The Admission of the new students to the programme is suspended by the decision of the Higher Education Council (HEC).

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# Welcome to College of Business & Finance

## Introduction

The College of Business & Finance at Ahlia University is the largest College within the University and offers five undergraduate programmes and one postgraduate programme. Our mission at the College is to enable our students to become the business leaders of tomorrow, learning not only the theoretical knowledge required but also cultivating the technical skills demanded by 21st century business.

The College trains our students to become entrepreneurs, able to lead organisations competing in the international marketplace, by providing the latest knowledge and cutting edge skills required in conceptual understanding, problem solving abilities and analytical thinking skills.

We aim to convey the knowledge, attitudes and skills vital to succeed in today's globalised business landscape where the new global economy, knowledge and information are keys to success to a lucrative future. If you are ambitious to become a world business leader of tomorrow, the College of Business & Finance can help you achieve your dream.



## Message from the Dean



I would like to thank you for your interest in the programmes offered by the College of Business & Finance at Ahlia University. We offer several programmes in business education to help students acquiring adequate knowledge and skills not only to compete in the job markets, but also to become decision makers in this rapidly changing world. The College of Business & Finance offers programmes with up-to-date courses in Accounting & Finance, Banking & Finance, Economics & Finance, Management & Marketing and Management Information Systems. The College also offers an MBA programme to equip students with advanced and applied knowledge in the fields of business education and also to prepare them for becoming leaders in their own communities. We are continuously working to improve our programmes in order to help our students update their knowledge and acquire the skills they need to pursue their careers. The success behind our business programmes is driven by the dedication and quality of our academic staff and the support given by the senior management of the University. We believe that education should not be

confined to acquiring qualifications, but to help students to think critically, demonstrate respect and communicate effectively.

Best Wishes

**Dr Muneer Al Mubarak**

Dean  
College of Business & Finance



## Did you know?

Our college recently installed a Bloomberg terminal to keep our students up-to-date with financial market information.

# Real People, Real Stories Real Success

## Student

At Ahlia University the lecturers are absolutely fantastic. Whilst being extremely helpful and friendly they help to make my time at the University pass in a relaxing way in order for me to complete my studies. For myself, I recently won first place in the Pearl Initiative case study in May 2016 with the guidance of the University faculty members.



As banking and finance is one of the leading sectors in Bahrain, I am hopefully ensuring a bright, secure and successful future.

**Nawal Eltahir**

Banking & Finance  
1st Year  
Sudanese

## Lecturer



Ammar started his undergraduate education at the American University of Beirut (AUB) in late 2004. He opted to carry on his Bachelor's degree at Ahlia University, Bahrain, where he received his degree in Banking & Finance. He later

received his MSc in International Business & Management, from the University of Manchester in 2010.

He joined Ahlia University in 2013 as a fulltime lecturer after lecturing as an adjunct faculty member since late 2011.

**Ammar Al Hawaj**

College of Business & Finance  
Lecturer / Director of International Relations  
Bahraini

## Alumnus



Ahlia University was highly recommended to me with a very good reputation from friends and family. I graduated from Ahlia University in 2012 with a degree in Accounting & Finance and found the programme and the staff at Ahlia to be most helpful in securing my

position as an auditor in a short time. If I were to give advice to any future students it would be to be passionate and focus on your studies and get involved with any social activities that take your interest.

**Dalal Bucheri**

Accounting & Finance graduate, 2012  
Auditor, National Audit Office  
Bahraini

## Employer

We notice that Ahlia interns working with us acquire the culture of work and learn workplace discipline and skills that are needed in their employment



A university degree is good for the employment sector and for society; and it is the way for a graduate to get into employment.

Graduates entering the job market need discipline and ability to learn new things, willingness to be trained, communication skills, respect for the values of their work organisation and show a desire to update their skills through short courses.

**Abdulelah Abdulla**

Manager of Media & Public Relations  
Telecommunications Regulatory Authority  
Bahrain



# Bachelor's Degree in Accounting & Finance (BSAF)

## Key Facts

**Length of Programme**  
4 Years

**Qualification**  
Bachelor's Degree in Accounting & Finance (BSAF)

**Teaching Language**  
English

**Licensing Body**  
HEC (Higher Education Council)

**International Recognition**  
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, UK (ACCA)

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK (CIMA)

Membership of AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business)

**Professional Certificate Exemptions**  
Four papers in ACCA & nine papers in CIMA

**NQF\***  
Validated and placed on NQF level (8).

**BQA\*\***  
Confidence (2015)

**Study Abroad**  
Yes

**Internship**  
Yes

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\*National Qualification Framework  
\*\*Bahrain Education and Training Quality Authority

## Why choose Bachelor's in Accounting and Finance (BSAF)

The BSAF programme enables students to gain theoretical and practical understanding related to accounting and finance. The programme selects outstanding high school graduates who show interest and commitment to learn accounting and finance.

Skills gap analysis studies by various government agencies consistently identify these subjects to be in high demand. The aim of this programme is to enable our graduates to excel in accounting and finance, including

- Developing knowledge and critical understanding of theories, concepts and research findings relating to the multidisciplinary fields of accounting and finance
- Learning about professional ethics and responsibilities related to accounting and finance
- Gaining hands-on experience with real business cases and problems related to accounting and finance
- Developing an in-depth knowledge of accounting practices and their impact on the performance of the company
- Acquiring the practical and professional skills needed to meet the demands of the accounting and finance profession
- Developing research skills through instruction in research methods and opportunities to undertake individual and group research projects
- Preparing for professional qualifications and/ or postgraduate study



## Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate a critical understanding of key principles, theories and concepts of accounting & finance. Consolidate knowledge and thinking from a comprehensive range of business courses.
- Demonstrate an appreciation of contemporary trends (e.g. corporate governance), current developments (e.g. new International Financial Reporting Standards) as well as hot topics of research in the field of accounting & finance. Understand the basic concepts of research and their application in accounting practice in the advancement of existing accounting knowledge.
- Understand how various accounting standards inform accounting practice; keep informed of best practices and standards related to the field of accountancy.

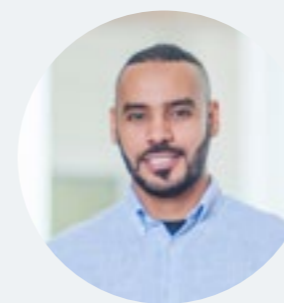
## Career Opportunities

We make sure that our graduates are ready to work in the very competitive business market globally. Due to the strong reputation of our university and its academic programmes, our graduates usually start working shortly after graduation. According to our records, our graduates were found to work in the following positions:

- Auditors
- Internal Auditors
- Accountants
- Financial Analysts
- Financial Controller
- Supervisors / Managers
- Bankers
- HR Officers
- Business Owners

Our graduates also develop entrepreneurial skills, and they are encouraged to start up their own businesses.

## Student Experience



**Ahmed Al Ghamdi**  
Accounting & Finance  
4th Year  
Saudi

*I chose the Accounting & Finance degree course at Ahlia University to realise my ambition to be part of the Business world and am currently finding the course to be very interesting and challenging.*

*The faculty members have been outstanding in their support and I am finding the relaxed atmosphere at the University to be very helpful to my course studies and day to day life. Last but not least, my ambition is to be the best I can be.*

## Study Plan

### First Year

During the first year, students are exposed to a range of foundation level courses such as accounting, management, IT and language oriented courses. The first academic year starts the students off with the basic required knowledge for them to initiate their journey into the field of accounting & finance.

### Second Year

In the second year, the student develops further understanding of accounting and finance. Students also learn about the principles behind macroeconomics, statistics and modern history of Bahrain. MIS and bank management are other courses taught in second year level.

At this stage, students develop their understanding from basic knowledge to the deeper level of accounting and finance.

### Third Year

In the third year of a student's academic journey, subjects include intermediate accounting, auditing, cost and management accounting along with intermediate finance courses. Further, students will learn money and banking, business law, international finance, insurance and re-insurance and ethics. Students can take an internship after the second semester which carries 6 credits.

### Fourth Year

During the fourth year, the student is expected to study advanced accounting, contemporary issues in accounting, research method, monetary and financial system, investment, portfolio management and final research project. The student can choose two free electives.

In this final year, students are encouraged to attend guest lectures, seminars and conferences.



# Bachelor's Degree in Banking & Finance (BSBF)

## Key Facts

**Length of Programme**  
4 Years

**Qualification**  
Bachelor's Degree in Banking & Finance (BSBF)

**Teaching Language**  
English

**Licensing Body**  
HEC (Higher Education Council)

**International Recognition**  
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK (CIMA)

Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment, UK (CISI)

Membership of AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business)

**Professional Certificate Exemptions**  
Exemptions from 6 papers from CIMA and some of the papers of CISI

**NQF\***  
Validated and placed on NQF level (8).

**BQA\*\***  
Confidence (2015)

**Study Abroad**  
Yes

**Internship**  
Yes  
(Recent placements include KPMG, Ernst & Young & National Bank of Bahrain).

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## Why choose Bachelor's in Banking & Finance (BSBF)

Finance as a discipline is forward-focused. It is largely about future planning for firms or investors.

Finance consists of three interrelated subject areas:

- corporate finance studies how firms raise and efficiently utilise funds obtained from lenders and shareholders
- financial markets and institutions explores how the financial system facilitates the transfer of funds from savers and lenders to borrowers
- investment analysis studies how investors choose securities and asset classes for their investment portfolios.

All of these areas assess the trade-off between risk and reward and the valuation of both financial and capital assets.

The programme is designed to equip students with the intellectual skills and the knowledge they need to work after graduation in the dynamic, growing, highly demanding, fast-changing financial services sector in the region and worldwide. The curriculum is under continuous evaluation and improvement to ensure that graduates meet the industry's expectations at the time of graduation. Students are provided with a wide-range of opportunities to earn hands-on experience needed by the industry through projects they undertake in different courses. Students are learning in a high-tech, up-to-date environment, as lecture halls and IT labs are equipped with the most advanced technology. Students have the opportunities to use the databases and library (digital and printed) resources to develop their research skills. Most of the faculty of the department have a track record of practical experience along-side their teaching and published research in top-ranking academic periodicals. Students have unlimited access to Bloomberg software, a market leader in financial news, data and analytics, which is used by many financial institutions. Furthermore, students learn how to trade securities listed in international markets using a digital (StockTrak; a global portfolio simulation) stock exchange. The most ambitious students take part in external competitions such as the trade-quest organised annually by the Bahrain Bourse and the CFA Institute Research Challenge. Our accessible faculty and friendly administrative staff ensure students' journeys towards their goals are smooth with full support and encouragement from faculty and staff.



## Learning Outcomes

You will gain skills and knowledge in the key areas of banking and international finance, including:

- Financial Intermediation
- Commercial and Investment Banking
- Bank Risk Management
- International Banking
- Banking Regulation
- Economics
- Accounting
- Fixed Income
- Derivatives
- Credit Risk
- International Finance
- Corporate Finance

You will also be able to choose a number of elective modules to focus more deeply on banking and finance, or broaden your studies into areas including investments, accounting, management, and Islamic banking.

## Career Opportunities

The knowledge and skills graduates gained during their studies toward BSc. in Banking and Finance offer them excellent job prospects in all economic sectors, pursuing their graduate education as well as gaining widely recognised professional qualifications in the fields of accounting, corporate finance and risk management. Our graduates are well positioned for professional careers in the financial sector, in the areas of financial and investment services, fund management, risk management, insurance, takaful, treasury, credit and financial analysis and financial advisors.

Recent leading employers have included:

- Ahli United Bank
- National Bank of Bahrain
- Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait
- Batelco
- Zain
- KPMG

## Student Experience



**Nawal Eltahir**  
Banking & Finance  
2nd Year  
Sudanese

*What I like best about Ahlia University is that the lecturers are absolutely fantastic. Whilst being extremely helpful and friendly they help to make my time at the University pass in a relaxing way in order for me to complete my studies. The schedule setup is easy and there are a number of timings to choose from. The Directorate of Admission and Registration go over and beyond in helping out the students in every issue. Overall there are many wonderful students from all walks of life and many differing activities constantly taking place.*

## Study Plan

### First Year

In their first year, students fulfil part of the general education requirements, completing prerequisites (communication, quantitative and accounting) for the first finance course and enhance their knowledge about corporations and business environment.

### Second Year

Students complete courses in the areas of communication, accounting, information technology and quantitative methods. Furthermore, students take the first courses in their major (banking and finance).

### Third Year

Students complete college requirements in the area of business ethics and business law. They take compulsory courses in the different banking and finance areas, namely international banking and finance, Islamic finance, insurance/takaful, money and banking and corporate finance.

In third year first semester along with Intermediate Accounting I, Money & Banking and Bank Management II. In the second Semester students are exposed to topics like International Banking, Islamic Banking Essentials, International Finance, Insurance and reinsurance in addition to Marketing of Financial Services.

### Fourth Year

In their final year students are required to undertake an independent project. This gives them unique opportunity to pursue original scholarship on topics of their choice in the area of banking and finance under the supervision of a member of faculty. The projects enhance their research skills, intellectual engagement, work independently and face new challenges in an unstructured environment. Before working on the project, students take a course in research methodology.



# Bachelor's Degree in Economics & Finance (BSEF)

## Key Facts

**Length of Programme**  
4 Years

**Qualification**  
Bachelor's Degree in Economics & Finance (BSEF)

**Teaching Language**  
English

**Licensing Body**  
HEC (Higher Education Council)

**International Recognition**  
Membership of AACSB  
(The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business)

**NQF\***  
Validated and placed on NQF level (8).

**BQA\*\***  
Confidence (2015)

**Internship**  
Yes

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\*\*Bahrain Education and Training Quality Authority

## Why choose Bachelor's in Economics & Finance (BSEF)

The Bahrain Vision 2030 envisages a strong private sector with employment for a Bahraini skilled labour force and a relatively small government sector. Bahrain has already proved its ability in the diversification of its economy from the oil sector towards banking & finance where the latter contributes the highest percent towards GDP after oil and the oil related sector.

This Bachelor degree programme provides the strongest foundation as it provides the basic and advanced knowledge in economics along with finance and prepares the graduates for further studies in any of these areas or for taking up a career in banking and finance sector to fulfil the Bahrain Vision 2030. It also provides a very strong foundation for the skills needed for a career in economic policy, modelling, forecasting, analysis, treasury, economic planning and many others vital for the future of the economy of Bahrain. Students can also pursue higher studies in any area of banking, finance, economics, Islamic Finance because of the analytical and technical knowledge provided by this degree as a foundation. This is a niche degree as it provides the right background for further training for Bahrainis in the banking & finance sector of Bahrain for fulfilment of the 2030 Vision.

The Bachelor Degree in Economics & Finance provides basic and advanced knowledge in economics and prepares students to understand and apply basic to advanced principles and theories in macroeconomics, microeconomics, international trade, econometrics, public finance, industrial organisation, monetary and financial systems among others.

The number of credits in this degree is almost equally split between economics courses & finance courses though elective courses are left at the discretion of the students to choose from either economics or finance. In the area of finance, the students will need to study financial management, corporate finance, international finance, corporate banking law and practice, risk management and insurance, credit analysis and lending and investment amongst others. They are provided with a quantitative foundation through mathematics and statistics courses at the foundation level, English language skills through foundation courses in English, IT courses for a basic foundation in computing amongst others. This degree also allows students to pursue a research project either in economics or finance and a research methodology course which provides the prerequisite knowledge and theories for undertaking the research project under supervision of Ahlia faculty.



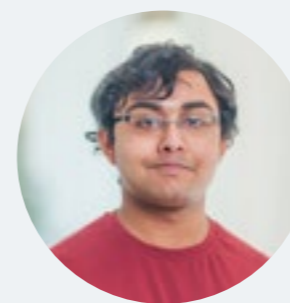
## Learning Outcomes

- Successful graduates will gain
- A critical understanding of the theoretical fundamentals of economics
  - Understanding of contemporary trends, issues and problems related to economics and finance
  - Practice in a range of professional level contexts in the fields of economics and finance
  - Understanding and practical experience of best professional practices in the day-to-day activities of the economist with particular emphasis in the context of economists working in banking
  - Problem-solving skills, including some advanced quantitative skills in statistics/operations research
  - Ability to construct and employ models to explain and predict economic phenomena
  - Experience of using a range of software applications applicable to economics and statistics

## Career Opportunities

This dual subject degree is unique and not available anywhere else in Bahrain. Economics is the basis of careers in finance and economic policy, business analysis, economic and financial modeling and forecasting, budgeting and many other areas in finance and business. BSEF provides students with the foundation for a career in government, public policy, banking, finance and business analysis and anything related to planning or economic policy. The BSEF degree will also help graduates pursue their own business as owners of SMEs which is the main thrust of Bahrain Vision 2030 for the growth of a vibrant private sector. BSEF provides a strong background for pursuing a career in Islamic Finance and Economics and regulatory jobs with the Central Bank of Bahrain or with the Ministry of Finance, Industry and Commerce, LMRA besides others.

## Student Experience



**Salek Akbar**

Economics and Finance  
3rd year  
Bangladeshi

*"I chose the Economics and Finance Degree Programme at Ahlia University for the reason that economics is a subject of vast Theories and concepts which makes it one of the most open subjects available. Its concepts can not only be used for Government Policies Polices but also in ones daily life. Furthermore, different theories have formed different schools of thought, which has encouraged me to think from different point of views."*

## Study Plan

### First Year

Year 1 involves in taking foundation courses in English, Mathematics, IT, and principles of Macroeconomics and Principles of Microeconomics. Year 1 is the building block for the BSEF degree where students get the opportunity to enrol in courses with basic knowledge and understanding level outcomes with simple applications to real life examples to develop the familiarity towards the subjects and be prepared for higher level courses.

### Second Year

The second year builds further on English language skills and Maths by introducing the students to higher level Maths, English writing and also by introducing them to statistics which is essential for pursuing Econometrics as a course in the following year. In Economics and Finance, students take up intermediate level courses to be ready to pursue advanced subjects in the following years.

### Third Year

Year three provides students with the opportunity to take up advanced level courses in Economics and Finance along with electives in this area. The courses range from Risk Management, Corporate Finance, Business law in Finance to International Economics, Econometrics and others.

### Fourth Year

This year the students will take electives and range of courses in advanced Economics and Finance. They will also complete the remaining course requirements towards completion of their degree. These courses enable them to understand and appreciate the complexities of real world phenomena in the areas of monetary and financial economics, government spending and revenue decisions, investment strategies of firms and countries and others.



# Bachelor's Degree in Management & Marketing (BSMM)

## Key Facts

**Length of Programme**  
4 Years

**Qualification**  
Bachelor's Degree in Management & Marketing (BSMM)

**Teaching Language**  
English

**Licensing Body**  
HEC (Higher Education Council)

**International Recognition**  
Membership of AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business)

**Professional Body Membership**  
Institute of Commercial Management (ICM) and Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM)

**NQF\***  
Validated and placed on NQF level (8).

**BQA\*\***  
Confidence (2009 and 2015)

**Study Abroad**  
Yes

**Internship**  
Yes

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## Why choose Bachelor's in Management and Marketing

BSMM is a key programme developed to provide the students with a deep understanding of the social, economic and environmental aspects of the local, regional and international businesses, as well as the skills that transform them into responsible business leaders using sustainable management practices for the advancement of local, regional and global communities.

The programme aims to provide students with sufficient knowledge to enable them to pursue a career in management or marketing, and /or advanced further study. The programme seeks to provide students with the analytical skills necessary to apply their knowledge in organisations in which they are employed, to familiarise them with changing techniques and practices in the professional world, to develop their competence in marketing strategies formulation and to enhance their communication skills.

The programme objectives are to produce graduates who:

- Are able to identify trends, problems and conduct research in the field of management and marketing
- Appreciate professional responsibilities of management and marketing tasks
- Have analytical skills, creative skills and able to apply management and marketing concepts
- Have skills in reflective practice, and life-long learning, and can therefore respond to the dynamic nature of the profession and the changing management and marketing needs of the community
- Have the knowledge and expertise to meet the demands of current and future employment by working in a multi-disciplinary environment
- Possess and practice soft skills such as communication skills, teamwork skills, leadership skills and organisational development skills

The BSMM programme focuses on career development and employability by providing the students with the necessary employability skills which are required not only to get employment, but also to make a significant contribution to any organisation and enhance the scope and potential of the graduates' career. Upon acquiring these skills, the graduates will be able to figure out the key components of the business environment, think methodically and understand how to run a business.

The curriculum is designed to facilitate student learning in a graduated, systematic and balanced fashion.



## Learning Outcomes

The programme aims to provide students with sufficient knowledge and skills to enable them pursue a career in management or marketing, and / or advanced further study.

In order that students are able to accomplish this, the programme seeks to provide students with the analytical skills necessary to apply their knowledge in organisations in which they are employed, to acquaint them with changing techniques and practices in the professional world, to develop their competence in marketing strategies formulation and to enhance their communication skills.

## Career Opportunities

Specifically designed to produce work-ready graduates and help working students to boost their career and shape their own future. As such, the programme gives special attention to strategy, leadership and the global business environment. It imparts all the needed practical knowledge to ensure that students succeed in future senior leadership roles by gaining comprehensive, innovative, and applicable knowledge and skills.

- Executive trainees in different types of corporations including financial institutions.
- Supervisors and managers
- Entrepreneur
- Marketers
- Brand managers
- Product developers
- Event managers
- Public relation managers

## Student Experience



**Vita Abdulla**  
Management & Marketing  
4th Year  
Lithuanian

*I have had a very positive experience so far at Ahlia University, the faculty are excellent and very helpful and after graduating I am hoping to carry on and study for my Master's Degree in Management and Marketing.*

*I would highly recommend to any future student that to study at Ahlia University would be to open doors to a world class education, new friendships and a truly positive experience.*

## Study Plan

### First Year

In the first year, students will begin by taking foundation courses as part of the university requirements. Students will acquire a basic knowledge of English, Mathematics and Accounting, which are essential for the foundation and advanced courses in management and marketing.

### Second Year

In year two, students take courses in the areas of Accounting, Finance, Microeconomics, and Information Technology.

Students also take the first courses in their specialisation fields of management and marketing.

### Third Year

In year three, students are required to complete courses in Accounting, Law and Business Ethics.

During the first semester some compulsory courses are required in the areas of management and marketing namely Production & Operations Management, Human Resources Management, and Consumer Behaviour.

### Fourth Year

In their last year, BSMM students undertake a structured course project in management or marketing, generally involving research on a particular topic in management or reporting on a field-work in a managerial organisation.

The project provides students with practical experience in defining a research problem in the field of management or marketing, and in designing and conducting a research project accordingly.



# Bachelor's Degree in Management Information Systems (BSMIS)

## Key Facts

**Length of Programme**  
4 Years

**Qualification**  
Bachelor's Degree in Management Information Systems (BSMIS)

**Teaching Language**  
English

**Licensing Body**  
HEC (Higher Education Council)

**International Recognition**  
Membership of AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business)

**NQF\***  
Validated and placed on NQF level (8).

**BQA\*\***  
Confidence (2015)

**Internship**  
Yes

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## Why choose Bachelor's in Management Information Systems

This programme integrates information systems with a managerial perspective, to equip graduates with the subject knowledge and ethical standards required for project management in any level of an organisation.

BSMIS students gain knowledge of methods of collecting and transmitting data so strategic business decision making can use business data, IT and management methodologies in order to support organisational operations.

Graduates from the BSMIS will be able to make smarter decisions by staying informed with the latest market movements in relation with transaction processing systems, decision support systems, expert systems, executive information systems or enterprise resource planning systems, etc.

The past few years have seen a tremendous need for MIS skills and graduates are in high demand. There is an increasing requirement for high level technology-proficient graduates because web based communication and database technologies are essential as organisations expand.

MIS professionals have to be "tech savvy" and they also need to have people skills. This is the key aspect of our programme: to provide the business analysis skills that make a MIS professional more than just a programmer.

A business/system analyst, or a consultant, is now a critical IT pillar for problem solving in today's organisations. Such an analyst is the critical point of connection between the business user and the problem solution.



## Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes include:

- Demonstrating knowledge and understanding of the advanced concepts, principles, techniques, paradigms and theories of contemporary information systems and information technology and identify how information systems lead to the competitiveness of a given organisation within today's marketplace
- Demonstrating an informed and critical awareness of the current problems, research issues and methods and technological advancements
- Demonstrating the professional and ethical standards of an IS manager
- Developing continuing awareness of best practice in management information systems infrastructure used by IT professionals within organisations' social boundaries

## Career Opportunities

Graduates from this programme can choose between wide ranges of important careers as professionals working in management information systems, management and many more areas. The employment opportunities include positions such as Network and computer administrator, Computer Systems Analyst, Computer and Information Systems Manager, Chief Information Officer, programme specialist and IT consultant. In addition, students can pursue higher education (MSc, MBA and PhD).

## Student Experience



**Marya Alansari**  
Management Information Systems  
3rd Year  
Bahraini

*Ahlia University is a very welcoming and you at once experience this upon meeting with the faculty members and the students. Because of my passion for IT and Business I chose the programme for Management Information Systems for the positive interaction between the professors and the students which really helps to complete the course programmes.*

*The Programme is ideal in realising my ambition to become an expert in both the IT and the Business field.*

## Study Plan

### First Year

Students are exposed to a range of foundation level accounting, management, IT and language courses. The aim is to equip students with prerequisite foundational knowledge. The first academic year starts the students off with the basic required knowledge for them to continue their journey into the field of Management Information Systems.

### Second Year

From the information technology perspective, students are exposed to computing systems followed by an overall comprehension of management information systems. Students also learn the principles behind macroeconomics, financial management. At this stage, MIS students start to use programming and object oriented languages to web based applications and services.

### Third Year

In the third year of a MIS student's academic journey, the student gains knowledge pertaining to data networks, internet services and security, data management design and application as well as operations management followed by business statistics. The next step is to understand web-based application design, knowledge management, ethics and professional business practices, quantitative analysis and human resource management.

### Fourth Year

In their final year MIS students gain experience of practical applications through their research-led project which demonstrates their knowledge and skills in the field of MIS.



# Welcome to College of Engineering

## Introduction

As one of the six colleges of Ahlia University, the College of Engineering strives to provide excellence in teaching and research in a stimulating learning environment conducive to creativity and innovation.

The College is committed to producing competent well-rounded graduates in the field of Computer, Telecommunication and Network engineering, who are able to meet new challenges and responsibilities in a technology driven society. It aims to help students to acquire transferable skills needed in their professional life and develop their critical, creative and analytical thinking and problem solving skills.

The College offers a rigorous and broad-based education, with provision for a substantial amount of specialisation in the final year of study.

Courses in computer and communication engineering include topics such as microprocessors, microcontrollers, embedded systems, analogue and digital communications systems and digital signal processing.

Courses in mobile and network engineering include topics such as analogue and digital communications, wireless and multimedia communications, data networks and communication networks.



## Message from the Dean



Engineering is one of the foremost driving forces in our ever changing world. To be an engineer is to have the capabilities and know-how to meet the needs of people locally and around the world and help to make their lives safer, more comfortable and more productive. The College's mission is to educate the technological leaders of tomorrow. Our goal is to develop intellectual skills in our graduates in order to produce highly competent engineers who use critical thinking and problem solving for decision-making and demonstrate ethical and professional behavior.

Engineering education at Ahlia emphasises the fundamental principles of engineering, mathematics, computing, the natural and social sciences and the ability to develop creative solutions to multi-faceted problems and examine their impact on the environment and society. We offer our engineering students a rich educational experience that merges intellectual rigor with cross-disciplinary breadth in a student-centred environment. You are welcome to visit us and meet our

faculty and students. We are confident that you will find the unique educational experiences and opportunities that you are looking for.

**Dr Madina Hamiane**  
Dean  
College of Engineering

**Did you know?**

We have just established a student branch of the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers) at Ahlia. One of our faculty member is the counselor for the branch.

# Real People, Real Stories Real Success

## Student

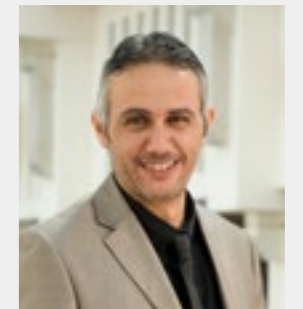


With the constant rise of technology in today's world, I feel that this course will enable me to realise my passion and after completing a Master's degree find work in the Business world. I chose Ahlia University as it is the number one private University within the

Kingdom of Bahrain and the reputation of the faculty members is excellent. I must say that the relaxed and friendly atmosphere throughout the campus has enabled me to happily conduct my studies.

**Ghadeer Khalil**  
Computer & Communication Engineering  
3rd Year  
Bahraini

## Lecturer



Dr Ahmed Jedidi is assistant professor of Computer and Telecommunication Engineering faculty member of college of engineering at Ahlia University.

He has more than 10 years' experience in teaching in universities in Tunisia and Saudi Arabia. He has a number of research papers published in international journals and conferences; his research interests are embedded system performance, optical network communication and wireless sensor network. Dr Jedidi joined Ahlia University in 2016.

**Dr Ahmed Jedidi**  
Assistant Professor  
Tunisian

## Alumnus



Following my successful graduation in 2013. I found it relatively easy to find a job and secured my position in my current work in less than two months. My advice to students would be to work in parallel through your courses to gain extra knowledge and through

research add to your knowledge on a day to day basis. Overall I would highly recommend Ahlia University as a gateway to your future career.

**Muhannad Kamaluddin**  
Computer & Communication Engineering  
graduate, 2013  
Telecom Engineer, Huawei  
Bahraini

## Employer

We believe that our partnership with Ahlia is mutually beneficial for Invita.



We gain a new perspective for addressing routine problems and challenges from the interns, who are from outside the organisational culture.

In return we believe that the interns get exposure to a realistic work environment. They can apply their knowledge and skills to real-world problems and tasks and work within real-world constraints. All of this helps them fine-tune their skills for the job market.

**Charles Antony / Muneera Mohammed Ali**  
Head of Operations / HR Officer  
Invita Company B.S.C.  
Bahrain



# Bachelor's Degree in Computer & Communication Engineering (BSCCE)

## Key Facts

### Length of Programme

4 Years

### Qualification

Bachelor's Degree in Computer & Communication Engineering (BSCCE)

### Teaching Language

English

### Licensing Body

HEC (Higher Education Council)

### Professional Certification

Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)

Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP)

### NQF\*

For validation in 2018

### BQA\*\*

Confidence 2016

### Study Abroad

Yes

### Internship

Yes

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## Why choose Bachelor's degree in Computer & Communication Engineering (BSCCE)

The Computer and Communications Engineering undergraduate programme focuses on computer and communication engineering concepts and applications. The programme provides students with the knowledge and skills needs for a career in the rapidly changing Computer and Communications Engineering industry. Students are exposed to diverse cutting-edge technologies which are in high demand in local and regional labour markets for computer and communication engineers. This covers computer architecture, microprocessors, embedded systems, digital signal processing, and modern digital and analogue communication systems and prepares students for careers in such growth areas as telecommunications/ internet technologies and automatic/traffic technologies.

A significant feature of the programme is the inclusion of Cisco Network certifications required by the job market in the Engineering sector. These job-oriented courses are integrated into the main curriculum to prepare students who take up jobs that need the ability to build a functional configuration to support the specified network operational requirements. Students will hence be able to achieve international certification; an opportunity made available by these courses.

BSCCE is a broad-based programme that provides the student with the technical knowledge and skills required to plan, design, construct, and maintain computer and communication systems, equipment and facilities. The programme combines elements of electronics, software and communication engineering, and associated hardware appropriate to the merging of technologies encountered in today's ICT systems. The programme emphasises the development of application-oriented design and development skills and in-depth knowledge relevant to the need of both local and global high-tech ICT producers, advanced system providers and operators. The student gains comprehensive engineering theory as well as hands-on practical skills and real-life projects to undertake professional work, or use the programme as a pathway into research or further learning.



## Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate a critical and detailed knowledge and understanding of the concepts and required theories of mathematics, science, and engineering.
- Demonstrate knowledge of established research methods in the field of computer and communication engineering.
- Appreciate and have insight into vocational aspects.
- Ability to identify, formulate, and solve quantitatively engineering problems in the field of computer and communication engineering.
- Ability to design and conduct engineering experiments using hardware/software. Design a computer/communication system or process to meet desired needs within realistic engineering constraints.

## Career Opportunities

- Telecommunication Engineer: You would design and install equipment used for transmitting wired phone, cellular, cable and broadband data.
- Telecommunication Systems manager: You would develop, modify, and monitor the various different telecommunications systems.
- Computer Hardware engineer: You would be responsible for creating, improving, and evaluating the various parts that make up the computers and computer systems.
- Computer Software Engineer: You would work in almost every industry & develop and build new computer software technology.
- Customer services: You will assist new and existing telecomms customers with various aspects of their accounts.

## Student Experience



**Ghadeer Khalil**  
Computer & Communication  
Engineering  
4th Year  
Bahraini

*With the constant rise of technology in today's world, I feel that this course will enable me to realise my passion and after completing a Master's degree find work in the Business world.*

*I chose Ahlia University as it is the number one private University within the Kingdom of Bahrain and the reputation of the faculty members is excellent. I must say that the relaxed and friendly atmosphere throughout the campus has enabled me to happily conduct my studies.*

## Study Plan

### First Year

Year one consists of the University and College required courses and includes the following courses: Arabic, Academic English I, Introduction to Computers & IT, Calculus I, General Physics I, Academic English II, Modern History of Bahrain, Introduction to Computer Programming, Calculus II, General Physics II, Introduction to Statistics, Principles of Human Rights.

### Second Year

Year two consists of the remaining college requirement courses and includes the following courses: Electric Circuits, Digital Logic, MATLAB & Simulink, Object-Oriented Programming I, Academic English III, Data Networks, Data Structures and Algorithms, Signals & Systems, Object-Oriented Programming II, Calculus III, Academic English IV,

### Third Year

Year three includes the following courses: Computer Architecture and Organization, Communication Systems I, Ethics and Professional Practice in IT & Engineering, Windows Server Network Infrastructure, Microprocessors, Principles of Control Systems

### Fourth Year

Year four focuses on the remaining major courses and consists of the following courses: Multimedia Communications Overview, Computer Security, Research Methods in IT and Engineering, Operating Systems, Digital Signal Processing, Network Design and Security, Wireless Communications, Distributed Systems, Work-place Internship, Final Project



# Bachelor's Degree in Mobile & Network Engineering (BSMNE)

## Length of Programme

4 Years

## Qualification

Bachelor's Degree in Mobile & Network Engineering (BSMNE)

## Teaching Language

English

## Licensing Body

HEC (Higher Education Council)

## Professional Certification

Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)

Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP)

## NQF\*

For validation in 2018

## BQA\*\*

Confidence 2016

## Study Abroad

Yes

## Internship

Yes

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## Why choose Bachelor's in Mobile and Network Engineering

The Mobile and Network Engineering undergraduate programme focuses on wireless mobile communications and network engineering and provides students with the knowledge and skills so important for a career in the rapidly changing mobile and networking industry. The programme provides practical exposure to diverse cutting-edge technologies, in wide demand in local and regional labour markets for engineers, spanning mobile devices, network design and security, mobile and wireless communication systems, and modern analogue and digital communication systems and prepares students for careers in such growth areas as wireless telecommunications and mobile and network technologies.

The Bachelor's degree programme in Mobile and Network Engineering is a broad-based programme that provides the student with the technical knowledge and skills required to plan, design, construct, and maintain telecommunication networks, equipment and facilities. The programme emphasises an in-depth understanding of the technologies that support the local and global broadband digital networking and mobile communication systems that are required for tomorrow's broadband interactive information transmission. The student gains comprehensive engineering theory as well as hands-on practical skills and real-life projects to undertake professional work, or use the programme as a pathway into research or further learning.

Two Cisco Network certifications (CCNA and CCNP) are integrated into this programme. With these certifications, students will be able to build a functional configuration to support the specified network operational requirements.



## Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate critical, detailed knowledge and understanding of concepts and required theories of mathematics, science, and engineering.
- Demonstrate knowledge of established research methods.
- Appreciate and have insight into vocational aspects in engaging in engineering practice as a mobile and network engineer.
- Ability to Identify, formulate, and solve quantitatively engineering problems in the field of mobile and network engineering.
- Ability to design and conduct engineering experiments using hardware/software, design a network/component or process to meet desired needs within realistic engineering constraints.

## Career Opportunities

- Network Engineer: You would be responsible for the design and physical construction of a network.
- Network Administrator: You would be in charge of running and maintaining the network.
- Computer Network Architect: You be responsible for designing and overseeing the installation of a communication network and determining what equipment is necessary.
- Telecommunication Engineer: You would design and install equipment used for transmitting wired phone, cellular, cable and broadband data.
- Telecommunication Systems manager: You would develop, modify, and monitor the various different telecommunications systems.

## Student Experience



**Mohamed Altaweel**  
Mobile & Network Engineering  
3rd year  
Bahraini

*I chose Ahlia University because it is the top private University in the Kingdom of Bahrain it is the only University that offers the programme to suit my requirements which is the Mobile & Network Engineering degree course.*

*The programme offers my favourite subjects which are Mathematics and Physics which I find really interesting.*

*My ambition after graduating with a high GPA is to find employment in one of Bahrain's leading Mobile & Network Engineering companies.*

## Study Plan

### First Year

Year one consists of the general (University and College) required courses and include the following courses:

Arabic, Academic English I, Introduction to Computers & IT, Calculus I, General Physics I, Academic English II, Modern History of Bahrain, Introduction to Computer Programming, Calculus II, General Physics II, Introduction to Statistics, Principles of Human Rights

### Second Year

Year two consists of the remaining college required courses and includes the following courses:

Electric Circuits, Digital Logic, MATLAB & Simulink, Object-Oriented Programming I, Academic English III, Data Networks, Data Structures and Algorithms, Signals & Systems, Object-Oriented Programming II, Calculus III, Academic English IV,

### Third Year

Year three focuses on the courses required for the major and consists of the following courses:

Computer Architecture and Organisation, Communication Systems I, Interconnecting Network Devices I (CCNA - 1), Humanities/ Social Sciences, Free Elective I, Communication Systems II, Interconnecting Network Devices II (CCNA - 2), Mobile Information Device Programming, Applied Probability, Humanities/ Social Sciences, Free Elective II

### Fourth Year

Year four focuses on the remaining major courses and consists of the following courses:

Multimedia Communications Overview, Computer Security, Research Methods in IT and Engineering, Operating Systems, Digital Signal Processing, Network Design and Security, Wireless Communications, Distributed Systems, Work-place Internship, Final Project



# Welcome to College of Information Technology

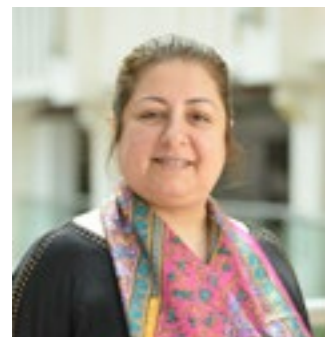
## Introduction

The College of Information Technology has been a key part of Ahlia University since it was founded in 2001. Over the last few years, the College has seen a remarkable growth in several critical areas, including student enrolment, number of well-qualified faculty with international experience, research, and well-designed academic programme offerings.

The College offers three degrees, bachelor's degrees in Information Technology (BSIT), Multimedia Systems (BSMS) and masters' degree in Information Technology and Computer Science (MITCS). In 2011 the master's programme (MITCS) received Full Confidence following the review by the National Authority for Qualifications and Quality Assurance of Education and Training (QQA). Furthermore, the College's three programmes received Full Confidence in the QQA Programmes-Within-College Review (PWCR) in 2014.



## Message from the Dean



Welcome to the College of Information Technology. Our mission is to deliver the highest quality education in accordance with international standards and in tune with the local needs of the industry and business, and ensure a continuous improvement process that delivers quality education to our students. The College aims to produce high quality professionals in the field of Information Technology and Computer Science to enable them to excel in their fields of work and make a significant and valuable contribution to society. Our College programmes apply a hands-on, reality-based approach to education that allows students to apply what they learn in class to solve real-life problems. The teaching philosophy and problem solving based learning processes prepare our students to become innovators and leaders of the future.

We wish you all the best for your studies and your future growth in the field. I invite you to explore opportunities in our College, to visit our website, and to contact me directly at [wawad@ahlia.edu.bh](mailto:wawad@ahlia.edu.bh).

**Dr Wasan Shakir Awad**  
Dean  
College of Information Technology

**Did you know?**

College courses also prepare students to take the International Computer Driving License (ICDL) which is a globally recognised certification.

# Real People, Real Stories Real Success

## Student



I chose Ahlia University to do my Bachelor's Degree in Multimedia Systems and because basically it is the best university in Bahrain and it is, like the name suggests, like a second family to me.

The environment at Ahlia University is easy going yet at the same time conducive to getting your studies and research completed. Upon completion of my degree I hope to work part time at Ahlia with the possibility of full time employment within the Multimedia department.

**Mohamed Ashoori**  
Multimedia Systems  
4th Year  
Bahraini

## Lecturer



I am PhD holder in Computer Science from the University of Fribourg, Switzerland since 2006. My PhD subject is 'A study of the evolution of the models for document recognition written in Arabic within an interactive context'. My major research fields deal with: Document Recognition (Physical and Logical Layout), Machine Learning and Pattern Recognition, Image Processing, extracting Electronic Documents (XED), Security and Privacy, eLearning and Web Services Ontologies.

**Dr Karim Hajjar**  
Assistant Professor / Chairperson  
Tunisian

## Alumnus



Ahlia University is the leading private university in Bahrain. It has the highest quality of teaching and learning in Bahrain and it is always successful in the QQA review. The programme was really helpful for my current job. My degree programme in Information Technology

has improved my skills and knowledge in the IT field as it helps me solve the day to day problems I might face.

**Khalifa Mehaiza**  
Information Technology Graduate, 2015  
Lab Assistant, Ahlia University  
Bahraini

## Employer



We are delighted to partner with Ahlia. Ahlia graduates are really well-prepared and we find that training them to gain professional certificates is uncomplicated. Bahrain Institute of Technology's (BIT) key objective is to provide innovative training techniques; competent faculty support, consultancy, and quality teaching that will maintain steady economic growth and strengthen Kingdom's vision of 2030.

We are an authorized training centre for multiple international IT vendors like Microsoft, CompTIA, ICDL, Cisco also PMI, Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) and many more.

**Al Mahdi Hussain**  
Business Development



# Bachelor's Degree in Multimedia Systems (BSMS)

## Key Facts

**Length of Programme**  
4 Years

**Qualification**  
Bachelor's Degree in Multimedia Systems (BSMS)

**Teaching Language**  
English

**Licensing Body**  
HEC (Higher Education Council)

**NQF\***  
For validation in 2018

**BQA\*\***  
Confidence (2016)

**Study Abroad Available**  
Yes

**Internship**  
Yes

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\*\*Bahrain Education and Training Quality Authority

## Why choose Bachelor's Degree in Multimedia Systems (BSMS)

Nowadays every company needs to have a website, introductory video and maybe 3D animation movie or 3D logo. This is crucial for every company in order to be visible in the market and known by its customers.

The Multimedia Systems undergraduate programme provides students with an understanding of both theoretical and practical aspects of multimedia systems.

The programme is designed to train students on how computers obtain, manipulate and represent visual media. The programme also develops expertise in the production of technically advanced professional presentations including integrated pictures, audio, video, 3-D and 4-D graphics and computer animations.

The Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist (MCTS) certification is embedded in the BSMS programme. The MCTS technology specialist certifications enable professionals to target specific technologies and to distinguish themselves by demonstrating in-depth knowledge and expertise in their specialized fields. This certification track consists of four inter-dependent courses: the first is a compulsory course in the third year of the programme; the other three are included in the list of electives.

The Bachelor's Degree in Multimedia Systems combines an eclectic mix of IT courses and multimedia. The multimedia component provides web design skills that complement the programming, modelling and database elements of the IT courses.

To complete the programme, the student has to formulate and execute an undergraduate project, the common thread of which involves modelling and website design implementation using software tools. Recent undergraduate projects undertaken follow one of two streams of content: 3D modelling or building dynamic websites.



## Learning Outcomes

On graduation students will have the ability:

- To provide high quality undergraduate educational programmes in Multimedia.
- To prepare highly competent professionals to be tomorrow's leaders in the Multimedia area.
- To provide high quality services, expertise and resources to society in the form of projects and training.

Key Skills our graduates will have developed are:

- Communication
- Teamwork And Leadership
- Organisational And Developmental Skills
- Ethical And Social Responsibility

## Career Opportunities

The bachelor's degree in multimedia systems prepares students for careers in multimedia in particular and, in general, to become web programmer and designer in corporations and governmental organisations or designers and modellers in 3D and video respectively in game and video production companies.

## Study Plan

### First Year

The student follows university requirement courses: English, Calculus, Physics, Statistics, Human Rights, Modern History of Bahrain and Introduction to Computers and Introduction to Programming.

### Second Year

The student will go deeper into programming by learning object oriented programming languages, visual programming and the concepts of data structures.

### Third Year

The student will focus on multimedia by learning Human Computer Interaction, Multimedia Software (Image Processing, Video Montage, Graphics Design, and Audio Processing) and Designing and Programming Web Sites.

### Fourth Year

The student will start to embrace 3D Graphics by learning how to model objects and animate them. Moreover the student will learn how to create multimedia applications using appropriate tools and software. The student will complete a major project as part of the course.

## Student Experience



**Mohamed Ashoori**  
Multimedia Systems  
Fourth Year  
Bahraini

*I am more than happy with my choice of Ahlia University as it is the number one top private university in Bahrain.*

*As the name Ahlia suggests, students can come to view the University as a "second family". Through the relaxed and friendly feel of the University from the lecturers to the general staff and to the students.*

*My advice to any future student thinking of applying to Ahlia University would be you will not go wrong with the top private university in Bahrain.*





# Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology (BSIT)

## Key Facts

**Length of Programme**  
4 Years

**Qualification**  
Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology (BSIT)

**Teaching Language**  
English

**Licensing Body**  
HEC (Higher Education Council)

**Professional Certificate Exemptions**  
ODBA1, 2, 3, 4  
(Oracle data base administration)

CompTIA A+ 1 and 2  
(System Administration)

**NQF\***  
Validated and placed on NQF level (8).

**BQA\*\***  
Confidence (2016)

**Study Abroad Available**  
Yes

**Internship**  
Yes

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## Why choose Bachelor's in Information Technology (BSIT)

Information Technology is a new and rapidly growing field that started as a grassroots response to the practical, everyday needs of business, government, healthcare, education, and other life aspects. Today, organisations of every kind are dependent on information technology.

They need to have appropriate systems in place. These systems must work properly, be secure, and be upgraded, maintained, and replaced as appropriate. Employees throughout an organisation require support from IT staff that understand computer systems and their software and are committed to solving whatever computer-related problems they might have.

The Bachelor's Degree programme in Information Technology develops programming skills to enable students to develop a variety of software useful for solving a diverse array of real-world problems. The BSIT programme exists to produce graduates with the right combination of knowledge and practical hands-on expertise to take care of both an organisation's information technology infrastructure and the people who use it. Therefore, graduates of the BSIT programme are expected to have progression opportunities in their career as IT Specialist and to further pursue a master's programme.

To make sure that the BSIT programme is aligned with occupational and international standards, the programme is benchmarked against the ACM/IEEE Standardised Curriculum model and ABET standards and other equivalent accredited programmes offered by international universities.

The course content has therefore been revised substantially with new developments in IT being incorporated, as well as ABET and ACM/IEEE requirements and market and stakeholders' feedback.



## Learning Outcomes

The aims of the BSIT programme is to provide students with critical competencies and cutting-edge skills of core information technologies of human computer interaction, information management, programming, networking, and web systems and technologies.

### Learning outcomes include:

- Concepts and Theories
- Contemporary Trends, Problems and Research
- Professional Responsibility
- Problem Solving
- Modeling and Design
- Application of Methods and Tools
- Analytic
- Synthetic
- Creative
- Communication
- Teamwork and Leadership
- Organisational and Developmental Skills
- Ethical and Social Responsibility

## Career Opportunities

Information Technology (IT) is about meeting user needs within an organisational and societal context through the selection, creation, application, integration and administration of computing technologies. Therefore, the job opportunities of an IT graduate including but not limited to: Computer Application Programmer, Database architect, IT solution architect, Software engineer, Systems analyst, Technical support, Technical consultant, Technical sales, Project manager, Web developer, Software tester, and System administrator.

## Student Experience



**Taghreed Almatouk**  
Information Technology  
4th Year  
American

*I have been given a second opportunity at Ahlia University and I am thoroughly enjoying my second year of the IT Degree course.*

*I left school 10 years ago and am now relishing my choice to take this course and further my education. The faculty are amazing and I find that with the flexible nature of the classes my student life revolves smoothly around my private life.*

*The decision I made to enrol for this IT degree course at Ahlia University has been the right one and whilst I am studying here I am enjoying the other activities at the University and making new friends.*

## Study Plan

### First Year

In the first year, the accent is on IT concepts and basic science (math and physics), and it includes university requirements courses, such as history, Arabic, and human rights.

### Second Year

The main objective of the second year is to introduce different computer programming techniques and concepts. Thus, in this year, event-driven, procedural, and object-oriented programming techniques are covered. How to model and design efficient and effective computer programs and data structures are considered.

### Third Year

The main objective of this year is to have in-depth knowledge of the analysis and design of computer applications, database, and user interface. Also, it is to have professional skills needed to meet user needs.

### Fourth Year

In the fourth year, emphasis shifts to applications and advanced IT techniques. Accordingly, the BSIT program imparts advanced theories and practices in information technology that balance between knowledge and skills. To be eligible to register for the undergraduate project, the degree candidate must have taken the research preparatory course for IT and Engineering IERM498.



# Welcome to College of Medical & Health Sciences

## Introduction

Over the past few years, the demand for physiotherapy professional services has increased dramatically around the globe including the Gulf region. The Department of Physiotherapy at Ahlia University offers a comprehensive programme producing independent, professional, skilled, reflective and analytical physiotherapists who have acquired a strong scientific and methodical knowledge base and understand the importance of research and evidence based clinical practice.

Physiotherapists have an important role in the health care of patients of all ages who have lost movement or functional ability following an accident or disease, by utilising physical approach aimed at the promotion, preservation and restoration of the individual's physical, psychological and social welfare.

Through relieving pain, restoring function, preventing impairment and improving functional status, physiotherapists assist people to continue as active and independent people.

The College of Medical and Health Sciences aims to train self-sufficient physiotherapists by providing theoretical and clinical practical courses achieved by meeting and working with patients in a variety of healthcare environments.



## Message from the Dean



Medical and Health Sciences is the largest industry sector in the world. The importance of training individuals to be independent medical services practitioners by providing them with a diverse academic, research and clinical experience to enrich their professional development is critical to our future development.

Here at the College of Medical and Health Sciences we aspire to produce highly competent health care professionals who utilise critical thinking for clinical decision-making and demonstrate ethical and professional behaviour.

We impart the knowledge, attitudes and skills vital to carrying out clinical, research, administrative and academic functions and produce graduates who will be socially and ethically aware, trained in the latest scientific techniques within the health care sector, and most importantly employer ready to enter the Health Care sector as highly skilled medical professionals.

A career within Medical and Health Sciences can be one of the most rewarding and enjoyable professions. We welcome you to our College and together, look forward to a successful future.

### Professor Shawqi Al Dallal

Acting Dean  
College of Medical & Health Sciences

## Did you know?



There are different types of physiotherapy, including orthopedic, acute care, post-operative care, cardiovascular and pulmonary rehab, lymphedema management, wound care, and neurologic rehabilitation.

# Real People, Real Stories Real Success

## Student

The Physiotherapy Degree course in the College of Medical and Health Sciences at Ahlia University is an ideal platform for me to achieve my ambition of becoming an Orthopaedic Physiotherapist. I am enjoying my time at Ahlia and the faculty have been really good and helpful during the course of my studies.



**Juma Alkhanaizi**  
Physiotherapy  
4th Year  
Bahraini

To help people through treatment, listen to the cause of their problems and reduce the pain to get them back on the road to recovery is a wonderful feeling and at Ahlia University I feel I am on the road to achieve my ambition.

## Lecturer



Dr Redha Dashti graduated with BSc, PT from Kuwait University, MSc in Neuro PT rehabilitation and vestibular rehabilitation from MGH-IHP Boston and DPT (thesis: Vestibular Rehabilitation) from St Augustine University, Florida.

Dr Dashti has 20 years of experience as an expert and consultant in neuro PT and vestibular rehabilitation. Dr Dashti is the inventor of a patented Vertigo Free Device. He is working full time as a specialised physiotherapist in Ministry of Health (Bahrain), part time as a senior lecturer at Ahlia University, and as a consultant neuro-vestibular rehab physiotherapist in the Therapy Centre Private Clinic.

**Dr Redha Dashti**  
Chairperson  
Bahraini

## Alumnus



I chose Ahlia University as they were the only University in Bahrain offering a degree course in Physiotherapy and through the grapevine of friends and family I heard about the friendly environment of study at the university which was instrumental in my choosing Ahlia.

My course programme helped to secure my current employment by honing and developing my skills through the course subject and the passionate skills of the lecturers. My advice to any students beginning their studies would be to enjoy your subjects with passion and become involved with group discussions, activities and events.

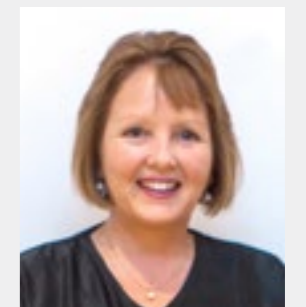
**Abdulla Baqer**  
Physiotherapy graduate, 2013  
Physiotherapist, Al Sharaf Orthopedic & Spine Centre  
Bahraini

## Employer

Oasis were pleased that AU reached out to training institutions for support with training students for work requirements.

We have presented workshops for students at AU (communication skills; presentation skills) and it is good to universities to provide this kind of employer-led activity for their students.

Oasis wanted to partner with AU to offer internship places in order to give something back to Bahrain. We value AU graduates because they display signs of using problem solving skills and critical thinking at work. They are also open to trying new things.



**Dr Suzanne White**  
Managing Director  
Oasis Training Centre, Bahrain



# Bachelor's Degree in Physiotherapy (BSPT)

## Key Facts

**Length of Programme**  
4 Years

**Qualification**  
Bachelor's Degree in Physiotherapy (BSPT)

**Teaching Language**  
English

**Licensing Body**  
HEC (Higher Education Council)

**Professional Body Membership**  
All graduates are eligible for active membership in Bahrain Physical Therapy Association (BPTA) and World Confederation in Physical Therapy (WCPT).

**Professional Certification**  
Students will be UK and Bahrain-Certified on First Aid & Emergency Medical Procedures.

**BQA\*\***  
Confidence (2012)

**Study Abroad Available**  
Yes

**Internship**  
Clinical training internships are embedded in clinical physiotherapy courses from second year to fourth year level.

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## Why choose Bachelor's in Physiotherapy (BSPT)

Physiotherapy is a science-based healthcare profession which utilises physical approaches in the promotion, rehabilitation and maintenance of an individual's functional movement potential, psychological and social well being. A challenging and exciting aspect of this profession is the wide scope of knowledge and clinical practice in terms of patient and client groups (ie neurological, cardiorespiratory, orthopaedics and pediatrics), and healthcare delivery settings (eg hospitals, health centres, community-based organisations, industry and private clinics).

The aim of the Bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy (BSPT) Degree Programme is to produce graduates with excellent communication skills who are able to function as independent clinicians and as fully interactive members of the multidisciplinary health care team.

Formative and summative course assessment methods are carefully selected to develop intended learning outcomes and to objectively evaluate the academic performance of the students regarding their knowledge/skills; subject-specific skills including problem solving; critical thinking skills such as analytical and creativity skills; and general & transferable skills including communication, teamwork and ethics/social responsibilities in relation to the course aims.



## Learning Outcomes

- Acquire a sound scientific foundation and to develop competency in basic clinical skills both of which are essential in order to safely and effectively treat patients.
- Develop skills in critical thinking and to evaluate the effectiveness of treatments based on the latest evidence.
- Gain basic knowledge, skills and experience in health-care research methodology.
- Develop skills in life-long learning and therefore respond to the dynamic nature of the healthcare profession and the changing health needs of the community.

## Career Opportunities

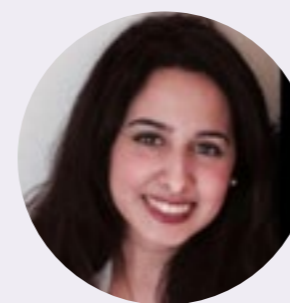
Graduates can expect to find employment as entry level professional physiotherapists within the public and private health sectors in Bahrain and internationally. In addition, the transferable skills obtained on this degree programme enable graduates to apply for employment in health promotion in the hospitals, private clinics, community centres, sports facilities, fitness centres, industrial clinics, insurance companies and academic fields as clinical instructors, graduate assistants or laboratory demonstrators.

## Additional Costs

Clinical training fees for 3rd year and 4th year level of BD 250 each year including the summer semester in addition to the standard tuition fee.

In addition, students will pay for their First Aid and Basic Life support certification from an external trainer with the amount of BD 40 during their second year level in Basic Clinical Practice course.

## Student Experience



**Gorkem Aytekin**  
Physiotherapy  
Graduated  
USA / Turkish

*"Doctors save lives, physiotherapists add meaning to life."*

*This quote made me interested in this field. I realised that AU had a great perspective on physiotherapy. The programme included theoretical and practical parts to enhance my knowledge and understanding. It prepared me to discover and disseminate new knowledge with its theoretical part and gave me the opportunity to practice with its clinical classes in variety of clinical settings / hospitals. Also, it contributed to improve my professional skills to work collaboratively with other professions as a team, and optimise global health.*

## Study Plan

### First Year

Students will take core courses required at the college and university level. A General Anatomy course is taken in the second semester of the first year which is the basic foundation of all physiotherapy courses.

### Second Year

Pre-clinical training and physiotherapy courses start in the second year and consist of class-room as well as laboratory work which aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the core biomedical, behavioural and technological sciences as well as an introduction to basic clinical skills.

As part of the course in Basic Clinical Practice, students will complete certification courses for Adult and Paediatric Life Support as well as a defibrillator course which make them UK- and Bahrain certified first aiders for three years.

### Third Year

In third year, clinical education is equally balanced across the two major specialities in physiotherapy: Orthopaedics (incorporating musculoskeletal) and Cardiopulmonary. Students will be exposed to orthopaedic and cardiopulmonary medicine. 12 hours of supervised clinical training per week will be allotted for the Clinical Orthopaedic and Cardiopulmonary Physiotherapy throughout each semester.

### Fourth Year

All students are required to attend a Research theoretical course PHRM 498 [Research Methods in Physiotherapy] and must complete a final year research project PHTH 499 [Major Project in Physiotherapy] which requires the students to choose a research topic and to conduct data collection and report writing under supervision.

\* The Admission of the new students to the programme is suspended by the decision of the Higher Education Council (HEC).

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# Welcome to College of Graduate Studies & Research

## Introduction

The College of Graduate Studies & Research was established to create a research environment where both students and faculty conduct innovative research work, with integrity and commitment to high ethical standards as well as passion for discovery and creativity. Graduate students enrolled in any master or PhD programme, whether owned or hosted by Ahlia University, receive guidance from the College in the development of research skills and the acquisition of knowledge with the ultimate purpose of benefitting the society they belong to. The College also plays a leading role in the support processes that are required in order to successfully complete PhDs and master's degree dissertation projects.

The College prides itself on facilitating the participation of students in seminars, workshops, conferences, and competitions, locally, regionally and globally. Academics and industry figures from out side Bahrain are invited regularly to share their experience with students, and motivate them in their learning. Furthermore, publication of research in international refereed journals is encouraged. The College also helps find industry partners with whom students can discuss and collaborate in relation to their dissertation projects, so as to make them relevant and directly applicable to their professional career. Students completing a master or a PhD programme at Ahlia University are equipped with tools which set them amongst the leaders in the Gulf region.

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## Message from the Dean



Welcome to The College of Graduate Studies and Research.

The College of Graduate Studies and Research is concerned and support both the graduate studies in different programs as well as scholarly research which is conducted by our faculty, staff and graduate students. These two themes of the college will enrich the knowledge and be in line with Bahrain economic vision 2030.

Research is required for building knowledge and efficient learning. The College of Graduate Studies and Research aspires collaboration with industry as there are mutual benefits for both academic and business sides. So, Ahlia University is seeking investment and development in research as this helps secure advantage point over competitors. Now the world is changing constantly and is becoming more and more connected. Ahlia University aims to support its graduates and enhance their qualifications and employability. To this extent, Ahlia University has developed

partnerships with well-known universities in different parts of the world to establish collaborative research and high standard graduate studies (Masters and PhD degrees).

**Dr. Dalia Mohamed Kamel**  
Dean  
College of Graduate Studies  
& Research

**Did you know?**

*Dr María del Mar de Fez Laso is the Bahrain representative of the European Centre for Particle Physics (CERN) and leads coaching and selection of undergraduate Bahraini students to participate in CERN research projects*



Ahlia University faculty research areas cover a wide range: Arabic Culture, Astrophysics, Computer Security, Interior Design, Islamic Finance, Physiotherapy, Renewable Energies and Telecommunications and many more. Having faculty with such wide research activities allows students to choose a research project close to their interests and helpful for their future careers.



During my research project on creation of business opportunities for 3D printing I was introduced by my AU mentors to real companies. This made possible the creation of a clear and effective business plan applicable to Bahraini spending culture.

**Mohamed Huwaidi**  
Business and Finance



Working with experts in the field allowed me to be part of a research team starting a new electronic era in the Kingdom of Bahrain. I am very proud of the micro-controller I developed at AU as it will enhance network security systems throughout.

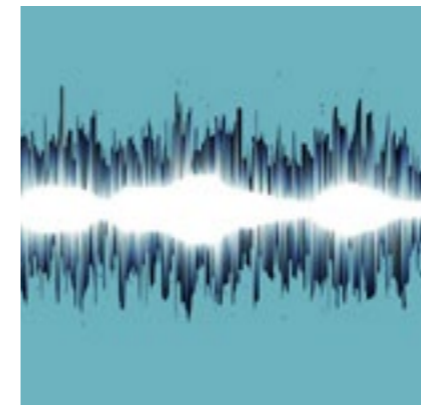
**Ahmed Asad**  
Mobile & Network Engineering

For my thesis project I chose sound bites in the Arab Media during 2011. This subject had never been covered before in the Arab world.

I always felt that the research environment at AU helped me make a difference.

**Maryam Al Sherooqi**  
Mass Communication & Public Relations

## Our Research



I had so much fun studying the effect of space planning in buildings used by partially blind people. I was supported at every stage of my project and now I can apply my results to help the Bahraini community

**Fadwa Majed**  
Interior Design





# Admission and Entry Requirements

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.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply to join the University, applicants must fill in the Undergraduate Programmes Application form either by attending at the Directorate of Admission and Registration in the University or by filling in the application form online on the University Website: <http://www.ahlia.edu.bh/apply-to-au/>. In all cases, applicants must bring hard copies of all the required application documents to the Directorate of Admission and Registration in order to complete their application process.

## WHEN TO APPLY

The university has a limited number of places available for each academic programme; hence to ensure your application is considered you should apply by the relevant deadline:

- August – deadline for application wishing to join in the First Semester of the subsequent Academic Year.
- January – deadline for application wishing to join in the Second Semester of the Academic Year.
- May – deadline for application wishing to join in the Summer Session of the Academic Year (Applications are restricted to transfer students only).

## HOW WE SELECT STUDENTS

Applicants are selected from the most promising of the eligible applicants and up to the limits of available space determined by the university.

Please note that the requirements for admission stated by the University are in all cases the

minimum demanded for admission, and their fulfilment by an applicant does not automatically ensure their selection.

Prior to enrolling in University, citizens of non-GCC States should secure residence permits in the Kingdom of Bahrain; otherwise their admission, granted conditionally, is subject to being rescinded at the discretion of the University.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Applicants must demonstrate a level of English proficiency consistent with the demands of an academic programme taught and assessed almost exclusively in the English language. This can be done in one of the following ways:

- Submission of an internationally recognised certificate of English language proficiency, e.g. Cambridge ESOL SCE or City & Guild's Pitman Intermediate Level.
- Attainment of an acceptable score on an internationally recognised examination of English language proficiency, typically either IELTS or TOFEL
- Passing the University English language placement test.

## RECOGNISED 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 recognised by the Bahraini Ministry of Education as equivalent to a Tawjihia certificate.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR FRESH APPLICANTS

The university accepts undergraduate programmes applicants graduating from high schools to join the university as fresh students provided that they meet the entry requirements set by the university and are in line with the Bahraini Higher Education Council requirements;

- Applicants must hold at least a recognised and endorsed secondary school certificate or its equivalent.
- Applicants must demonstrate a satisfactory level of English proficiency.

## DOCUMENTS REQUIREMENTS FOR FRESH APPLICANTS

- Filled in undergraduate programme application form
- Four recent passport size photographs
- Copy of the applicant's passport
- Copy of the applicant's ID card
- Copy of the applicant's secondary school certificate and graduation notification certified and endorsed by the Bahraini Ministry of Education
- Copy of the official transcript of grades for the last three years of secondary school certified and endorsed by the Bahraini Ministry of Education
- Medical Report
- Non-refundable application fee of BD 20

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER APPLICANTS

The University accepts undergraduate programme applicants transferring from other recognised 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 and a withdrawal letter from the previous institution of higher education.

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- Copy of the official transcript of grades for the last three years of secondary school certified and endorsed by the Bahraini Ministry of Education
- Copy of the endorsed withdrawal letter from the previous institution of higher education
- Copy of the official endorsed transcripts of the courses studied in the other institution of higher education with the syllabi and course descriptions.
- Medical Report
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## TRANSFER OF CREDITS RULES AND REGULATIONS

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.

## PLACEMENT TESTS

The University administers placement tests in English language and Mathematics for new undergraduate programme applicants. Students who pass these tests are exempted for the orientation programme.

## ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

The Orientation Programme is a one semester programme offered to undergraduate programme students who are accepted to pursue their education in one of the respective colleges at the University. The Programme aims to help students develop proper study habits and skills and to better prepare themselves for the initiation of their university study. The Programme consists of a core of two courses, English and Mathematics. Applicants who graduated from high schools where English is the language of teaching and applicants transferring from other higher education institutions may be exempted from taking the Orientation Programme

## MATURE APPLICANTS

Applicants holding a secondary school certificate or its equivalent which is more than five years old are treated as mature students whose admission, irrespective of the academic programme applied to, is contingent on their passing the placement tests in English and Mathematics.

## APPLICANTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The University welcomes applicants with special needs to any of the undergraduate programmes that are offered. The University encourages all applicants with a health condition, disability, learning difficulties or any specific special need to declare their special needs in the application form. Your application will go through a Special Needs Admission Committee which considers your programme the type of support you will require during your period of study at the University. An applicant's special needs status will be kept confidential and limited to relevant faculty and staff members only.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please go online on the University Website:

- Admission and entry requirements <http://www.ahlia.edu.bh/apply-to-au/>
- How to apply <http://www.ahlia.edu.bh/how-to-apply/>
- Admission Enquires <http://www.ahlia.edu.bh/enquire/>

## CONTACTS

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# Fees

Ahlia University's policy on fees and expenses is to charge students at a minimum consistent with the provision of high quality instruction and superior facilities and equipment.

## FEES

Tuition fees for all undergraduate degree programmes are payable per semester and charged per credit hour enrolled.

Fees for the admission and placement test are levied per application and per test respectively.

The estimated duration to complete an undergraduate degree at Ahlia University is 4 years, consisting of 134 credit-hours (45 courses) or 156 credit-hours (49 courses) for the Bachelor Degree in Physiotherapy.

### FEES FOR UG PROGRAMMES

| Pre-Registration Fees   |         |
|---|---------|
| Admission Fee   | BD 20   |
| English Placement Test - if applicable  | BD 20   |
| Mathematics Placement Test - if applicable  | BD 20   |
| Registration Fees<br><i>to accept the offer and register in courses</i>   |         |
| Registration Fee  | BD 200  |
| Orientation Programme<br><i>if applicable for one semester</i>  |         |
| Intensive English   | BD 600  |
| Preparatory Mathematics   | BD 600  |
| Course Tuition Fees<br><i>covering 45 courses; 134 credit-hours</i>   |         |
| <b>First Year Courses</b><br>100 level courses; 35 credit-hours covering 12 courses<br>BD 100 per credit-hour/semester  | BD 3500 |
| <b>Second Year Courses</b><br>200 level courses; 33 credit-hours covering 11 courses<br>BD 110 per credit-hour/semester | BD 3630 |
| <b>Third Year Courses</b><br>300 level courses; 33 credit-hours covering 11 courses<br>BD 120 per credit-hour/semester  | BD 3960 |
| <b>Fourth Year Courses</b><br>400 level courses; 33 credit-hours covering 11 courses<br>BD 130 per credit-hour/semester | BD 4290 |





# Terms & Conditions

## TERMS OF USE

This prospectus provides an overview of Ahlia University, along with information about all the undergraduate programmes available at the time of publication. This is provided for information purposes only. Relevant weblinks are shown throughout. Please also consult the programme information online for further details or for any changes that have appeared since the publication of the prospectus.

The information contained in the prospectus or on our websites is subject to change and may be updated by the University from time to time to reflect intellectual advances in the subject, changing requirements of professional bodies and changes in academic faculty interests and expertise. Changes may also occur as a result of monitoring and review by the University, external agencies or regulators.

## 1. CHANGE OR DISCONTINUANCE OF PROGRAMMES

Ahlia University will use all reasonable efforts to deliver advertised programmes and other services and facilities in accordance with the descriptions set out in the prospectuses, and website. It will provide students with the tuition and learning support and other services and facilities so described with reasonable care and skill.

We undertake a continuous review of our programmes, services and facilities to ensure quality enhancement. We therefore, reserve the right where necessary to:

- alter the timetable, location, number of classes, content or method of delivery of programmes of study and/or examination processes, provided such alterations are reasonable
- make reasonable variations to the content and syllabus of

programmes of study (including in relation to internships)

- suspend or discontinue programmes of study
- make changes to our statutes, ordinances, regulations, policies and procedures which we reasonably consider necessary (for example, in the light of changes in the law or the requirements of the Higher Education Council).
- close programmes of study or to combine or merge them with others

If the University closes, discontinues or combines a programme of study or otherwise changes a programme of study significantly, the University will inform applicants (or students where relevant) affected by any change at the earliest possible opportunity.

## 2. CHANGES TO SERVICES OR FACILITIES

The University will make available to students such learning support and other services and facilities as it considers appropriate, but may vary what it provides from time to time (for example, the University may consider it desirable to change the way it provides library or IT support).

## 3. FINANCIAL OR OTHER LOSSES

The University will not be held liable for any direct or indirect financial or other losses or damage arising from such closures, discontinuations, changes to or mergers of any programme of study, service or facility.

## FORCE MAJEURE

The University will not be held liable for any loss, damage or expense resulting from any delay, variation or failure in the provision of programmes of study, services or facilities arising from circumstances beyond the University's reasonable control, including (but not limited to)

war or threat of war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, interruption in power supplies or other services for any reason, boycott and telecommunications failure. In the event that such circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the University arise, it will use all reasonable endeavours to minimise disruption as far as it is practical to do so provided that such endeavours do not undermine the University's Quality Assurance requirements.

## ADMISSIONS POLICY AND COMPLAINTS

The University will assess applications in line with the current Admissions Policy. This policy is reviewed regularly. The Admissions Policy, current at the time of publication, is published online and is available at [www.ahlia.edu.bh](http://www.ahlia.edu.bh)

Students may raise complaints related to admission under the University's Regulations Governing Complaints from Students, which can be found at in the University Admission & Registration system known as ADREG.

Further information about or clarification of these procedures is available from the Admission & Registration Department.

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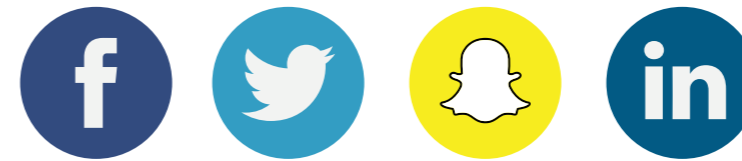


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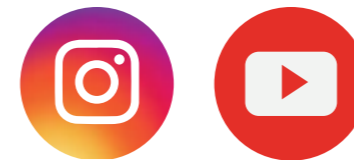


# Contact Us

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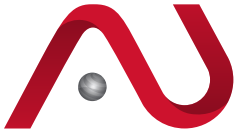


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