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UNIVERSITY PROFILE

Ahlia University ("AU") was established in 2001 by a number of high profile educators and investors with the objective of providing high quality education to students from Bahrain and other parts of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). The provision of high quality education and research is at the core of the university's activities and both the Higher Education Council and the Quality Assurance Agency continue to recognise and confirm the university and its various academic programmes.

Ahlia University was the first private University to be licensed by the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain. From the inception, the founders articulated their vision of an outstanding regional and international academic institution by promoting the highest level of integrity in the achievement of excellence in education and research and within a broad range of high quality professional services to the community within Bahrain and the region.

Ahlia University is an autonomous institution, independently chartered, funded and managed by the private sector. The university and its programmes are accredited and recognised by Bahrain's Higher Education Council and fully meets the requirements of the Bahrain's Quality Assurance Agency as well as highly reputed and distinguished Universities in the Europe and the USA. The University was amongst the first Bahraini private Universities to be recognised by the Kuwaiti Ministry of Higher Education.

Ahlia University programmes are delivered by the five colleges:

- College of Arts & Science
- College of Business and Finance
- College of Engineering
- College of Information Technology
- College of Medical and Health Sciences

Ahlia University offers students throughout the Gulf and internationally, the opportunity to join a truly vibrant and challenging University to receive a valuable scientific and technologically advance education and a highly distinctive liberal arts education. All the courses are taught by leading faculty who possess outstanding academic credentials and have all the relevant practical and professional experience to ensure our students receive a first class education.

The following are milestones in the University's development:

- **2018/19** – Ahlia meets all the Requirements put forth by the Bahrain Quality Assurance authority (BQA) and gets accredited by the Higher Education Council in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
- **2012/13** – Ahlia's 10th full academic year: 18 programmes; 80 faculties; 1925 students; and 20 different nationalities.
- **2011/12** – Following excellent performance in the QAA's First Reviews, Ahlia is the only University to make "good" progress in the follow-up and is featured as a "success story" in QAA's 2013 report.
- **2010/11** – Collaboration with the George Washington University (USA) begins, allowing local students to follow the GWU off-campus Masters in Engineering Management.
- **2009/10** – Ahlia hosts "Impact of Global Financial Crisis on Environment, Energy & Sustainable Development" with the World Association for Sustainable Development and under the patronage of HRH, the Prime Minister.

- **2008/09** – Ahlia’s partnerships extend to France and exchange programmes are established with three French Universities so that students can take part of their programmes abroad.
- **2007/08** – Another “first” for Ahlia takes place when the Brunel University collaboration is extended to a doctoral programme, which enables students who wish to study in Bahrain to receive a PhD degree awarded by Brunel University London.
- **2006/07** – Ahlia hosts “HE in the 21st century: issues and challenges” a major international conference attended by 40 university presidents, under the patronage of H. M. King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa.
- **2005/06** – The first Bachelors students graduate: 84 students are awarded the first ever undergraduate degrees from Ahlia University.
- **2004/05** – Ahlia collaborated with Brunel University (UK) to offer a “first” for Bahrain: the innovative “two plus two programme” in which undergraduate students study for two years at Ahlia followed by two years at Brunel and are awarded a degree from Brunel.
- **2003/04** – The first full Academic Year which included: 11 programmes; 13 faculties; 188 students; and 6 different student nationalities.

Today, Ahlia has around 2,500 students grouped into six academic colleges. Eighteen programmes allow students to choose from almost 450 core and elective courses, across thirty subject areas. All of these aspects have combined to make AU an institution of research and learning with active and effective links to the government, private and not for profit sectors of society in Bahrain and beyond.

Ahlia’s first decade has seen transformation from a small university family to being a key part of the wider vibrant academic family of Bahrain. Ahlia has a high standing locally, nationally and globally as the result of excellence in education, research and community engagement.

Ahlia University is a national university where everyone is proud to be a part of Bahrain Team to advance the tertiary education, where as a group or individually are striving to take an active part in not only building the reputation of the Ahlia University but also the country. Because of the growing demand for outstanding tertiary education in Bahrain and the region, Ahlia University is embarking on building its new campus in Salman City to house more than 5000 students, which will mean expanding its educational programmes and professional certification programmes.

RESEARCH AREAS

COLLEGE OF BANKING & FINANCE				
No.	Name	Department	Research / Interest	Sector
1.	Prof. Jasim Al-Ajmi & Dr. S Fadel Mohamed	Banking & Finance	Fintech Predictability of Credit Risk / Default (Corporate and Personal) Institutional Efficiency	Financial institutions
2.	Dr. Rami Abu Wadi	Accounting & Economics	The Structure and Performance of the Banking Industry	Financial Institutions
3.	Dr. Gagan Kukreja	Accounting & Economics	Integrated Reporting Corporate Governance International Financial Reporting Standards Accounting and/or Auditing	Any large Organisation
4.	Dr. Lameea Al Tahoo	Management & Marketing	Employee Engagement Organizational Psychology	Any Sector
5.	Dr. Maryam Almahdi	Management & Marketing	Digital Social Consumer Behaviour and the Digital Experience Social Commerce and Social Media Marketing The Interactivity of Web Platforms and Mobile Applications	Any Sector
6.	Dr. Subhashini Bahskaran	MIS	Fintech Business Intelligence/Analytics Intelligent Systems and Optimisation IoT Security and Privacy Cloud Computing Security	Management information systems
7.	Dr. Anjum Razzaque	MIS	Knowledge Management E. Health Information Systems Information & Communication Technology	Management information systems

COLLEGE OF BANKING & FINANCE				
No.	Name	Department	Research / Interest	Sector
8.	Prof. Allam Hamadan	Economics & Finance	Entrepreneurship Accounting Earning Management Oil Prices Economic Growth Education Governance Governance Cooperate Governance	Any sector
9.	Prof. Mukhtar Al Hashimi	MIS	Management strategy Information systems Healthcare management Medical informatics Leadership	Information Systems
10.	Ms. Zainab Al Ghasra	Accounting & Economics	Cooperate Governance Arbitration Financial Crimes Alternative Dispute Resolution	Legal / Business Law

RESEARCH AREAS

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING				
No.	Name	Department	Research / Interest	Sector
1.	Dr. Ammar AlDallal	Computer Engineering	Artificial Intelligence Information Retrieval Computer Security	Any sector Software Engineering
2.	Dr. Ahmed Jedidi	Computer Engineering	Optical communication Internet of Things embedded system Wireless sensor Network	IoT Ecosystem Embedded System
3.	Dr. Basel Ali	Engineering Management	Factory Automation Factory design/logistics planning Process optimization	Manufacturing Material Handling
4.	Dr. Ahmed Jameel	Telecom Engineering	Analogue and Digital Communication Wireless and Mobile Communication Signal Processing IoT Applications for Smart Cities Error Control Coding Coded Multi-Input Multi-Output Systems Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing PAPR reduction for the LTE systems Indoor Positioning Systems for Wireless Sensor Networks Speech Coding for Mobile Communications	Information and communications technologies
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE				
No.	Name	Department	Research / Interest	Sector
1.	Dr. Imad Assali	Interior Design	Nanotechnology Materials	Material suppliers & construction companies
2.	Mr. Mohammad Al-Shoqran	Mathematical Sciences	Mathematical Statistics	Education
3.	Ms. May Al Saffar	Interior Design	Heritage Sustainability and Green Architecture	Ethnography Building science

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COLLEGE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
No.	Name	Department	Research / Interest	Sector
1.	Ms. Khadija Almohsen	Information Technology	Big Data Machine Learning	Any Sectors
2.	Dr. Karim Hadjar	Multimedia	Document Recognition Big Data Ontologies Security Machine Learning Deep Learning	Any Sectors
3.	Ms. Sara Alasawad	Multimedia	Document Recognition Deep Learning	Any Sectors
4.	Dr. Suresh Subramanian	Multimedia	Machine Learning Web Mining Ai	Any Sectors
5.	Ms. Jenan Moosa	Information Technology	Data Mining Ai	Any Sectors
6.	Dr. Hassan Razzaqi	Multimedia	Egov Security E- Services	Any Sectors
7.	Dr. Wasan Awad	Information Technology	Ai Security	Any Sectors
8.	Dr. Sohail Safdar	Information Technology	Software Engineering Cyber Security System Availability	Any Sectors
9.	Dr. Baraa Al Alawsh	Information Technology	Machine Learning Intelligent Transportation Systems Information Retrieval	Any Sectors
10.	Mr. Hamza Abdulmajeed	Information Technology	Cloud Computer Big Data Analytics	Any Sectors

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