

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SUSTAINABLE INTERIOR DESIGN

Degree Level: Postgraduate



Qualification type	Delivery Mode	Attendance Mode	Delivery Language	Duration
Master of Science	On Campus	Full Time	English	Two Years

KEY FACTS

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OVERVIEW

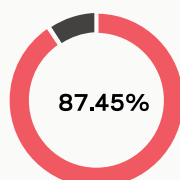
Master of Science in Sustainable Interior Design is a full-fledged programme that covers different aspects related to Innovative Building Materials and Finishes, Sustainable Studio – Residential & Contract Environments, Constructing the Green Interior and sustainable interior design strategies. It is structured to prepare design professionals to assume leadership roles in developing and maintaining sustainable interior spaces that will positively impact the world. The programme prepares designers to understand high-performance building design principles; to work collaboratively to create innovative and beautiful residential and commercial spaces; and to anticipate growing market demands for resilient, energy efficient, and healthy interior environments. The programme is designed to be placed on NQF level 9 with total of 36 credits equal to 144 NQF credits.

PROGRAMME AIMS

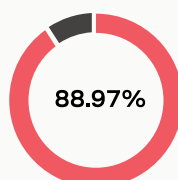
- To equip learners with professional knowledge and skills in area of sustainable design in accordance with international standards.
- To equip learners with critical skills and insights leading to innovative research culture that encourages learners and faculty to undertake independent and collaborative high-quality research.
- To equip learners with professional and specialized skills to design, innovative and green solutions related to sustainable interior design.
- To equip learners with applied knowledge and lifelong learning skills to implement tools, skills, and techniques related to sustainable design.
- To equip learners with professional ethical standards societal

STAKEHOLDER SATISFACTION FOR THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME IN MSC IN SUSTAINABLE INTERIOR DESIGN

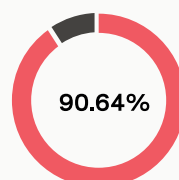
Academic Survey



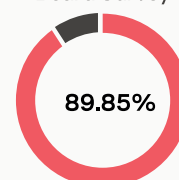
Alumni Survey



Employer Survey



External Advisory Board Survey



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Admission to Ahlia University (AU) is selective and based on academic achievement. Applications are welcome from all students regardless of race, colour, gender, religion, nationality, physical or learning disability. Admission is purely based on merit.

General Requirements

To be eligible for consideration for admission into postgraduate programmes, applicants must meet the stipulated entry requirements as set by the university and in line with the regulations of the Higher Education Council of Bahrain. All applicants must hold a recognised and endorsed secondary school certificate (Tawjihiya) or its equivalent, in addition to a recognised and endorsed bachelor's degree.

All postgraduate applicants will be interviewed by a specialised committee. Admission to the academic programme is contingent on passing the interview, foundation courses (if applicable), and demonstrating potential for academic success.

Specific Requirements

In addition to satisfying the general admission requirements, applicants are expected to meet the following programme-specific admission requirements for admission into the Master of Science in Sustainable Design (MSID):

Specialisation Requirement	Recognised and endorsed bachelor's degree or its equivalent in the following disciplines: - Interior Design - Interior Architecture - Architecture - Environmental Design - Design Technology - Any other related disciplines will be accepted directly in the programme upon passing the interview and language requirements (no foundation courses).
Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) requirement	- Applicants who have a CGPA < 2.50 but ≥ 2.00 out of 4.00 or its equivalent and hold a recognised and endorsed bachelor's degree or its equivalent in any of the disciplines mentioned above will be accepted to the programme upon passing the interview and language requirements. These applicants must complete foundation courses. - Applicants with CGPA lower than 2.50 but > 2.00 or its equivalent at the undergraduate level may be considered for admission, subject to passing the interview at the programme level, and successful completion of foundation courses.
Interview	Applicants who hold a recognised and endorsed bachelor's degree in fields other than the ones mentioned above may be considered for acceptance in the programme subject to their interview outcomes, language assessment, CGPA, work experience and professional certification availability and relevance, if any. These applicants must complete foundation courses.
Foundation Courses	Credits accrued from foundation courses will be considered extra credits and will not be counted towards the Master programme credits requirement for the completion of the degree.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

All applicants must demonstrate a level of English proficiency consistent with the demands of an English-medium of instruction academic programme that is taught and assessed exclusively in the English language.

This can be done in one of the following ways:

- Having completed an undergraduate degree from an English-medium institution.
- Having attained an acceptable score on an internationally recognised examination of English language proficiency, typically either IELTS or TOEFL.
- Achieving an acceptable score on the University English language placement test.

Criteria	Score
IELTS	≥ 6.0 or its equivalent
TOEFL (iBT)	≥ 60 or its equivalent
Pass English Placement Test	$\geq 70\%$

WORK EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL COURSES / CERTIFICATES

Applicants who hold a recognised bachelor degree in disciplines other than the ones mentioned in the specialisation requirement section, and having substantive work experience, and/or having professional certificates related to the field of interior design and/or architecture, may be considered for exemption from the foundation courses.

Work experience and professional courses / certificates in sustainable design and/or green architecture will be an added advantage.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Applicants transferring from other postgraduate programmes will be subject to the above mentioned admission criteria and may receive exemption from equivalent courses completed in their former programme, in line with the Ahlia University External Transfer Policy.

STUDY PLAN

Course Title	Credit Hours
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MSID Foundation Course (6 Credits)

Innovation and Design Process	3
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Environmental Systems for the Sustainable Interior	3
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- If any student registered foundation course(s) according to the admission requirements, he/she must receive a grade of B or more in all foundation courses he/she registered.
- The grades of the foundation courses are not considered in the CGPA
- These courses are not considered as part of the MSID programme

MSID First Semester (Y1)

Innovative Building Materials and Finishes	2
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Energy Use and Thermal Comfort in Buildings	2
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Advanced Management of Information in a Building : BIM	3
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MSID Second Semester (Y1)

Building Performance Assessment	2
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Sustainable Studio Residential & Contract Environments	4
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Lighting Controls and Systems Technology	2
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MSID First Semester (Y2)

Research Methodology	3
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Major Elective I	3
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Major Elective II	3
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MSID Second Semester (Y2)

Dissertation in Sustainable Design	12
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A student can register in the dissertation course MSID 599 if the following conditions are satisfied:

- Completed successfully at least 21 credit hours including **MSID 550 - Research Methodology**
- Received a grade of B or more in MSID 550, and (3) attained a CGPA of at least 3.0

ELECTIVE COURSES

Environmental Life-Cycle Assessment in Interior Design	3
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Passive Design	3
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Intelligent Building Design	3
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Constructing the Green Interior	3
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EMPLOYABILITY & CAREER PATHWAYS

- Sustainability Professional
- Principal Environmental Consultant
- Sustainability Interior architect
- Senior Sustainability Consultant
- Interior Environmental Data Consultant.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

- Professional Certification LEED V.4 Design and Construction, and Operations and Maintenance
- PhD in the specialization of Interior Design, Green Design, Sustainability etc.

FEES

Application Fee	BD 40
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Registration Fee	BD 300
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HEC ID	BD 30
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Subject Fees (24 credits) BD 220/credit hour	BD 5280
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- **Four Courses**
2 credit hour each BD 440/course
- **Four Courses**
3 credit hour each BD 660/course
- **One Course**
4 credit hours BD 880

Thesis Fee (12 credits) BD 220 / credit	BD 2640
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TOTAL	BD 8,290
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OPTIONAL

Two Foundation Courses

- 6 Credit hours
BD 450/course
 - 6 Credit hours
BD 150/credit hour
- BD 900**

Please note that the fees listed above do not include the cost of any text books required to complete the program.

