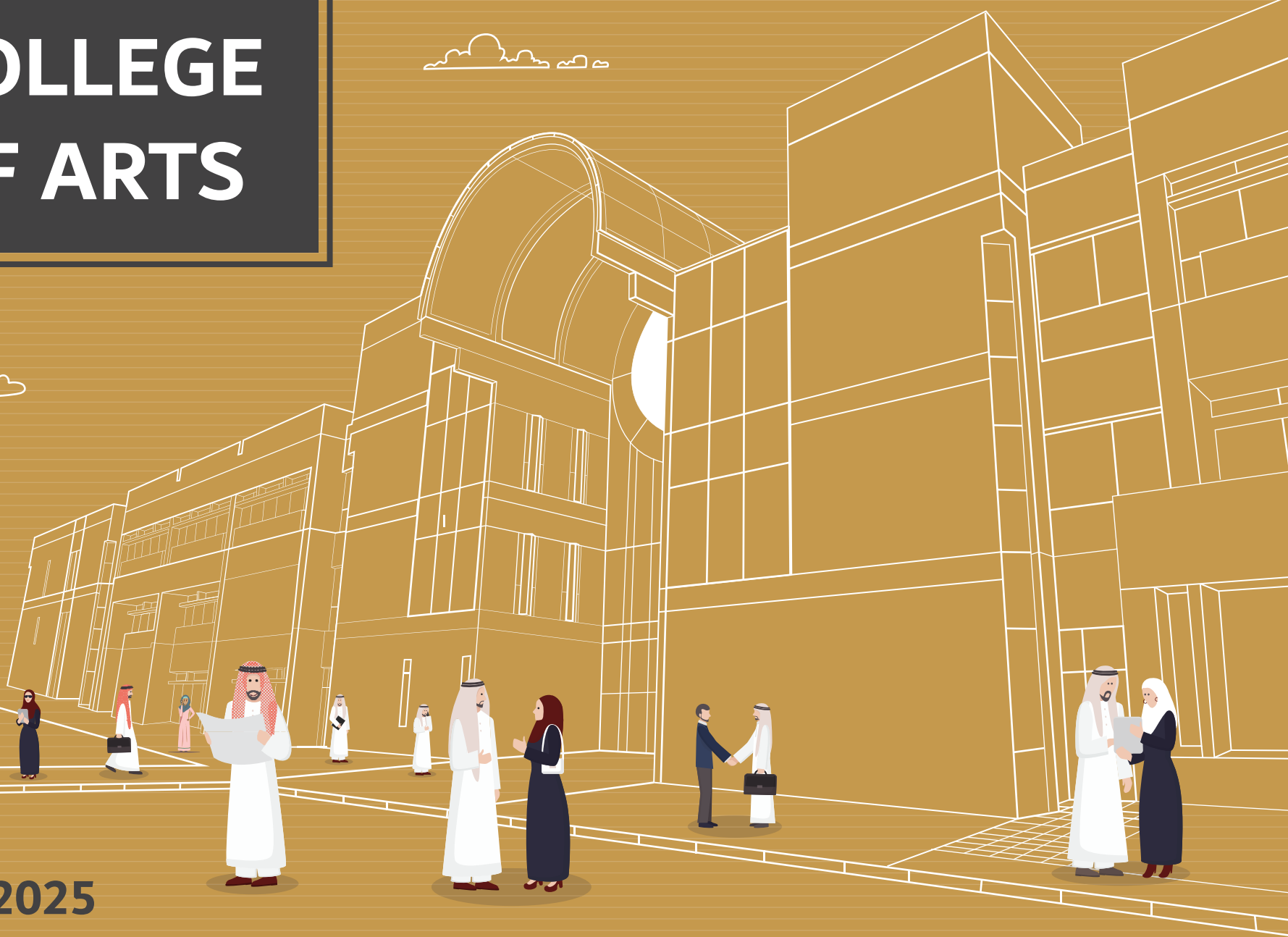




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# COLLEGE OF ARTS

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King of the Kingdom of Bahrain



His Royal Highness  
Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa  
The Crown Prince & Prime Minister



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## DEAN'S MESSAGE

The College of Arts is one of the oldest colleges in the University of Bahrain, dating back to 1978 when the University College of Bahrain was established. Over the past 40 years, the College of Arts has managed to develop itself in a well-thought-out manner. With only three programs at start, the College has today more than 13 different and diverse undergraduate and postgraduate programs in Arabic and Islamic studies, English language and literature, media, tourism, and social studies that include history, sociology, and psychology.

Our College celebrates its uniqueness in studying the civilization of humans and their environment, languages, and diverse cultures which conform with their Arab identity, Islamic religion and sense of belonging and citizenship to their beloved country, the Kingdom of Bahrain, in accordance with the vision of the wise leadership which always confirms that the human being is the most precious wealth of this nation. Hence, the College is interested in studying the human being as a key axis to the various programs of development and empowerment. The College also has a highly significant role in developing students' skills, promoting their different interests and highlighting their leadership roles by supporting various extracurricular activities.

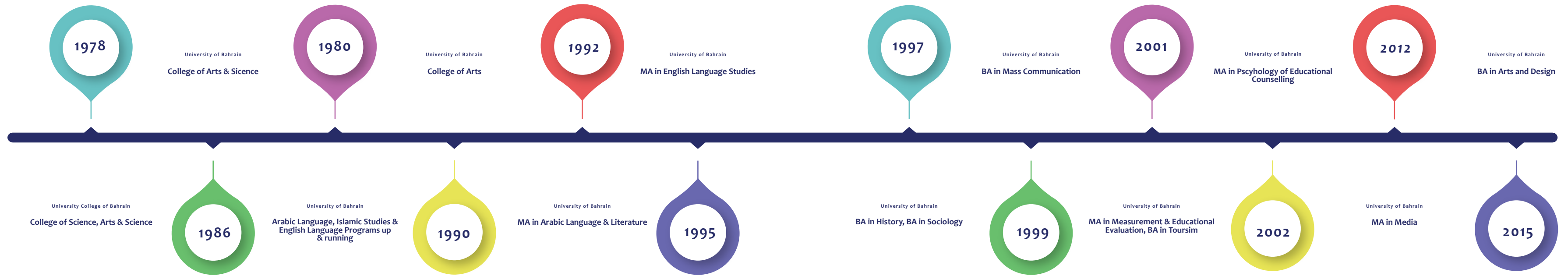
In this regard, the development and modernization process in the College of Arts has come not only at the level of academic programs, but also in supporting scientific research, enhancing the quality of teaching and learning and linking the outputs of education to the requirements of the labor market. This reflects the higher policy of the Kingdom of Bahrain through Bahrain Economic Vision 2030, and is confirmed by the University Administration in many forums. Accordingly and in order to arm our graduates with comprehensive knowledge to enter the labor market with buoyancy, our College aspires in the coming future to obtain confidence and international accreditation for all its programs, maintain excellence through investing in the human being and human resources, and continue the comprehensive development of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Dr. Abdulaziz Bulaila  
Dean of the College of Arts



# THE COLLEGE





## VISION...

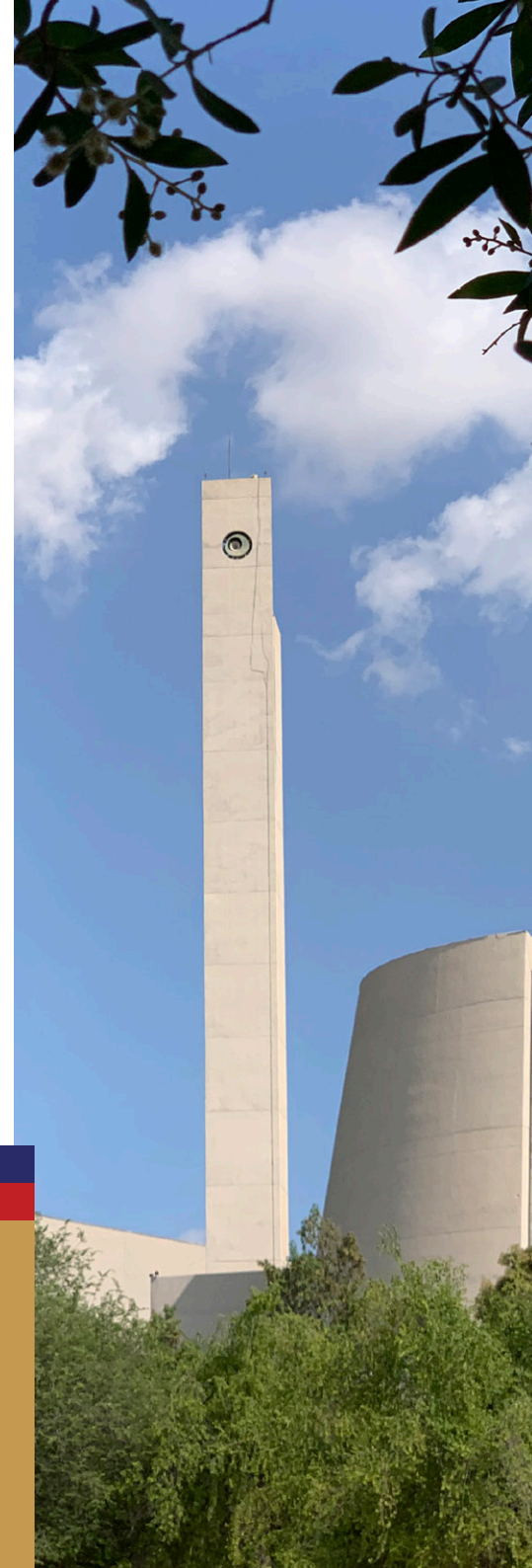
The College of Arts seeks to offer academic programs that keep pace with international standards, modern vision, and labor market requirements in strengthening the pillars of the educational and learning process in an environment that stimulates creativity and entrepreneurship.

## MISSION...

The College of Arts aspires to be a powerhouse that produces qualified graduates, who contribute to promoting the national economy, by enhancing the educational process with the latest student-centered teaching methods and offering academic programs in the field of humanities that enhance identity, consolidate the principles of cultural pluralism, target knowledge acquisition, employ the latest technologies and applied skills and support scientific research in accordance with mechanisms that contribute to overall development, community service, and labor market.

## OBJECTIVES ...

1. **Developing innovative academic programs:** Designing and updating academic programs in the College of Arts to align with modern advancements in the humanities, with the aim of preparing qualified graduates capable of competing and innovating in their professional fields.
2. **Promoting scientific research and knowledge production:** Supporting high-quality and innovative scientific research that contributes to producing new knowledge that serves national priorities and addresses societal challenges, thus enhancing the college's position as a leading research institution regionally and internationally.
3. **Activating community and academic partnerships to promote sustainable development:** Establishing effective partnerships with governmental, private, and civil society institutions inside and outside Bahrain, with the aim of harnessing academic knowledge to serve society and achieve sustainable development, thereby enhancing the college's role in supporting social and economic progress.
4. **Consolidating Arab and Islamic identity through academic programs:** Developing academic programs and initiatives that contribute to strengthening Arab and Islamic cultural identity and values of tolerance and coexistence, while enabling students to better understand their cultural heritage and be open to the world.
5. **Enhancing the quality of education and achieving international academic accreditation:** Improving the quality of education by adopting advanced teaching methods and ensuring that academic programs comply with international standards to obtain international academic accreditation, which enhances the college's reputation as a distinguished educational institution.
6. **Digital transformation in education:** Adopting digital education technologies to enhance the learning and teaching process and provide an advanced educational environment that supports comprehensive and sustainable education.





## INFRASTRUCTURE ...

The College of Arts is housed in a modern, purpose-built facility on the main campus of the University of Bahrain and boasts a comprehensive infrastructure that supports academic and research activities. The College features classrooms equipped with state-of-the-art technology, such as projectors and internet-connected computers, which enhance the interactive learning experience.

Furthermore, the College houses a Media Center containing specialized laboratories that serve media and fine arts programs. These include cutting-edge television and radio production studios, sound recording labs, and an art studio. These facilities provide students with opportunities for hands-on training and the acquisition of essential practical skills.

In addition, the College provides dedicated spaces for student and social activities, as well as halls for meetings and academic discussions. This creates a holistic educational environment that helps develop students' skills in line with labor market requirements. These facilities are specifically designed to foster a rich learning environment and empower students to excel both academically and professionally.





# DEPARTMENTS



## 1. DEPARTMENT OF ARABIC LANGUAGE AND ISLAMIC STUDIES

The Department of Arabic Language and Islamic Studies offers students two undergraduate programs, namely the Arabic Language and Literature and Islamic Studies. The Department also offers a postgraduate program in the Arabic Language (High Diploma & Master degree). The programs aim at students who are ambitious for constituting an advanced understanding of the sciences of the Arabic language and its literature as well as the Islamic studies and its foundations. The Department takes into consideration, besides scientific rigor, the necessity of connecting its academic programs to the marketplace and reflecting its current needs, as well as providing students with sufficient theoretical and practical knowledge.

*Department offers the following programs:*

- Bachelor of Arabic Language and Literature (single major or with a minor).
- Bachelor of Islamic Studies: Islamic Law & Principles of Religion (single major or with a minor).
- High Diploma and Master Degree in Arabic Language and Literature

## 2. DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

With the highest employment rate among UOB departments, the Department of English Language and Literature aspires to become a house of expertise providing excellence in teaching by its diverse international faculty, student learning experience, scientific research, and community services. The Department is committed to the goals of academic excellence through the rigorous pursuit of equipping its graduates with marketplace attributes coined with enhanced critical thinking and communication skills.

*Department offers the following programs:*

- Major in English language and literature with a minor in:
  - American studies
  - Translation
  - French
  - Linguistics
  - Literature



#### 4. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

The main objective of the Department of Social Sciences is the establishment of professionals in the fields of History and Sociology capable of contributing to the development of the Bahraini society and heritage-preservation alongside the promotion of values such as tolerance and openness to other cultures. It achieves this objective through the use of developed strategies in applied university education, resulting not only in the provision of graduates who meet the demands of the job market but also in catering for the research needs of intellectuals, scholars and organizations.

*Department offers the following program:*

- BA in History
- “The Minor program on the archaeology of Bahrain and the Arabian Peninsula”



#### 3. DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATION, TOURISM AND ARTS

The Department of Mass Communication, Tourism & Arts is firmly committed to academic excellence through relevant curriculums; BA in Mass communication, BA in Tourism, BA in Arts and Design and MA in Media and Communication. With 5 minors in the BA in Mass communication, 3 minors in BA in Tourism and 2 minors in the BA in Arts & Design, the Department is offering an integrated approach to these different fields and providing our graduating students with the necessary knowledge and skills. All students in the major must complete 128 credit hours in the undergraduate programs and 36 credit hours in the postgraduate program. The Graduation Project and internship are a valuable addition to the undergraduate major.

*Department offers the following programs:*

- B.A. in Mass Communication
- B.A. in Tourism
- B.A. in Arts and Design
- M.A. in Media & Communication

## 5. DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

The Department of Psychology was established in 1978, and relies on its activities on a set of axes that can be summarized as follows:

1. Teaching courses at the university level.
2. Teaching courses at the level of college requirements.
3. Teaching specialized courses.
4. Contributing to scientific research at the college, university, and community levels.
5. Contributing to community service by organizing training courses, workshops, providing lectures in schools and private educational and social institutions, and civil society, and contributing to various media.

*Department offers the following programs:*

- Minor Program (BA) in Psychology
- Higher Diploma Program and the Master Program in Family Counseling





# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS



## ADMISSION ...

The College of Arts at the University of Bahrain offers a variety of undergraduate and postgraduate programs. Admission requirements for each are outlined below:

### Undergraduate Programs

The College of Arts offers the following undergraduate majors:

- **BA in Arabic Language and Literature:** Requires a minimum high school GPA of 80%.
- **BA in Media:** Requires a minimum high school GPA of 80%, passing an entrance exam, and a personal interview.
- **BA in Tourism:** Requires a minimum high school GPA of 80%, passing an entrance exam, and a personal interview.
- **BA in History:** Requires a minimum high school GPA of 80% and passing an entrance exam.
- **BA in Islamic Studies:** Requires a minimum high school GPA of 80%.
- **BA in Arts and Design:** Requires a minimum high school GPA of 80%, passing an entrance exam, and a personal interview.
- **BA in English Language and Literature:** Requires a minimum high school GPA of 80% and passing an entrance exam.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation requirements for undergraduate and postgraduate programs at the College of Arts, University of Bahrain, include a set of criteria that students must meet before receiving their degrees. These requirements include:

- **Completion of Credit Hours:** Students must successfully complete the required number of credit hours for each program, which is typically around 128 credit hours, depending on the specialization.
- **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA):** Achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 out of 4.0 in all courses.



## BACHELOR IN ARABIC LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

This program gives prominence to the Arabic language and literature, modernism, literary performance, critical discourse, and language correctness. It helps develop an appreciation of the Arabic heritage and culture and of the Arab-Islamic civilisation, and boost the spirit of belongingness to homeland, Arabism and Islam.

*The curriculum of Arabic Single Major (Single Track) is composed of 128 credit hours :*

- University requirements (11 credit hours)
- College requirements (18 credit hours)
- Major support requirements (3 credit hours)
- Major requirements (87 credit hours)
- Major electives (9 credit hours)
- The curriculum of Arabic Major with a minor is composed of 128 credit hours:
- University requirements (11 credit hours)
- College requirements (18 credit hours)
- Major support requirements (3 credit hours)
- Major requirements (51 credit hours)
- Major electives (15 credit hours)
- Minor requirements (30 credit hours)

## BACHELOR IN ISLAMIC STUDIES

This program aspire to advance the principles of moderate Islamic Thought that positively impacts societal growth. Our endeavor includes providing comprehensive understanding of the abundant resources within Islamic heritage, identity, and legal frameworks, along with their various schools of thought.

*The curriculum of Islamic Studies Single Major is composed of 128 credit hours : (201)*

- University requirements (11 credit hours)
- College requirements (18 credit hours)
- Major support requirements (9 credit hours)
- Major requirements (81 credit hours)
- Major electives (9 credit hours)
- The curriculum of Islamic Studies Major with a minor is composed of 128 credit hours
- University requirements (11 credit hours)
- College requirements (18 credit hours)
- Major support requirements (3 credit hours (Principles of Religion) - 6 credit hours (Shari'a)
- Major requirements (57 credit hours (Principles of Religion) - 54 credit hours (Shari'a)
- Major electives (9 credit hours)
- Major requirements (30 credit hours)



## BACHELOR IN ISLAMIC STUDIES

The curriculum of Islamic Studies Single Major is composed of 128 credit hours : (2020 ):

- University requirements (11 credit hours)
- College requirements (18 credit hours)
- Major support requirements ( 6 credit hours)
- Major requirements (87 credit hours)
- Major electives (6 credit hours)
- The curriculum of Islamic Studies Major with a minor is composed of 128 credit hours
- University requirements (11 credit hours)
- College requirements (18 credit hours)
- Major requirements (63 credit hours (Principles of Religion) - 54 credit hours (Shari'a)
- Major electives (6 credit hours)
- Minor requirements (30 credit hours)

## BACHELOR IN ISLAMIC STUDIES

The curriculum of Islamic Studies Single Major is composed of 128 credit hours : (2023 - 2024 )

- University requirements (11 credit hours)
- College requirements (18 credit hours)
- Major support requirements ( 6 credit hours)
- Major requirements (84 credit hours).
- Major electives (6 credit hours)
- Training course (3 credit hours)

The curriculum of Islamic Studies Major with a minor is composed of 128 credit hours:

- University requirements (11 credit hours)
- College requirements (18 credit hours)
- Major requirements (60 credit hours (Principles of Religion) 60 credit hours (Shari'a)
- Major electives (6 credit hours)
- Minor requirements (30 credit hours)
- Training course (3 credit hours)



## BACHELOR IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

The program provides students with a leading-edge qualification in both theory and practice in language-related fields, literature, and communication skills. This includes preparation for the necessity to adapt to the modern world and its many challenges.

*The curriculum of English Major with minor is composed of 128 credit hours:*

- University requirements (11 credit hours)
- College requirements (18 credit hours)
- Programme requirements (57 credit hours)
- Major Elective (9 credit hours)
- General Studies Elective (Free electives) - (3 Credit hours)
- Minor (30 credit hours)



## BACHELOR IN MASS COMMUNICATION

The program consists of tracks: print media, digital media, radio and television, public relations, and advertising. These tracks and their corresponding courses are based on contemporary media topics and issues, ensuring thoughtful, up-to-date, and creative learning environments. The Department's specialized faculty is dedicated to cultivating students' skills and talents through implementing and producing comprehensive practical projects that boost job opportunities in various and governmental and non-governmental media-related organizations.

*The curriculum of Mass Communication is composed of 128 credit hours :*

- University requirements (11 credit hours)
- College requirements (18 credit hours)
- Major requirements (60 credit hours)
- Major electives (3 credit hours)
- General studies electives (3 credit hours)
- Minor (30 credit hours)
- Training course (3 credit hours)

## BACHELOR IN ARTS AND DESIGN

The B.A. in Art and Design is a four-year and 128 credit program that aims to enable students to study, understand, analyze, and criticize the aesthetic and philosophical components of the environment. This will help them in the future to contribute to the cultural, urban, social, and political development witnessed by the Kingdom and to augment the diligent efforts to globally and regionally highlight the beautiful image of this geographically small – but culturally rich – spot.

*The curriculum of Art and Design is composed of 128 credit hours :*

- University requirements (11 credit hours)
- College requirements (18 credit hours)
- **Major Requirement** (48 credit hours)
- **Major Electiv** (6 credit hours)
- **Minor** (45 credit hours)
- Training ( **Internship**) (0 credit hours)

## BA IN TOURISM

The travel and tourism industry is one of the most important and fastest growing industries in the world today, and is expected continue being one of the three industries to lead the world economy in twenty-first Century, alongside communications and information technology. Thus, with the steady growth of the industry and the rapid developments taking place, it is crucial that the Department of Mass Communication, Tourism and Fine Arts keeps pace with these developments to ensure the highest level of academic rigor for this field, and hence ensuring a greater level of success after graduation in the tourism and hotel industries.

*The curriculum of Tourism is composed of 128 credit hours :*

- University requirements (11 credit hours)
- College requirements (18 credit hours)
- Major requirements (81 credit hours)
- Major electives (18 credit hours)
- Internship (0 credit)
- Minor (30 credit hours)



## BA IN HISTORY

The program promotes historical knowledge through a balanced dose of methodology, chronology, and spatial analysis. It also encourages the student's use of study and research tools alongside skill development. Scientific knowledge is expanded through the integration of theory with practice, and the adoption of modern means of teaching history. The program also allows the student to select a specialization in a particular area, which identifies opportunities for future work or research. It provides students with a strong historical base to capitalize on existing career opportunities in the job market, especially in the fields of history and international relations.

*The curriculum of HISTORY is composed of 128 credit hours :*

- University requirements (11 credit hours)
- College requirements (18 credit hours)
- Major support requirements (6 credit hours)
- Major requirements (93 credit hours)
- Major electives (--)
- Minor (30)

## MINOR PROGRAM IN PSYCHOLOGY

This program is offered mainly to sociology and media students enrolled at the University of Bahrain. It is a 30-credit-hour program which is made up of core as well as elective courses. Students taking this program are asked to finish first the core courses before taking the 6-credit-hour elective courses.

*The curriculum of minor program in Psychology is composed of 10 credit hours :*

- Core courses (8 Courses)
- Elective courses (2 Courses to be chosen from 6)





POLICIES ARE IN FORCE TO HANDLE TRANSFER STUDENTS AND TO JUDGE THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THEIR CREDITS.

# POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

JOURNALIST, PRESENTER AT LOCAL (GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE) ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA AGENCIES AND RADIO AND TELEVISION CHANNELS, WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR, EMPLOYEE IN BAHRAIN TOURISM & EXHIBITIONS AUTHORITY, AIRLINE COMPANIES, EXHIBITIONS, TOURISM COMPANIES, TOURIST GUIDANCE AGENCIES, MUSEUMS, HOTELS, MEDIA GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES, TEACHER, CURRICULUM SPECIALIST, LANGUAGE EDITOR (PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS), RESEARCH SPECIALIST, SHARI'A RESEARCHER, LEGAL RESEARCHER, HISTORICAL RESEARCHER, TRANSLATOR, GUIDE AND PREACHER FOLLOWING THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, ISLAMIC AFFAIRS AND AWQAF, SHARI'A JURISDICTION, HISTORICAL RESEARCH, PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE, EMPLOYEE IN THE DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTOR, AFFILIATE AT THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BAHRAIN DEFENCE FORCE, MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, MINISTRY OF HOUSING, MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND PORTS AFFAIRS, POLICE FORCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, ETC

## Admission Criteria ...

### Admission Requirements for Postgraduate Programs

To be eligible for admission to a postgraduate program at the College of Arts, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum of a «Good» average from a recognized university.
- Pass an English language proficiency test or its equivalent.
- Pass an entrance exam or a personal interview, depending on the program.

## Graduation Requirements ...

- Completion of Thesis or Final Project: Students must successfully complete and submit their thesis or final project within the specified deadlines.
- Fulfillment of Credit Hours: Each program requires the completion of a specific number of credit hours while maintaining a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0.



## RESEARCH CAPABILITIES ...

The College of Arts takes significant measures to enhance research among its faculty and students.

- 1. Motivate the academic staff to disseminate knowledge and share experiences through:**
  - Encouraging faculty to publish their research studies on Scopus or any impact-factor index.
  - Organizing courses and workshops on the mechanisms of publishing research, presented by a member of the Deanship of Scientific Research or experienced faculty.
  - Facilitating presentations by academic staff about their published research or papers presented at local, regional, and international conferences and symposia.
  - Submitting reports by faculty to the College Scientific Research Committee summarizing the recommendations and results of conferences and symposia attended or participated in.
  - Exchanging expertise between departments and colleges through specialized courses in scientific research (e.g., English faculty providing research writing workshops).
- 2. Develop teamwork among faculty members by:**
  - Motivating faculty from different departments to work on and publish joint research.
  - Encouraging joint research with local, regional, and international bodies for publication in refereed journals.
  - Promoting collaborative workshops among faculty.
- 3. Reinitiating the publication of the Journal of Scientific Research in the Faculty of Arts by:**
  - Publishing research papers from faculty members as well as outstanding student research.
- 4. Operationalizing the scientific research committees in College departments through:**
  - Organizing a schedule for seminars and research workshops throughout the academic year, with required participation from each academic staff member.
  - Hosting local annual conferences and seeking funding support from sponsors.
  - Providing bulletin boards in each department to showcase the latest research contributions.
  - Creating social media accounts for the College to publicize research work.
  - Issuing periodic bulletins for scientific research.
- 5. Instilling a culture of scientific research in students by:**
  - Encouraging students to attend conferences, courses, and workshops organized by departments.
  - Promoting student involvement in research papers with faculty or peers.
  - Encouraging attendance at research discussions of undergraduate and postgraduate students.
  - Establishing mini-committees in each department to organize events for publishing student research, awarding certificates for the top three papers each semester.
  - Publicizing student research achievements via social media and local newspapers.



## CONSULTANCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ...

The College of Arts considers societal outreach and establishing partnerships with the industry as one of the principal pillars of its strategy. Key initiatives include:

- Long-established ties with government and private institutions where graduates occupy key posts, such as the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labour and Social Development, Ministry of Information Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and others.
- The internal quality assurance system ensures these partnerships are streamlined and reinforced through regular conventions and feedback surveys.
- Activities include:
- Organizing annual and bi-annual exhibitions such as «Layers,» «Social Marketing,» and the Bachelor of Fine Arts and Design Graduation Exhibition, which showcases students' final creative projects to the academic community and the public, enhancing their practical skills and opening employment opportunities.
- Workshops and focus group meetings with officials from the Ministry of Labour and Social Development and the Employment Office.
- A seminar by the Minister of Information Affairs on the skills needed by graduates for the job market.
- Collaborations with the film industry and local newspaper editors to enhance industry partnerships and job opportunities for graduates.
- Reinforcing societal outreach through advisory committees and arranging community workshops led by volunteering faculty members.

## MA IN ARABIC LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

The program aims at promoting the Arabic language and the cultural identity while enabling the students to conduct scientific research in the areas of linguistic and literary sciences using up-to-date curricula. The program helps consolidate the values of citizenship and develop the skills of critical thinking and the skills of collective scientific research among graduate students.

*The curriculum is composed of 36 credit hours :*

- Various courses (27 credit hours)
- Thesis (9 credit hours)

## HIGH DIPLOMA / MA PROGRAM IN APPLIED ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDIES

### MA in Applied English language Studies

The program incorporates various areas in language-related fields: language, linguistics, literature, and research methodology. It mainly aims at helping students to understand current trends, key concepts, and issues in language-related fields and also engage students in the empirical investigation of real-world situations and issues in which language plays a crucial role such EFL/ESL, discourse analysis and international communications, and language and the society. The program offers training in research skills by giving a foundation course in research methodology in the first semester and practicing these skills in the projects that form a part of student assessment in each of the eight other courses that comprise the program. By the end of the program, students should demonstrate critical understanding of research and theories in language-related areas; collect and interpret quantitative/ qualitative data, and be able to work independently on an original research project.

*The curriculum is composed of 36 credit hours :*

- Various courses (27 credit hours)
- Thesis (9 credit hours)



## MA IN MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

The rapid developments in information and communication sciences and the overlap with other sciences require a postgraduate program that goes along with the major universities programs and combines their excellence points, and meets the community's need for knowledge and skills, and helps the growth that contributes to the development of the local social capital, and takes into consideration the social and cultural uniqueness of the community and contributes directly to achieving the mission of the university in serving and developing the community.

*The curriculum is composed of 36 credit hours :*

- Various courses (27 credit hours)
- Thesis (9 credit hours)



## HIGHER DIPLOMA PROGRAM AND THE MASTER PROGRAM IN FAMILY COUNSELING

This program is directed at a professional and applied technical destination that aims to prepare practicing specialists in the field of family counseling, helping to achieve the following: Mastery of the theoretical, cognitive and scientific foundations of family counseling, mastery of the basic techniques in family counseling and practicing them professionally, mastery of research and planning foundations in family counseling and practice it professionally. This program is aimed specifically at all workers in social care institutions and health centers who carry out treatment and development counseling tasks in the Kingdom of Bahrain or Arab countries.

*The curriculum is composed of 36 credit hours :*

- Various courses (30 credit hours)
- Thesis (06 credit hours)

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