

## Facts and Figures 2018



### Mission Statement

Bethlehem University is a Catholic co-educational institution in the Lasallian tradition whose mission is to provide quality higher education to the people of Palestine and to serve them in its role as a center for the advancement, sharing and use of knowledge.

The University emphasizes excellence in academic programs and the development of students as committed people prepared to assume leading positions in society.

The University fosters shared values, moral principles and dedication to serving the common good.

### History

Bethlehem University opened its doors on 1 October 1973 to 112 enrolled students. The idea of establishing a university eventually emerged from the visit of Pope Paul VI to the Holy Land in 1964. In fulfillment of the Pope's desire to help the Palestinian people, the then Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Pio Laghi formed a committee of some educational and community leaders in 1972 and asked them for suggestions in order to follow up and implement a project. From those discussions emerged the idea of a university. In 1973, Protocols of Accord were signed between the Vatican and the Superior General of the Brothers of the Christian schools so they could run and administer the University. In the same year of 1973, Bethlehem University became the first registered university in Palestine, and a founding member of the Palestinian Council for Higher Education in 1978.



#### Vice Chancellor

Brother Peter Bray, FSC, EdD

#### Key Dates

Founded: 1973  
 First bachelor's degree awarded: 1977  
 First master's degree awarded: 2007

#### Accreditation

Bethlehem University is accredited by the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education

#### Fall 2018 Enrollment

Total: 3,308 (77.1% female)  
 Undergraduate: 3,010  
 Post Graduate: 298

#### Degrees Awarded (Year 2018)

Total: 708  
 Undergraduate: 614  
 Post Graduate: 94

#### Degrees Awarded (1977-2018)

Total: 17,905

#### Employees

Total: 440  
 Full time faculty: 100  
 Part time faculty: 113  
 Staff: 227

#### Religion of Enrolled Students

Muslims 77%  
 Christians 23%

#### Sources of Funding

Donations, gifts & grants: 48%  
 Tuition: 40%  
 Vatican gifts: 10%  
 Palestinian Authority allocation: 2%

#### Annual Tuition and Fees

Cost of education per student: \$ 4,120  
 Annual fees paid by a student: \$ 1,800 - \$ 2,500

#### Colleges (Student Population)

- Faculty of Arts (22.6%)
- Faculty of Science (12.7%)
- Faculty of Business Administration (19.7%)
- Faculty of Education (22.9%)
- Faculty of Nursing & Health Sciences (16.4%)
- Institute of Hotel Management & Tourism (5.7%)

#### Research and Outreach

- Abdel Rahman Zuroub Teachers' Resource Center
- Arabic School for Foreigners
- Brother Vincent Malham Center
- Palestinian Traditional Music Archive
- Cardinal Martini Leadership Institute
- Center for Advanced Studies and Research in the field of International Cooperation and Development
- Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
- Hereditary Research Laboratory
- Palestine Museum of Natural History and the Palestine Institute of Biodiversity Research
- UNESCO Biotechnology Educational and Research Center
- Water and Soil Environmental Research Unit

#### Membership

- Palestinian Council of Higher Education (Founding Member)
- Association of Arab Universities (AAU)
- Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU)
- International Association of Lasallian Universities (IALU)
- International Association of Universities (IAU)
- International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU)
- Lasallian Association of College and University Presidents (LACUP)
- Mediterranean Universities Union (UNIMED)

#### Location

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## Degrees Offered



### FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF ARABIC

**Bachelor of Arts in:**

Arabic Language and Literature

**Minor in:**

Arabic  
Translation  
Journalism

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

**Bachelor of Arts in:**

English Language and Literature

**Minor in:**

French

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

**Master in:**

Social Work

**Bachelor of Arts in:**

Sociology  
Social Work

**Minor in:**

Psychology  
Sociology

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**Bachelor of Arts in:**

Religious Studies

**Minor in:**

Catechetics

**Associate Diploma in:**

Religious Education

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES

**Minor in:**

Political Sciences

### FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING

**Bachelor of Business Administration in:**

Accounting

**Minor in:**

Accounting  
Finance

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**Master in:**

International Cooperation and Development

**Bachelor of Business Administration in:**

Business Administration

**Minor in:**

Business Administration  
Marketing

### FACULTY OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

**Bachelor of Science in:**

Nursing

Midwifery

Physiotherapy

Occupational Therapy

**Higher Diploma in:**

Neonatal Nursing

Emergency Nursing

Midwifery

Oncology and Palliative Care Nursing

### FACULTY OF EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Education in:**

Upper Basic Level - Teaching Arabic Language

Upper Basic Level - Teaching English Language

Upper Basic Level - Teaching History & Geography

Upper Basic Level - Teaching Mathematics

Lower Basic Level

Pre-School

**Diploma in:**

Secondary Level - Teaching Arabic Language

Secondary Level - Teaching English Language

Upper Basic Level - Teaching Social Studies

Upper Basic Level - Teaching Mathematics

Upper Basic Level - Teaching Science

Teaching Christian Religion

### FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

**Master in:**

Biotechnology

**Bachelor of Science in:**

Biology

**Minor in:**

Biology  
Medical Laboratory Sciences

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

**Bachelor of Science in:**

Chemistry

**Minor in:**

Chemistry  
Industrial Chemistry

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEM

**Bachelor of Science in:**

Software Engineering

**Minor in:**

Computer Information Systems

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

**Bachelor of Science in:**

Mathematics

**Minor in:**

Mathematics

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

**Bachelor of Science in:**

Physics

**Minor in:**

Physics

### INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT AND TOURISM

**Master in:**

Tourism Studies

**Bachelor of Science in:**

Hotel Management

**Associate Diploma in:**

Diploma in Hotel Management

Diploma in Travel Agency Management

Diploma in Tour Guiding

### INSTITUTE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

**Professional Diploma in:**

E-Business

Small Enterprises

Project Management

Public Administration

Cooperative Management

Prevention and Intervention of Drugs Abusers

Community Trekking Tour Guide

Hotel Management