



BETHLEHEM
UNIVERSITY
جامعة بيت لحم



VICE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



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- **Lead Bethlehem University to achieve increasing levels of academic excellence as well as gaining national and international recognition**

The Vice President for Academic Affairs will lead the academic affairs of Bethlehem University by supervising the appointment and development of an increasingly qualified and productive faculty; by evaluating and recommending initiatives for shaping the structures of the academic units in delivering the undergraduate and graduate programs; by focusing on the continuous improvement of the quality of teaching and learning and overall student experience to achieve the desired attributes of a Bethlehem University graduate; ensuring the development of superior academic resources; by promoting the expansion of the University's research capacity and productivity; by fostering greater community engagement to develop curricular opportunities for service learning mutually benefitting student and society.

- **Promote the distinctive Lasallian and Catholic Vision, Mission and Values of Bethlehem University**

The Vice President for Academic Affairs should understand the heritage of the De La Salle Christian Brothers and be able to provide leadership to ensure that all academic activities are directed towards fulfilling the University's distinctive mission.

- **Exercise leadership in Strategic Academic Planning**

The Vice President for Academic Affairs will lead strategic academic planning and support initiatives towards this end within faculties and departments in the context of the University's mission and strategic directions.

- **Strengthen and enhance interaction and relationships within and beyond the University in order to achieve the Attributes of the Bethlehem University Graduate**

The Vice President for Academic Affairs will play an essential role with the collaboration of the Executive Vice President, the Coordinator of Institutional Values, and academic leaders in promoting holistic education that leads to the intellectual as well as the personal development of students especially as it pertains to achieving the attributes of the Bethlehem University graduate specified in the University catalog. Part of this role will be to build an inclusive environment in which faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds work together harmoniously to achieve a common goal.

- **Play a significant role in University Advancement**

The Vice President for Academic Affairs is expected give support to the efforts of the Advancement Office in fund and friend raising.

- **Work with the areas of Finance and Estates Management**

The Vice President for Academic Affairs will work with the Vice President for Finance and Estates to ensure the financial health of the institution and its continued academic viability; review and make recommendations for academic programming that are mindful of the budget process. The Vice President for Academic Affairs will be able to identify and take appropriate action with under-performing and/or under-enrolled programs.



VISION

Bethlehem University aspires to serve its students in their integral development and to contribute to building a free, peaceful and vibrant Palestine.

MISSION

Bethlehem University is a Catholic institution of higher education in the Lasallian tradition.

Bethlehem University provides quality higher education which forms the whole person in the context of a learning community that provides mind- and heart-touching transformative learning experiences through its academic programs, research, extracurricular activities, and community engagement.

Its inherited pursuit of Truth through the study of the humanities and the sciences drives Bethlehem University, a research-informed teaching institution, to serve as a center for the ethical production, advancement, sharing and use of theoretical and practical knowledge.

The University fosters a dynamic teaching and learning environment, wherein curricula are regularly evaluated and global best practices implemented to ensure pertinence and excellence.

The total Bethlehem University experience opens doors for students to enter careers in various professions with proficiency, confidence, and character; and fosters the development of students as committed citizens who, in their pursuit of the common good, are prepared to assume leading positions in their careers, in Palestine, and internationally.

VALUES

The University fosters values that flow from deep concern with advancing social justice and care for the environment, rooted in our mutual confidence and friendship.

- Respect for one's own dignity, that of each person, for all peoples and faiths, and for the environment.
- Self-giving which leads to fraternity out of which solidarity grows.
- Service grounded in sharing the gifts and talents received for the common good.
- Faith, hope and love which encourage the enactment of justice.
- Academic freedom which allows the pursuit of Truth.
- Integrity born of open-mindedness and transparency.
- Hospitality which is inviting and inclusive.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Bethlehem University, the first four-year University established in the West Bank, can trace its roots to 1893 when the De La Salle Christian Brothers opened schools in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Jaffa, Nazareth, Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, and Egypt.

Bethlehem University officially opened its doors on 3 October 1973 on the property of the De La Salle Christian Brothers who have conducted schools in over 80 countries around the world since 1680 and universities since 1853. Bethlehem University doors would not have been opened without the support of local educational leaders and the cooperation of the Vatican's Congregation for Oriental Churches. Together and by association, Brothers, Lasallian partners, students and their parents along with committed members of the local community have contributed to the local and international recognition that Bethlehem University enjoys today.

The University's story is one of Palestinian people committed to pursuing their higher education – perseverance and courage in the face of adversity and injustice – working together in hope with an ever widening international circle of colleagues to build a better future.



THE HISTORY

Bethlehem University of the Holy Land is a Catholic Christian co-educational institution of higher learning founded in 1973 in the Lasallian tradition, social and economic backgrounds. Bethlehem University has methodically grown to have a student body of 3400 and is the largest employer in the Bethlehem region. The development of the University has been done prudently and with the interest of the students as its central concern, focusing on quality not quantity.

Read more:

<https://www.bethlehem.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Founding-Child-Jesus-FINAL3e58.pdf>

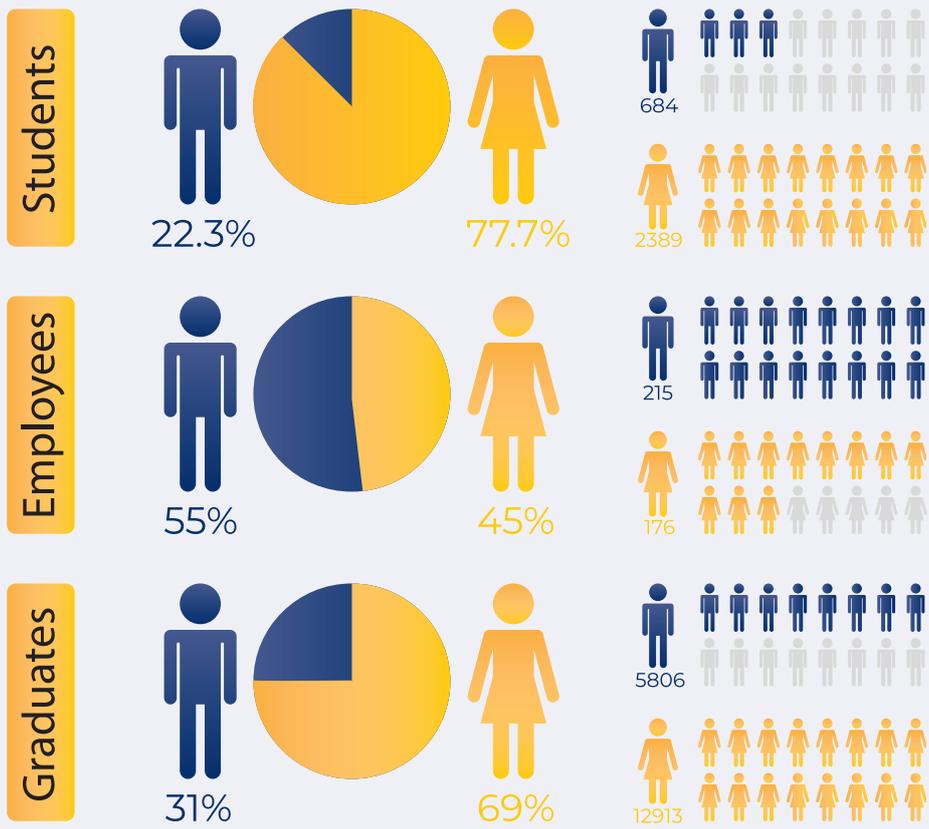
MEMBERSHIPS

Aside from being a founding member of the Palestinian Council for Higher Education since 1978, Bethlehem University holds memberships in:

1. Association of Arab Universities
2. International Association of Lasallian Universities
3. International Association of Universities
4. International Federation of Catholic Universities



INFOGRAPHIC ABOUT # OF STUDENTS AND STAFF (FEMALES & MALES)



FACILITIES

The main building, constructed in 1893, and re-dedicated in 2007 as the De La Salle Building, houses the general administrative offices and some Faculty of Arts offices, classrooms, a computer laboratory, Dean of Students and Student Counseling Offices. In addition, this building has Offices, classrooms, and a restaurant for the Institute of Hotel Management are located in the basement. The University Church was added in 1907.

The University Zbierski Library, dedicated in 1978, houses a collection of over 38,000 Arabic Books, 49,000 English Books, 19 electronic journals, and more than 660 periodical subscriptions in Arabic, English, and other foreign languages. The four-floor building includes three floors of open stacks combined with study areas, as well as librarians' offices.

The Science Building, opened in 1980, contains science laboratories and classrooms, the Brother Joe Lecture Hall, offices for the Faculty of Science, and a Computer Center that provides technical support for administrative and instructional purposes.

The Social and Cultural Center, dedicated in 1991, contains a cafeteria, an auditorium, offices, Al Waha (a student stress-free zone), and rooms for art, music, physical fitness and athletics. The Center with its adjacent outdoor stage and amphitheater provides a location for many cultural events for the University and for the people of Bethlehem.

The size of the campus was increased in 1995 when adjacent property and a classical Bethlehem building were purchased. The beautiful 1910 structure, renamed Bethlehem Hall, was

originally remodeled to house offices and classrooms.

Millennium Hall, a five-story building constructed on existing property, went into service in February 2002. It houses the Faculties of Arts and Business Administration and has 15 classrooms, 18 faculty offices, a lecture hall, and a computer laboratory.

The Education Building was completed in 2012. The four-storey building has 8 classrooms, office space for 23 faculty members, a drama rehearsal hall, and was built, as far as possible, according to "green" standards.

The latest facility on Campus was named in honor of His Eminence John Patrick Cardinal Foley, the late Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher, who was a great friend of Bethlehem University. It houses the Tarek Ahmed Juffali Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences, provides 24 teaching spaces, offices, a student lounge, laboratories, advanced simulation rooms, clinics, and meeting rooms.

Also on campus is the residence of the De La Salle Christian Brothers.

The Institute for Community Engagement and Partnership is located on a plot of land located about 200 meters from the main campus of the University. Offices for the Institute and several classrooms, added in 2005, are on the site as well as a faculty-student parking area, tennis courts and a soccer pitch.

The Mar Andrea facility, located about 1.5 km from the main campus, was completed in 1979. It was recently remodeled to house the Palestinian Museum of Natural History and Biodiversity. It also contains offices for the Institute for Community Engagement and Partnership projects,



and a fully equipped computer lab. On the same property is a convent to house religious sisters who work at the University.

The Brother Vincent Malham Center is located near the center of Bethlehem and is only about 200 meters from the Basilica of the Nativity. It houses some research and instructional programs in the Arabic language.

Bethlehem University makes efforts to provide for students with people with disabilities. The campus is suitably equipped to allow ease of access for these students.



OUTREACH PROGRAMS

To carry out its mission in promoting research and serving the wider community, Bethlehem University has established several outreach programs:

- Abdel Rahman Zuroub Teacher Resource Center
- Hereditary Research Laboratory
- the Institute for Community Engagement and Partnership
- UNESCO Biotechnology and Training Center
- Water and Soil Environmental Research Unit
- Bethlehem Business Incubator
- Brother Vincent Malham Center Arabic School
- Samir Aweidah Clinical Simulation Center
- Palestine Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability (PIBS) – Palestine Museum of Natural History
- Turathuna: George Nasra Center for Palestinian Heritage

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Faculty of Arts

Department of Arabic

- Bachelor of Arts - Arabic Language and Literature
- Bachelor of Arts - Interactive Media and Communication
- Minor - Journalism
- Minor - Translation

Department of English

- Bachelor of Arts - English Language and Literature
- Bachelor of Arts - English Language, Literature, and Communications
- Minor - French

Department of Social Sciences

- Bachelor of Arts - Sociology
- Bachelor of Arts - Social Work
- Minor - Psychology

Department of Religious Studies

- Bachelor of Arts - Religious Studies
- Minor - Catechetics

Department of Humanities

- Bachelor of Arts - Archeology and Cultural Heritage
- Minor - Political Science

Faculty of Science

Department of Biology

- Bachelor of Science - Medical Laboratory Sciences
- Minor - Biology

Department of Chemistry

- Bachelor of Science - Chemistry
- Minor - Industrial Chemistry

Department of Software Engineering

- Bachelor of Science - Computer Information Systems
- Minor - Computer Information Systems

- Bachelor in Software Engineering - Software Engineering

Department of Computational Sciences and Engineering

- Bachelor of Science - Mathematics
- Bachelor of Science - Physics
- Bachelor of Science - Computer Simulation in Science and Engineering
- Minor - Mathematics
- Minor - Physics

Shucri Ibrahim Dabdoub Faculty of Business Administration

Department of Business Administration

- Bachelor of Business Administration - Business Administration
- Minor - Entrepreneurship
- Minor - Business Administration
- Minor - Marketing

Department of Accounting

- Bachelor of Business Administration - Accounting
- Minor - Accounting
- Minor - Finance

Tarek Juffali Faculty of Nursing & Health Sciences

Department of Nursing & Midwifery

- Bachelor of Science - Nursing
- Bachelor of Science - Midwifery
- Higher Diploma - Neonatal Nursing
- Higher Diploma - Emergency Nursing

Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy

- Bachelor of Science - Occupational Therapy
- Bachelor of Science - Physiotherapy

Institute of Hotel Management & Tourism

Department of Hotel Management

- Bachelor of Science - Hotel Management
- Associate Diploma - Hotel Management

- Associate Diploma - Travel Agency Management
- Associate Diploma - Tour Guiding

Faculty of Education

Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy

- Bachelor of Education - Upper Basic Level - Teaching History and Geography
- Bachelor of Education - Upper Basic Level - Teaching English Language
- Bachelor of Education - Upper Basic Level - Teaching Arabic Language
- Bachelor of Education - Upper Basic Level - Teaching Mathematics
- Diploma in Education - Teaching Christian Religion
- Diploma in Education - Secondary Level -

Teaching English Language

- Diploma in Education - Secondary Level - Teaching Arabic Language
- Diploma in Education - Upper Basic Level - Teaching Science
- Diploma in Education - Upper Basic Level - Teaching Mathematics
- Diploma in Education - Upper Basic Level - Teaching Social Studies

Department of Early Childhood Education

- Bachelor of Education - Pre-School
- Bachelor of Education - Lower Basic Level

Read more

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GRADUATE DEGREES

Faculty of Arts

Department of Social Sciences

- Master in - Social Work

Faculty of Science

Department of Biology

- Master in - Biotechnology

Shucri Ibrahim Dabdoub Faculty of Business Administration

Department of Business Administration

- Master in - International Cooperation and Development
- Master in - Governance and Administration in the Public Sector

Tarek Juffali Faculty of Nursing & Health Sciences

Department of Nursing & Midwifery

- Master in - Oncology and Palliative Care Nursing

Institute of Hotel Management & Tourism

Department of Hotel Management

- Master in - Tourism Studies

Faculty of Education

Department of Early Childhood Education

- Master in - Creative Pedagogies and Community Practices

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