

Facts and Figures 2016



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 aspires to fostering 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 fulfilment 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 2016 Enrollment

Total: 3290 (78.1% female)
 Undergraduate: 3076
 Post Graduate: 214

Degrees Awarded (June 2016)

Total: 718
 Undergraduate: 674
 Post Graduate: 44

Degrees Awarded (1977-2016)

Total: 16,466

Employees

Total: 424
 Full time faculty: 99
 Part time faculty: 110
 Staff: 215

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: \$ 4,000
 Annual fees paid by a student: \$ 1,800 - \$ 2,400

Faculties (Students Population)

- Faculty of Arts (23.9%)
- Faculty of Science (12.9%)
- Faculty of Business Administration (19.2%)
- Faculty of Education (23.8%)
- Faculty of Nursing (14.6%)
- Institute of Hotel Management (5.6%)

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)

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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

Diploma in:

Religious Education

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 Languages

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 Sciences

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:

Computer Information Systems

Minor in:

Computer Information Systems

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Bachelor of Science in:

Mathematics

Minor in:

Mathematics

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Minor in:

Physics

INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT AND TOURISM

Master in:

Tourism Studies

Bachelor of Science in:

Hotel Management

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