

CAMPUS

Minister inspect procedures to join Abdullah bin Khalid College

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Following the directives issued by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to establish the Abdullah Bin Khalid College for Islamic Studies, the General Secretariat of Higher Education at the Ministry of Education has started receiving students wishing to enroll in this college to study the bachelors program in Sharia and Science Of the graduates of the academic year 2018/2019 from the religious and Jafari institutes and from public and private schools whose cumulative rates are not less than 80% or equivalent.



Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi, Minister of Education during his visit

Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi, Minister of Education and Chairman of the Higher Education Council made an inspecting visit to the registration place at the ministry's Hall in Isa

Town, met a number of students and their parents, and reassured the progress of the registration process in this college.

AUBH campus nears completion

The American University of Bahrain campus will be ready to welcome its inaugural students in September 2019

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With over 95 per cent of construction completed, Bahrain's first purpose-built American-style campus will soon be home to the new American University of Bahrain (AUBH).

The University's main structures have been completed and the internal furnishings are currently being installed. The University will be ready for full handover in early August. The brand new, state-of-the-art campus mirrors those found in the best American universities and is designed to foster interaction and collaboration among students, faculty and the community.

The AUBH campus is located in Riffa, with easy access from two main highways and conveniently located near many restaurants and stores. Built on a 75,000 square meter plot of land with building structures totalling approximately 21,500 square meters, the campus was designed by US-based global master-planners and architects Ayers Saint Gross (ASG). ASG is globally renowned for designing many prominent US university campuses with a student-centric focus.

The campus buildings form a welcoming, aesthetically pleasing, and open design that encourages interaction and recreation. Its innovative and ergonomic design complements the magnificent and sweeping structures to enhance the learning and social experience for the student and faculty communities alike. Water designs adorn the campus's landscape, creating a learning oasis with lush green colours in the middle of the desert.

The modern-structured buildings include a Welcome Centre for Administration and Student Services, an "Academic Quad" with four dedicated three-story academic buildings, one for each College. The campus also boasts a Sports Centre with a full gym and basketball court, an outdoor Football Field, and a Student Commons where students will enjoy social time outside of the classroom. The academic buildings house fully-equipped interdisciplinary labs and studios, high-tech lecture halls and classrooms, seminar and case study rooms, an extensive and innovative library, and a grand auditorium built for over 250 visitors.

Dr. Susan E. Saxton, Founding President of AUBH expressed her pleasure with achieving this milestone, "We are excited to see our beautiful campus come to life and to welcome the inaugural class of 2019 in September. The AUBH campus is unique in so many ways; we want to bring a truly American-style experience to the region and establish a model of international quality standards that will support the students' life-long educational journey."

"AUBH was created to support the Kingdom's efforts in up-scaling the country's academic quality and advancing its status as an educational role model for the Arab region; in this regard, we designed a campus that would support educational excellence and assist students in excelling to great heights in their chosen profession," she added.

Senior Associate at Ayers Saint Gross Architectural Firm, Michelle Moseley, said, "It gives us great pleasure to work on this first-of-a-kind university in the Kingdom of Bahrain and bring the American-style campus to life. Inspired by the culture of the region, our aim was to create an environment that would enhance the student experience and create a space for students, faculty and staff to connect."

Environment and sustainability played a major role in the campus design. The physical layout of the campus was taken into consideration to reduce energy consumption and respond to local environmental conditions. Green spaces are a very prominent feature across the campus with over 400 trees with 12 different species, to provide a variety of colors and textures. In addition, over 9,000 square meters of shrubs, groundcover and grass will be planted on the University premises.



A graphic image of AUBH Campus



Minister of Education Dr. Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi, with MP Dr. Sawsan Kamal as they discuss the educational services provided by the ministry and the developmental and construction projects to be implemented during the coming period. Kefaya Al Anzoor Director of Organizations & Committees Affairs also attended the meeting



Minister of Education Dr. Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi during a meeting with MP Fadhel Al Sawad. During the meeting, the Minister presented the services provided by the Ministry to citizens and the future programs. The Minister also discussed with the MP a number of topics related to educational services in his constituency. Kefaya Al Anzoor Director of Organizations & Committees Affairs also attended



Minister of Education Dr. Majid Al Nuaimi with MP Ahmed Al Salloom during a meeting. It was also attended by Jaffar Al-Shaikh Assistant Undersecretary for Special and Continuing Education, and Kefaya Al Anzoor Director of Organizations & Committees Affairs



Minister of Education Dr. Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi during a meeting with MP S. Falah Hashim. Minister briefed him on the educational services provided by the Ministry and the construction programs to be implemented in the Northern Governorate. Kefaya Al Anzoor Director of Organizations & Committees Affairs also attended