

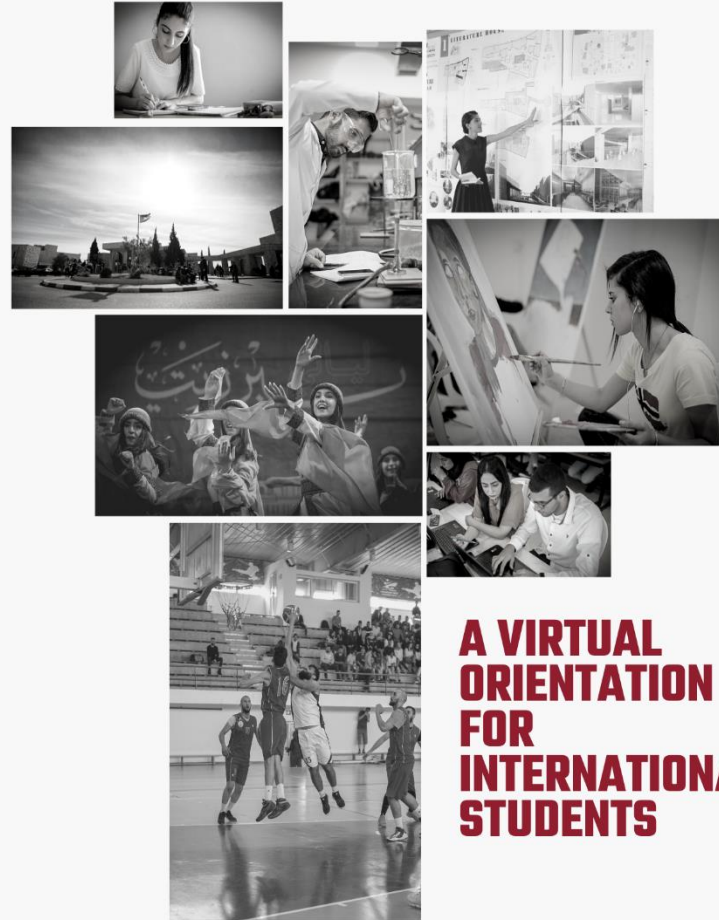


The Virtual Orientation for International Students

[Birzeit University](#), Palestine

December 15, 2020





A VIRTUAL ORIENTATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The session will provide information on the admission and registration procedures, available courses in the Palestine and Arabic Studies Program (PAS), and Erasmus+ exchange opportunities

on Tuesday, December 15, 2020,
at 2:00 p.m. (GMT+2) via Zoom

For more information, please contact the External Academic Relations Office at external.relations@birzeit.edu

THIS INVITATION IS FOR BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY PARTNERS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

95 Years of Excellence, Development & Democratic Values



BZU is a Palestinian Arab institution governed by an autonomous board of trustees composed of Palestinian educators and professionals. BZU strives to promote excellence in higher education by providing academic teaching, research, and training and relevant community programs within the context of sustainable development, social awareness and adherence to democratic values in a free Palestinian society.



In
1973

Board of trustees was formed to assume full responsibility for Birzeit college. Israeli occupation authorities close the campus by military order for two weeks from December the 15th to December the 31st.

In
1974

President of Birzeit College Hanna Nasir was deported to Lebanon, by the Israeli forces.

In
1975

Birzeit College became Birzeit University.

In
1976

Birzeit University was admitted to the Association of Arab Universities.

In
1977

Birzeit University was admitted to the International Association of Universities



Facts and Figures

Birzeit University offers 112 academic programs (76 bachelor programs, 32 master program, 1 PhD in Social sciences, 2 diploma programs in education, 1 program for foreign students PAS), In 9 faculties.





Campus Size

800 donums



70%

Green gardens and open areas

34 Main buildings contain

9 Faculties

11 Institutes

4 Centers

4 Libraries

6 Cafeterias



Clinic



Museum



Auditorium



Observatory

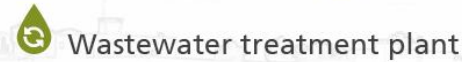
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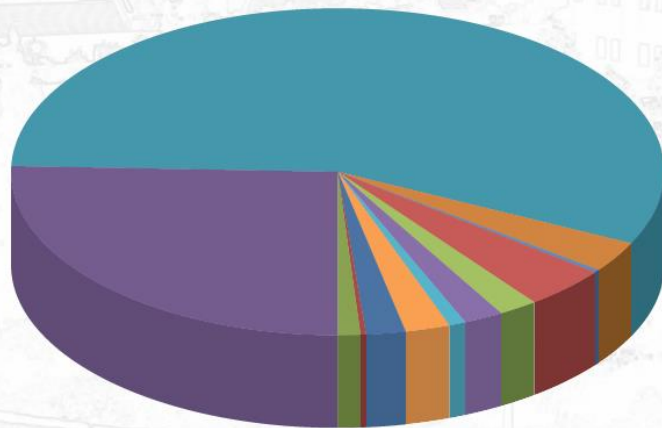
Gymnasium



Stadium



Wastewater treatment plant



- Jerusalem, 26%
- Ramallah & Al Bireh, 57%
- Bethlehem, 3%
- Jericho, 0.5%
- Hebron, 4%
- Nablus, 2%
- Jenin, 2%
- Qalqiliya, 1%
- Salfit, 2%
- Tubas, 0.2%
- Tulkarm, 2%
- Gaza, 0.03%
- Palestine 1948, 0.1%
- Other or Unknown, 1%

Student distribution by region

In **1972**

329 students

In **2019-2020**

14,800 students

- 1 Faculty of Science**, established in 1972
- 2 Faculty of Art**, established in 1972
- 3 Faculty of Business and Economics**, established in 1978
- 4 Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology**, established in 1979
- 5 Faculty of Graduate studies**, established in 1996
- 6 Faculty of Law and Public Administration**, established in 2004
- 7 Faculty of Education**, established in 2010
- 8 Faculty of Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Professions**, established in 2008
- 9 Faculty of Art, Music and Design**, established in 2019



Institutes & Centers

1. Institute of Community and Public Health
2. Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies
3. The Institute of Law
4. The Institute of Environmental and Water Studies (IEWS)
5. Institute of Women's Studies
6. Muwatin Institute for Democracy and Human Rights
7. Samih Darwazah Institute for Pharmaceutical Industries (SDIPI)
8. Center for Continuing Education
9. Centre for Development Studies
10. Media Development Center
11. Testing Laboratories Center

From Small Beginnings to International Impact



Top 3% of
universities
worldwide
(QS
Ranking)

More than 400 Universities with which Birzeit University has international agreements

University Affiliations

Birzeit University endeavors to bolster external academic relations by working together with higher education institutions and organizations, both **locally** and **internationally**, in line with the university's mission and vision.



Communauté des Universités Méditerranéennes
Community of Mediterranean Universities
Comunità delle Università Mediterranee



Téthys
Consortium des Universités
Euro-Méditerranéennes



Life at BZU



Campus



Services



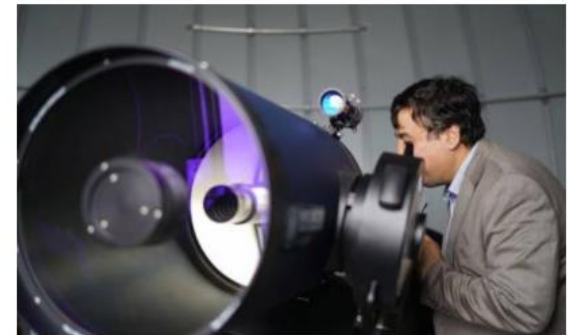
Volunteer & Community Service



Birzeit Nights Festival (Layali Birzeit)



Graduation Ceremonies



Michel and Sanieh Hakim Observatory

Internationalization efforts at Birzeit University

PAS Program (Since 1994)

The Palestine and Arabic Studies (PAS) is an academic program that offers international students the opportunity to combine the study of the Arabic language with social science courses about Palestine and the Arab World.



- ❑ PAS is a comprehensive year-long program. It offers Arabic courses designed to teach the language as an integral part of the culture.
- ❑ International students have the opportunity to combine their study of the Arabic language with social science classes taught by knowledgeable, experienced and passionate teachers.
- ❑ Learning Arabic as a second language, and political and social science courses in English.

[Video](#)



Joint Ventures

- Fulbright Grants
- British Council Grants (HESPAL)
- RecoNow Project
- Dunia Beam Project
- Hermes Project
- AVEMPACE III Project
- PHOENIX Project
- Erasmus +



Erasmus+



Birzeit University Partners in ICM



BZU ICM Figures

+ 850 mobility
Outgoing-incoming
mobility



Erasmus+ Experiences



International Students



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Applying as an international student

Find out more about how to apply to study at Birzeit University



Your Study Options

Check our academic programs



Life at the University

Experience our campus life that embraces democratic practices & dialogue, & provokes excellence & creativity



Erasmus+ Program

Through the program, the university has been offering exchange opportunities for students, academic and administrative staff.



International Summer Camp

The camp focuses on community-oriented volunteer projects in schools, municipalities, and civil society organizations and introduces participants to several geographical places in the West Bank.



Guide for international applicants

Non-regular Admission

Non-regular students shall conform to the university's general admission rules, and have to be regular students at another international recognized university, or at least hold a community college diploma degree.

Non-Regular students are further classified into the below sub-groups:

- **Special Students/Visiting students:** students who are willing to take specific courses in the university in order to complete a number of credit hours.
- **International Program Students:** international students who join a specific program for one semester or one year at the university.
- **Auditing Students:** students who are interested in joining specific courses for personal development for which no official record or transcript certifying attendance is maintained.

Non-regular students need to fill the application form and submit it to the Admission and Registration Office

reg_office@birzeit.edu

❑ **How to apply:**

- Gain and present a written approval from your university for the courses that you will enroll in at Birzeit University.
- Gain and present a written approval from the department offering the course (s) at Birzeit University.
- Fill out the online visiting students application form.
- Submit the following official documents to the Registration and Admission Department
 - A copy of your personal ID or passport.
 - A certified copy of document of a senior secondary leaving certificate (high school diploma), equivalent to the Palestinian General Secondary Examination (Tawjihi), such as GCE, IB, SAT, IGCSE, GCSE, etc.
 - For master's students only: a certified copy of the bachelor's degree certificate.

❑ International Programs Admission

- Students from **partner universities** can apply to study for one semester at Birzeit University.
- International students need a **nomination letter** from their sending university, in addition to submitting their CV, copy of their passport, proof of academic merit, and their required courses to the External Academic Relations Office external.relations@birzeit.edu
- Check our [fact sheet](#) to find out about our exchange opportunities
- Choose your [academic courses](#) and fill in the application form.
- Nominated students from partner universities have a tuition waiver if the cooperation agreement requires to, except for the Palestine and Arab Studies Program

❑ Grading system

BZU uses credit hours system (1 credit hour equals to 1 contact hour or 3 practical hours either in laboratory, practical or clinical training during week of the academic semester. Each academic semester has 15-16 weeks).

You can use the following table to convert between Birzeit University and European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) credits.

Birzeit University Credit Hours	ECTS Credit Hours
1.50 credit	2.50 credit
1.80 credit	3.00 credit
2.00 credit	3.33 credit
2.40 credit	4.00 credit
3.00 credit	5.00 credit
4.00 credit	6.67 credit
5.00 credit	8.33 credit

International Summer Camps

- ❑ Since **1981**, BZU has been organizing the International Summer Camp.
- ❑ The camp focuses on **community-oriented volunteer projects** in schools, municipalities, and civil society organizations and introduces participants to several geographical places in the West Bank.
- ❑ The International Summer Camp includes **voluntary work**, visits to Palestinian cities, villages and refugee camps, and other Palestinian universities. Furthermore, it provides an opportunity for foreign participants to meet Palestinian families, political and community leaders, as well as Palestinian academics.

International Staff Training Week

❑ **Academic** and **administrative** staff will get the opportunity to pick-up new job-related skills and insights. Sessions and workshops will include presentations and discussions about the common challenges and needs of international staff and student mobility. A number of networking opportunities will be explored and provided throughout the week.

Video





Thank you

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