### **JORDAN**

### PEACE AND STABILITY

Jordan is known internationally for being a tourist paradise, highly praised for its virtues of hospitality and courtesy. There are currently 40 thousand international students, representing 107 global nationalities and studying in Jordanian public and private universities.

### LOCATION

Jordan is located in the heart of the Middle East, Northwest of Saudi Arabia, south of Syria, Southwest of Iraq, and east of Palestine.

### **LANGUAGE**

Arabic is the official language in the country. English is widely used as a second language.

### CLIMATE

The country has a Mediterranean-style climate. In summer, the climate in Jordan is semidry with an average temperature in the mid 30°C and relatively cold in winter averaging around 13 °C. The western part of the country receives greater precipitation during the winter season from November to March.

### **COST OF LIVING**

The cost of living in Jordan is much lower than most western countries.

### **CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE RATES**

Jordan's currency is the Jordanian Dinar (JD). It is subdivided into 100 Qirsh or piasters. The dinar is equivalent to 1.41 US Dollars.

### **HOLIDAYS**

Friday and Saturday, as well as a number of religious and national days.

#### TIME

Time is (GMT +2 in winter, +3 in summer. Summer time is observed from April through to September.

#### HIGHER EDUCATION IN JORDAN

### HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

There are 32 Universities in Jordan; 10 Public, 20 Private, and 2 Regional. All the universities in Jordan are distinguished for applying the highest standards of higher education in their curricula. Furthermore, Jordanian university graduates are known to have a competitive edge in the market in contrast to graduates from other countries.

### ADVANCDED UNIVERSITIES

Multiple Jordanian universities are working on achieving an international ranking and international recognition. Acceptance of applicants to higher education institution depends on the institution and the requirements of the program of study. The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research accredit the programs.

### ACCADEMIC PARTERSHIPS AND AGREEMENTS

Higher education institutions in Jordan have partnerships, academic agreements and joint research projects with eminent international scientific institutions and centers.

#### REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

Multiple students and university lecturers have obtained regional and international awards in various disciplines.

### **ACADEMIC YEAR**

The academic year is divided into two compulsory academic semesters. The duration of each semester is sixteen weeks. There is also an optional eight-week summer semester

#### CREDITED HOURS SYSTEM

Jordan adopts the credit hour system of teaching rather than the system of years in the majority of programs.

#### **FACULTY LECTURERS**

Jordanian faculty members hold higher qualifications and expertise and are graduates of prestigious European and American universities.

### TUITION

Tuition fees in Jordanian universities are competitive compared to the rest of the world.

### **ACCOMODATION**

Many higher education institutions in Jordan offer accommodation facilities for female students. The costs vary from one institution to another.

#### ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Students with a high school diploma or its equivalent from outside Jordan can enroll in higher education institutions directly through websites of public and private universities or intermediate community colleges based on their averages. Universities implement the credit hours system, which allows students to choose courses according to their study plan.

Students wishing to enroll in a master's program must hold a bachelor's degree. Furthermore, students who wish to enroll in doctoral programs must hold a master's degree.

In addition, students wishing to enroll in postgraduate programs are required to provide a certificate confirming their English proficiency level in a TOEFL or IELTS exam. They could also demonstrate a certain proficiency level in French or German. Lastly, they could take an English language exam held by the higher education institution they apply in.

In the event that the student fails to prove the required level of English, German or French, or fails the English equivalency exam, they may study a qualifying program in English at the university where they undertake additional six credit hours; he/she must score a minimum grade that varies according to their specialization.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Students can apply for admission to a higher education institution in Jordan through the following:

- 1- Applying directly to the institution of higher education of their choice. Many higher education institutions in Jordan have online application services or through university service offices; while some institutions accept applications through mail. Each higher education institution determines its own enrollment requirements. Therefore, a prospective student should communicate with the institution they wish to apply to in order to know the specific admission requirements and procedures.
- 2- Applying directly through the free on-line application (www.studyinjordan.jo)

# Universities' list and websites:

Website	University	#	Website	University	#
www.yu.edu.jo	Yarmouk University	2.	www.ju.edu.jo	The University of Jordan.	1.
www.just.edu.jo	Jordan University of Science & Technology	4.	www.mutah.edu.jo	Mutah University	3.
www.aabu.edu.jo	Al albayt University	6.	www.hu.edu.jo	The Hashemite University	5.
www.ahu.edu.jo	AL-Hussein Bin Talal University	8.	www.bau.edu.jo	AL-Balqa Applied University	7.
www.gju.edu.jo	German Jordanian University	10.	www.ttu.edu.jo	Tafila Technical University	9.
www.inu.edu.jo	Irbid National University	12.	www.aau.edu.jo	Amman Arab University	11.
www.jpu.edu.jo	Jerash University	14.	www.meu.edu.jo	Middle East University	13.
www.psut.edu.jo	Princess Sumaya University for Technology	16.	www.jadara.edu.jo	Jadara University	15.
www.jam.edu.jo	Jordan Academy of Music	18.	www.ammanu.edu.jo	Al - Ahliyya Amman University	17.
www.jau.edu.jo	Ammon Applied University College	20.	www.asu.edu.jo	Applied Science	19.

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www.aum.edu.jo	American University of Madaba	22.	www.philadelphia.edu.jo	Philadelphia University	21.
www.anu.edu.jo	Ajloun National University	24.	www.iu.edu.jo	Isra University	23.
fesa- reg.unrwa.org	Faculty of Educational Sciences and Arts /UNRWA	26.	www.uop.edu.jo	Petra University	25.
www.aut.edu.jo	Aqaba university of technology	28.	www.zuj.edu.jo	Al- Zaytoonah University of Jordan	27.
www.htu.edu.j	Al Hussein Technical University	30.	www.zu.edu.jo	Zarqa University	29.

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