



General Policy for the Admission of International Students to Jordanian Higher Education Institutions for the Academic Year 2025/2026

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First: Admission to the Bachelor's Degree Stage

International students are admitted to Jordanian universities in the Bachelor's program according to the following conditions:

1. For students holding the Jordanian General Secondary Education Certificate (Tawjihi):
 - The student must have passed successfully.
 - They must provide an official certificate authenticated by the Jordanian Ministry of Education.
2. For students holding an Arab or foreign General Secondary Education Certificate:
 - The student must have passed successfully.
 - They must provide one of the following documents:
 - **First:**
A General Secondary Education Certificate issued by the Ministry of Education in any Arab country through regular study, issued before the academic year 2016/2017. This certificate is considered equivalent to the Jordanian General Secondary Education Certificate and does not require equivalency. The grade average and stream (scientific, literary, etc.) stated in the certificate are adopted as they are.
 - **Second:**
A General Secondary Education Certificate issued by the Ministry of Education in any Arab country through non-regular study (such as home study, external, etc.), issued before the academic year 2016/2017. This certificate must be equated by the Jordanian Ministry of Education, with an official equivalency document specifying the grade average and the educational stream (scientific, literary, vocational, etc.).
 - **Third:**
A General Secondary Education Certificate issued by the Ministry of Education in any Arab country, issued before the academic year 2016/2017. This certificate must be equated by the Jordanian Ministry of Education, with an official equivalency document specifying the grade average and the educational stream (scientific, literary, etc.).
 - **Fourth:**



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- A Saudi General Secondary Education Certificate issued before the academic year 2015/2016. This certificate must be authenticated by the Jordanian Ministry of Education and does not require equivalency. The grade average and stream stated in the certificate are adopted as they are.
- **Fifth:**
A Saudi General Secondary Education Certificate issued starting from the academic year 2015/2016. This certificate is not authenticated directly; instead, it must be equated by the Jordanian Ministry of Education, with an official equivalency document specifying the grade average and the educational stream (scientific, literary, vocational, etc.).
 - **Sixth:**
Any General Secondary Education Certificate or equivalency issued by the Ministry of Education in any country starting from the academic year 2016/2017. This certificate must be equated by the Jordanian Ministry of Education, stamped with the official equivalency seal. The grade average and stream stated in the certificate are adopted as they are. If they are not mentioned, an official document must be attached specifying the stream and grade average.
 - **Seventh:**
Foreign General Secondary Certificates issued from various countries of the world must be equated by the Jordanian Ministry of Education, with an official equivalency document specifying the grade average and the educational stream. Alternatively, the international student may provide an equivalency document issued by the competent authority in their own country.
 - **Eighth:**
General Secondary Certificates from international programs (IBCP / BTEC / D.S.H / E.C.G / IB / French Baccalaureate) must be equated by the Jordanian Ministry of Education, with an official equivalency document specifying the grade average and the educational stream (scientific, literary, etc.). Alternatively, the international student may provide an equivalency document issued by the competent authority in their own country.
 - **Clause (B):**
Students holding certificates other than the Jordanian General Secondary Education Certificate are allowed to enroll in different university majors, provided that they correspond



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- to the available majors for the General Secondary streams, in accordance with the general policy for admitting Jordanian students to Jordanian universities.
- Clause (C):
If the stream of the General Secondary Certificate is not among the streams listed in the Jordanian General Secondary Certificate, the student must provide an official document from the Jordanian Ministry of Education or the competent authority in their country confirming that the stream of their certificate qualifies them to enroll in the required university major in their country.
 - Clause (D):
Universities may admit a limited number of international students whose averages are lower than the minimum admission thresholds stated in the general policy, provided that the difference does not exceed (10) marks below the minimum admission average set for colleges/majors, and provided that the certificate stream corresponds to the stream required for each college/major.
 - Clause (E):
In exceptional cases related to overriding national interest, and upon approval of the Higher Education Council, universities may admit up to (5) marks below the minimum admission thresholds stated in Clause (D) above, provided that the certificate stream corresponds to the stream required for each college/major, and that the student's average is not less than 50%.
 - Universities may admit students who meet the conditions of the general policy in excess of their absorptive capacity, provided that the percentage does not exceed 50% for each major annually, in accordance with the accreditation **standards applicable to the major**.

Second: Admission to the Diploma Stage

- A. Students are admitted to community colleges provided they have passed the Jordanian General Secondary Education Certificate (Tawjihi) or its equivalent, as mentioned in Article (2) above, with a minimum average of 50%, and within the absorptive capacity determined by the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission. Admission is limited to the majors compatible with the student's General Secondary stream, in accordance with the general policy for admitting students to community colleges.



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Third: Admission to the Bridging (Transfer) Stage

- A. For competitive admission, a student who has passed the Jordanian Comprehensive Exam for the Community College Diploma is considered qualified for the regular program through the Unified Admission Coordination Unit, provided they are among the top 5% of successful students, and their average in the exam (two-year or three-year track) is not less than 68%. Students wishing to bridge into engineering, veterinary medicine, or pharmacy must have an average of at least 70%.
- B. In accordance with Article (A), students holding the Jordanian Community College Diploma (Comprehensive Exam) from previous years may compete within the 25% quota allocated for diploma holders from previous years, through the Unified Admission Coordination Unit.
- C. Universities may admit diploma holders (Comprehensive Exam) into Jordanian universities through bridging, with averages up to 5 marks below the minimum admission thresholds stated in the general policy, for colleges/majors and specific programs in official universities (excluding the regular program) and private universities, according to the lists issued for this purpose.
- D. Bridging into the pharmacy major is restricted to holders of the General Secondary Education Certificate (scientific stream) or its equivalent.
- E. Students holding a community college diploma from outside Jordan may apply directly to universities for bridging into various programs (excluding the regular program) in official and private Jordanian universities, in the designated majors and according to the lists issued for this purpose. If no lists are available for the designated majors, the concerned university will determine the appropriate major based on the courses listed in the student's transcript.

Fourth: Admission to Graduate Studies

- A. A student holding a Bachelor's degree with a grade of Pass (or its equivalent) may apply for admission to Master's programs, provided that they:
 - 1. Study three courses from the Master's program during the first year of enrollment, as determined by the department to which they are applying, and unified for this category of students.



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2. Successfully pass each of these courses with an average of not less than 70% (or its equivalent). Failure to achieve this average results in the student's dismissal from the program.

B. A student holding a Higher Diploma with a grade of not less than Good may apply for admission to Master's programs, regardless of their Bachelor's degree grade.

C. A student holding a Master's degree with a grade of not less than Good (or its equivalent) may apply for admission to Doctoral programs.

D. A student holding a Bachelor's degree with a grade of Pass (or its equivalent) and a Master's degree with a grade of not less than Good (or its equivalent) may apply for admission to Doctoral programs.

E. Admission to graduate programs in Jordanian universities requires proof of success in one of the recognized foreign language proficiency tests (TOEFL, IELTS, French, German, or an equivalent English language proficiency exam conducted by the university), as follows:

1. TOEFL (iBT):

- For scientific majors (Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Doctor of Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine, and all branches of Engineering), and English language majors (English Literature, Translation, Linguistics, Teaching English, etc.): minimum score 90.
- For other scientific majors and MBA: minimum score 69.
- For humanities, economics, and administrative majors: minimum score 59.
- Certificates must be issued by AMIDEAST (Jordan branch) or accredited centers in the student's country of residence, subject to verification of authenticity.

2. IELTS:

- For scientific majors (Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Doctor of Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine, and all branches of Engineering), and English language majors (English Literature, Translation, Linguistics, Teaching English, etc.): minimum score 6.5.
- For other scientific majors and MBA: minimum score 5.5.
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- Language Requirements for Admission to Graduate Programs



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- The following levels are required to calculate the French and German language scores for admission to relevant graduate programs:

Specializations	German Language	French Language
Language programs and related fields (Translation, etc.)	Level B2	Level B2

- Exemptions from Clause (W) above:
 - Students who are native speakers of Arabic and are applying to graduate programs in Arabic language or Sharia specializations in Jordanian universities are exempt from the foreign language requirement, provided they demonstrate proficiency in Arabic.
 - Students who have already passed the foreign language proficiency exam for admission to graduate programs in Jordanian universities, and are applying for a new Master's or Doctoral program, are exempt.
 - Students holding academic degrees from countries where English is the native language are exempt.
 - Conditional Admission:
 - Universities may admit students who do not meet the English language requirement, provided they register for a remedial English program of 6 credit hours in their first semester. During this semester, they may register for 3 credit hours from their study plan. They are not allowed to register for additional courses in the following semester unless they pass the remedial program and achieve the required score, as follows:
 - Humanities, economics, and administrative specializations: $\geq 50\%$



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- Scientific specializations, nursing, rehabilitation sciences, and MBA: $\geq 65\%$
- Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Doctor of Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine, all branches of Engineering, and English language specializations (Literature, Translation, Linguistics, Teaching English, etc.): $\geq 75\%$
- Additional Provisions:
- Jordanian universities may, if they wish, administer an Arabic language exam for students applying to graduate programs in Arabic language or Sharia, instead of the English proficiency exam equivalent to international exams.
- Jordanian universities may accept a student's result in the remedial English program previously completed at another university, for transfer purposes, provided that:
- The student's score meets the minimum required for the specialization they are transferring into.
- No more than four semesters have passed since completing the remedial program.
- Holders of regular diplomas (community, technical, or vocational diplomas that are not higher diplomas) are not eligible to apply for graduate programs.
- Students who meet the conditions of the general policy may be admitted beyond the absorptive capacity, provided that the percentage does not exceed 15% for Master's programs and 10% for Doctoral programs, subject to accreditation standards for each specialization.

Fifth: General Provisions

- A. Priority is given to fulfilling the English language requirement over other conditions for admission to graduate programs.
- B. Up to 20 credit hours may be transferred from courses studied in the Diploma stage (without obtaining the diploma qualification) for the purpose of admission to Bachelor's programs in Jordanian universities.
- C. Students holding a Community College Diploma from outside Jordan are not permitted to bridge into Medicine or Dentistry majors in Jordanian universities.
- D. Courses from the Higher Diploma program may not be counted toward a Master's program unless the student obtained the Higher Diploma as a result of failing to obtain a Master's degree. In this case, the university may count up to 9 credit hours when the student enrolls in a new



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Master's program.

E. Courses from a Master's program previously completed by the student may be counted toward a new Master's program, provided that:

1. The course content matches at least 70% of the study plan.
2. The number of credited hours does not exceed 6 credit hours.

Sixth: Unified Admission System

A. Official Jordanian universities and colleges must adhere to the requirement of not admitting any Jordanian student (from inside or outside the Kingdom) except through the Unified Electronic Admission System, starting from the academic year 2024–2025.

B. Private universities and community colleges must also adhere to the requirement of not admitting any Jordanian student (from inside or outside the Kingdom) except through the Unified Electronic Admission System, starting from the second semester of the academic year 2025–2026.

C. Approval is granted to collect a fee of 35 Jordanian dinars only for providing the unified electronic admission service for international students, without conflicting with the student's obligation to pay the tuition fees required by the university in which they are admitted.

Seventh: Exceptions

Students admitted under cultural agreements in Jordanian universities are exempt from **these policies**.

Eight :

A Jordanian student who also holds the nationality of another country may apply to the International Program in Jordanian universities, provided that:

- They comply with the minimum admission averages applicable to Jordanian students.
- They comply with the regulations and rules specific to the International Program in Jordanian universities.

Ninth:

The Higher Education Council shall decide in cases not explicitly addressed in this policy.



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Tenth:

This policy cancels any other policies, decisions, instructions, or agreements between universities or other institutions related to student admission, unless they are approved **by the Higher Education Council.**