



The general policy for the admission of international students to Jordanian higher education institutions for the academic year 2025/2026, issued pursuant to the provisions of Article (6), paragraph (6) of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Law No. (17) of 2018 and its amendments, according to the Higher Education Council Decision No. (221/2025) dated .7/7/2025

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:

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1. The student must have passed the Jordanian General Secondary Education Certificate Examination, and must provide the document certified by the Jordanian Ministry of Education.
2. The student must have passed an Arab or foreign General Secondary Education Certificate Examination, and must provide one of the following documents:

First: The General Secondary Certificate issued by the Ministry of Education in any Arab country through regular study and issued before the academic year 2016/2017, which is equivalent to the Jordanian General Secondary Education Certificate and does not require equivalency. The average and stream listed in the certificate are accepted as they are.

Second: The General Secondary Certificate issued by the Ministry of Education in any Arab country through non-regular study (home study, external, ...), and issued before the academic year 2016/2017. It must be equated by the Jordanian Ministry of Education through an equivalency certificate stating the percentage average and educational stream (scientific, literary, industrial, ...).

Third: The General Secondary Certificate issued by an entity other than the Ministry of Education in any Arab country and issued before the academic year 2016/2017. It must be equated by the Jordanian Ministry of Education through an equivalency certificate stating the percentage average and educational stream (scientific, literary, ...).

Fourth: The Saudi General Secondary Certificate issued before the academic year 2015/2016 shall be certified by the Jordanian Ministry of Education and does not require equivalency. The average and stream listed in the certificate are accepted as they are.

Fifth: The Saudi General Secondary Certificate issued starting from the academic year 2015/2016 shall not be certified and must be equated by the Jordanian Ministry of Education through an equivalency certificate stating the percentage average and educational stream (scientific, literary, industrial, ...).

Sixth: The General Secondary Certificate or equivalency issued by the Ministry of Education in any country as of the academic year 2016/2017 must be equated by the Jordanian Ministry of Education by stamping it with the official equivalency stamp. The average and stream listed in the certificate are



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accepted as they are. If they are not listed, an attached document showing the stream and average is required.

Seventh: Foreign secondary certificates issued by all countries must be equated by the Jordanian Ministry of Education by issuing an equivalency certificate stating the average and educational stream, or the student may provide an equivalency document issued by the competent authority in their country.

Eighth: Secondary certificates for international programs (IB/G.C.E/H.S.D/BTEC/IBCP/French Baccalaureate) must be equated by the Jordanian Ministry of Education by issuing an equivalency certificate stating the percentage average and educational stream (scientific, literary, ...), or the student may provide an equivalency document issued by the competent authority in their country.

B. Students who hold the Jordanian General Secondary Education Certificate may enroll in various university majors according to the streams allowed under the general admission policy for Jordanian students in Jordanian universities.

C. If the stream of the General Secondary Certificate is not one of the streams recognized in the Jordanian General Secondary Education Certificate, the student must bring an official document from the Jordanian Ministry of Education or the competent authority in their country stating that the stream of the certificate they hold qualifies them to enroll in the desired university major in universities in their country.

D. The university may admit a number of students as an exception to the minimum admission averages listed in the general policy for admission in Jordanian universities, with a maximum of (10) marks below the minimum admission average required for the colleges/majors, provided that the secondary education stream required for each college/major is adhered to.

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1. In special cases related to high national public interest, and by decision of the Higher Education Council, no more than (5) students may be admitted to each Jordanian public university with a maximum of (5) marks below the minimum admission averages stated in item (D) above, provided that the secondary education stream required for each college/major is adhered to and that the student has passed with an average of no less than (50%).
2. Students who meet the conditions of this policy may be admitted in excess of the capacity, provided that this does not exceed (50%) for each major in Jordanian universities of the annual admitted students, and provided that the special accreditation criteria for the major are met.



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Second: Admission to the Diploma Stage:

- A. Students are admitted to intermediate university colleges provided they have passed the Jordanian General Secondary Education Certificate or its equivalent according to what is stated in Article (First/A/2) above, with a minimum average of (50%), and according to the capacity determined by the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission.
 - B. The majors a student can study are determined based on the secondary education stream they hold and according to the available majors for that stream under the general admission policy for intermediate university colleges.
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Third: Admission to the Bridging Stage:

- A. A student who passes the Jordanian Intermediate University Degree Examination (Comprehensive Exam) is considered eligible for competitive admission to the regular program through the Unified Admission Coordination Unit provided they are within the top (5%) of passing students and that their average in this exam (two-year and three-year systems) is not less than (68%), except for students wishing to bridge into engineering, veterinary medicine, or pharmacy, where the average must not be less than (70%).
- B. Subject to item (A), a student who obtained the intermediate university degree (Jordanian “Comprehensive Exam”) in previous years may compete for the (25%) quota allocated to students who obtained the Jordanian intermediate university degree (Comprehensive Exam) in previous years, through the Unified Admission Coordination Unit.
- C. Universities may admit students who hold the intermediate university degree (Comprehensive Exam) into bridging programs as an exception to the minimum admission averages listed in the general admission policy, with a maximum of (5) marks below the minimum admission averages in colleges/majors, within the various programs in public universities (except the regular program) and private universities, and according to the lists approved for this purpose.
- D. Bridging into the pharmacy major is limited to holders of the scientific stream or its equivalent.
- E. A student who obtained the intermediate university degree from outside the Kingdom may submit direct applications to universities for bridging in all programs except the regular program in Jordanian public and private universities in corresponding majors and according to the approved lists. If the



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corresponding major is not listed, the concerned university will determine the corresponding major based on the courses in the transcript.

Fourth: Admission to Graduate Programs:

- A. The applicant for a master's program must hold a bachelor's degree with a grade of no less than "Good" or its equivalent.
- B. A student with a bachelor's degree with a "Pass" grade or its equivalent may apply for a master's program provided that:
1. They study (3) master's courses (during the first year of enrollment) determined by the department and unified for this category of students.
 2. They pass each course with at least (70%) or its equivalent to become a regular student, and the completed courses count toward their study plan, otherwise admission is canceled.
- C. A student who holds a higher diploma with a grade of no less than "Very Good" may apply for a master's program regardless of their bachelor's degree grade.
- D. A student who holds a master's degree with a grade of no less than "Good" or its equivalent may apply for a PhD program.
- E. A student who holds a bachelor's degree with a "Pass" grade or its equivalent and a master's degree with a grade of no less than "Good" or its equivalent may apply for a PhD program.
- F. Every student wishing to enroll in graduate programs in Jordanian universities must provide proof of passing one of the foreign language proficiency exams (TOEFL, IELTS, French, German, or an English placement test equivalent to international exams held by the university), as follows:
1. TOEFL iBT:
 - Scientific majors (medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, doctor of pharmacy, veterinary medicine, engineering of all branches, all English majors — literature, translation, curriculum and methods of teaching English, ...) minimum (90).
 - Other scientific majors and MBA: minimum (69).



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- Humanities, economics, and administrative majors: minimum (59).
From AMIDEAST (Jordan branch) or accredited centers abroad with certificate verification.
 - 2. IELTS:
 - Scientific majors listed above: minimum (6.5).
 - Other scientific majors and MBA: minimum (5.5).
 - Humanities, economics, and administrative majors: minimum (5).
From accredited centers in Jordan (British Council – Amman, Oval International Academy, UniHouse) or accredited centers abroad with certificate verification.
 - 3. The following levels are accepted for calculating French and German language scores for admission to relevant graduate programs:

Majors	German Language	French Language
Language programs and related fields (translation, etc.)	B2	B2

- 4. Exemptions from item (F):
 - First:** Non-Arabic speakers applying for graduate programs in Arabic language and Sharia at Jordanian universities, provided they are proficient in Arabic.
 - Second:** Students who have already passed the foreign language requirement when applying to another master's or PhD program.
 - Third:** Students who hold a degree from an English-speaking country.

G. Universities may admit a student who has not met the English proficiency requirement, provided they register a remedial English program of (6) credit hours in their first semester. They may register 3 hours from their study plan during this semester. They may not register any courses in the following semester if they fail the remedial program and do not achieve the required score:

- 1. Humanities, economics, and administrative majors: (50%) and above.
- 2. Scientific majors, nursing, rehabilitation sciences, and MBA: (65%) and above.
- 3. Medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, doctor of pharmacy, veterinary medicine, engineering of all branches, and all English majors (literature, translation, curriculum and methods of teaching English): (75%) and above.

H. Jordanian universities may, if they choose, administer an Arabic language exam for applicants to their graduate programs similar to the English proficiency exam.



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I. Jordanian universities may accept the student's result from a remedial English program completed at another university, provided:

1. The student's score meets the minimum requirement for the desired major.
2. No more than four semesters have passed since completing the program.

J. Students holding professional, technical, or vocational diplomas (as they are not higher diplomas) may not enroll in graduate programs.

K. Students who meet the conditions of this policy may be admitted in excess of capacity, up to (15%) for master's programs and (10%) for doctoral programs, provided accreditation standards are met.

Fifth: General Provisions:

A. Priority is given to fulfilling the English language requirement over the other requirements that enable the student to enroll in graduate programs.

B. Credit may be transferred from diploma-level courses (not resulting in a diploma) for enrollment in a bachelor's program, up to a maximum of 20 credit hours.

C. Students holding an intermediate university degree from outside Jordan may not bridge into medicine or dentistry in Jordanian universities.

D. No courses from a higher diploma may be counted toward a master's program unless the diploma was awarded after failing to complete a master's degree. In this case, the university may count up to (9) credit hours in a new master's program.

E. Courses from a completed master's program may be counted toward a new master's program provided:

1. At least (70%) of the course content matches.
2. No more than (6) credit hours are transferred.

Sixth:

A. Jordanian public universities and colleges must not admit any non-Jordanian student inside or outside the Kingdom except through the unified electronic admission system, starting from the academic year 2024–2025.

B. Private universities and university colleges are recommended not to admit any non-Jordanian student



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inside or outside the Kingdom except through the unified electronic admission system starting the second semester of the next academic year (2025/2026).

C. Approval of setting the service fee for submitting the unified electronic admission application for international students at (35) Jordanian Dinars only, without conflicting with the student paying the application fee within the university fees at the university they are admitted to.

Seventh: Students admitted under cultural agreements to Jordanian public universities are exempted from this policy by decision of the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research/Chairman of the Higher Education Council, according to the terms of the agreements.

Eighth: A Jordanian student who holds a foreign nationality may apply to the international program in Jordanian universities provided:

A. They meet the minimum admission averages for Jordanian students.

B. They comply with the regulations and criteria for the international program in Jordanian universities.

Ninth: The Higher Education Council shall decide on cases not covered by this policy.

Tenth: This policy supersedes any other decisions, regulations, or agreements between universities or any other institutions related to student admission, unless approved by the Higher Education Council.