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AAU ranked 5th in UAE in QS Rankings by Subject “Social Sciences & Management”



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**Computer Science
& Information Systems**
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**Business &
Management Studies**
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Al Ain University (AAU) is ranked by the “QS World University Ranking by Subject 2023” in “Social Sciences & Management”, by securing the 5th rank in UAE, and (501530-) in the Global ranking.

“QS World University Ranking by Subject”, is a classification of QS rankings focused on subject areas, which includes 5 Broad Subjects Areas and 51 Narrow Subjects Areas. The 5 Broad Subjects Areas are “Arts & Humanities”, “Engineering & Technology”, “Life Sciences & Medicine”, “Natural Sciences” and “Social Sciences & Management”. 5 indicators evaluate each Broad Subject Area: “Academic Reputation”, “Employer Reputation”, “Citations per Paper”, “H-index”, and “International

Research Network (IRN)”. AAU has improved its rankings from “2022 QS World University Ranking by Subject” from being listed in a “Narrow Subject Area for Law”, to, a “Broad Subject Area for Social Sciences & Management” in “2023 QS World University Ranking by Subject”. Moreover, AAU has also secured ranking in 4 Narrow Subject Areas in 2023 as follows; The First place locally and (251300-) worldwide in Law, the 3rd place locally and (301350-) worldwide in Pharmacy & Pharmacology, the 5th place locally and (451500-) worldwide in Computer Science & Information Systems, And, the 6th place locally and (451500-) worldwide in Business & Management Studies.

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An MOU between Al Ain University and the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi



Al Ain University (AAU) and the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi have signed a memorandum of understanding aimed at boosting collaboration in areas of shared interest in research and development. The signing of the agreement was overseen by Her Excellency Dr. Sheikha Salem Al Dhaheri, the Secretary General of the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi, and Prof. Ghaleb Al Rifai, AAU President.

The MoU aims to promote collaboration in multiple environmental disciplines, benefiting both parties involved. It also mandates that faculty members possess the expertise, unique research resources, and

innovative ideas to bridge any scientific gaps, as well as support the efforts of the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi and Al Ain University to safeguard the environment and preserve biological diversity. This will enhance the reputation and function of both institutions as centers of scientific excellence, ultimately aiding Abu Dhabi in achieving its sustainability and environmental objectives.

Prof. Ghaleb Al-Refai, President of the University, said this memorandum will strengthen collaboration in the areas of research, service, and development while highlighting the interdependence of environmental.

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An MOU between AAU and Staffordshire University in the fields of research and Artificial Intelligence



The Artificial Intelligence Research Centre at Al-Ain University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Staffordshire University's Smart Systems, AI, and Cybersecurity Research Centre (UK). This collaboration aims to advance research and development and promote knowledge exchange and technology transfer between the two Centres.

The MoU was signed by Prof. Ghaleb El-Refae, President of Al-Ain University, and Prof. Elhadj Benkhelifa, Director of the Smart Systems, AI and Cybersecurity Research Centre from Staffordshire University. The signing ceremony was attended by Prof. Haythem Bany Salameh, Dean of Research and Director of Al-Ain AI research center and Dr. Qutaibah Althebyan, the Dean of the College of Engineering.

Under this MoU, both institutions will collaborate on joint research projects and explore avenues for research staff and student exchange to develop between the two research centers. The collaboration will also involve joint workshops, seminars, and conferences.

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Al Ain University organizes the Engineering Sustainability Forum 2023



Al Ain University (AAU) represented by the College of Engineering (CoE), organized the AAU Forum for Sustainability in Engineering 2023, which aims to raise awareness on various sustainable engineering topics by bringing researchers, professors, engineers and students together under one roof to share their knowledge and experiences from various engineering fields, emphasizing the motto that was raised for this year, «Today for tomorrow».



The forum was attended by Prof. Ghaleb El Refae, AAU President, Prof. Amer Qasem, AAU Vice President (Abu Dhabi Campus), Dr. Qutaiba Al Thebyan, Dean of the CoE, Dr. Faten Kharabat, Deputy Dean of the CoE, and a number of academic staffs, students and visitors.

The forum included a number of discussion sessions that contribute to empowering a new generation of pioneering creative engineers, presented by a group of keynote speakers.

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Outstanding Performance of AAU Students at ICPS-1 Conference



AAU College of Pharmacy students have won many prizes in the First International Conference for Pharmacy Students (ICPS-1) organized by the College of Pharmacy, Sharjah University.

The conference witnessed participation from a large number of students from different Universities in the UAE including Sharjah University, Ajman University, Gulf Medical University, RAK University, and Dubai College of

Pharmacy. First place in the «Postgraduate Best Poster Presentation» went to Abdullah Abou Hajal, and Supervised by: Prof. Mohammad Ghattas. Second Place in the «Postgraduate Best Oral Presentation» Category went to Aya Qasem, Supervised by Dr. Rose Ghemrawi. The 2nd best informative study prize went to Ayah Ismail and Razan Mubarak, and was supervised by: Dr. Zelal Kharaba.

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Strong competition in the “Give it in 5 Minutes” tournament



Al Ain University (Abu Dhabi Campus) represented by The English Language and Translation program, College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, organized a competition entitled “Say it in 5 Minutes” under the supervision of Dr. Sumaya Daoud (Director of General University Education, Assistant Professor). And, in the presence

of Prof. Ghaleb El Refae, AAU President, Deputy Deans, and students. The participating students presented a group of presentations of no more than 5 minutes on a variety of topics, presented by the students in front of the audience. Then, an arbitration committee consisting of faculty members evaluated the competing students.

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Al Ain University Celebrates Mother’s Day under the slogan “My Mother, The Scent of Paradise



The College of Communication and Media at Al Ain University (Abu Dhabi Campus) in cooperation with the Deanship of Student Affairs, organized a celebration on the occasion of Mother’s Day, under the slogan «My Mother, The Scent of Paradise.»

The event was attended by Prof. Amer Qasem (AAU Vice President),

Vice Deans, a number of members of the academic and administrative staff and students, Captain Maryam Mohammad Al-Hammadi and her mother, Moza Ahmed Ibrahim Al-Hammadi, who had many participations in the fields of volunteering and several handicrafts and won many awards for her countless contributions.

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An Open Day Entitled “Read and Rise”



The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University (Al Ain and Abu Dhabi) organized an open reading day under the slogan «Sustainability Title: Read and Rise» in cooperation with the College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Khalifa Library.

The open day included various activities on the two campuses, as it included theatrical performances, competitions, prizes, a book fair, a reading series, and a painting exhibition.

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Al Ain University honors its football players for winning first place in Inter-university sports League



Prof. Amer Qasem (AAU Vice President) and Dr. Noha Hamada (Deputy Dean of Student Affairs), and Vice Deans of Colleges honored the players of Al Ain University football team (Abu Dhabi Campus) for winning the first place at the level of Abu Dhabi for the fourth time,

with the participation of eight universities in Abu Dhabi. Prof. Amer Qasem (AAU Vice President) gave a speech, in which he commended the efforts made by the team players and coaches from the administrative staff who provided all their cooperation and determination.

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A Field visit to the Federal National Council



The College of Law at Al Ain University (Abu Dhabi Campus) organized a field visit for students of the College of Law to the Federal National Council in Abu Dhabi, under the supervision of Dr. Alia Zakaria. The students attended one of the council sessions, which was dedicated to asking questions from council members to some federal government ministers, and the students got acquainted closely - in

a practical experience - with the mechanism of asking questions from representatives of the government and responding to them, and they also attended the introductory meeting with His Excellency Representative Mohammed Issa Al-Kashf, member of the Federal National Council, where he explained to the students the duties and competencies of the Council that were defined by the constitution.

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Al Ain University celebrates the International Women's Day



In recognition of her pioneering role in society and celebration of Women's International Day, the Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University's Al Ain Campus organized a series of events that were attended by academic and administrative staff, as well as students. The events were organized in collaboration with several companies,



including Limar Spa for Ladies Beauty, Life Pharmacy, Kaya Center, and Emirates Trust Center. According to Prof. Ibtehal Abu Rezeq, the Dean of Student Affairs, the celebration of Women's International Day is important to acknowledge the achievements of women and their positive impact on society.

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A Global Engineering Project between Al Ain University and Mount Union University Entitled “Water and Flood Alarm System”



The first-ever Global Engineering Project in the Middle East was successfully hosted by the College of Engineering at Al Ain University - Abu Dhabi Campus, in collaboration with the University of Mount Union in the United States. This course is aimed at providing engineering students with both the theoretical and practical knowledge necessary to become competent global engineers and to work effectively with



international partners from diverse disciplines. Months prior to the event, students from both universities were grouped into teams to discuss and share ideas on the project's design and execution. The event spanned two days, with students working together under the guidance of faculty committees from both universities to construct and test the proposed.

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Increasing awareness of Emirati heritage through the event “The History of Our Ancestors, The Future of Our Descendants”



As part of their graduation project in public relations, students from the College of Communication and Media at the Abu Dhabi Campus organized an event called «The History of Our Ancestors, The Future of Our Grandchildren». The event aimed to promote loyalty and belonging to the Emirati community, increase awareness of Emirati heritage and shed light on Emirati life in the past.

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The College of Business organizes the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Exhibition

The College of Business at Al Ain University(AAU)- Abu Dhabi Campus-organized the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Exhibition, which was inaugurated by Prof. Amer Qassem, AAU Vice President (Abu Dhabi Campus). During the event, students showcased their creative projects, which were developed under the guidance of college professors. The exhibition attracted a large audience, including academic and administrative staff, as well as university students from various colleges.

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Al Ain University organizes an Event under the Slogan «Our Development is Sustainable»

The College of Engineering at Al Ain University (Al Ain Campus), in cooperation with the Deanship of Student Affairs, organized a distinguished event under the slogan «Our Development is Sustainable» on the UNESCO World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development.

Two researchers from the UAE University participated in the event: Muhammad Al-Zard and Omnia Abu Al-Hamad, who spoke about the importance of linking engineering to the latest modern scientific developments in all its fields, and making the engineering sector sustainable.

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The College of Communication and Media organizes the Happiness Day event under the slogan «Let Happiness Be A Habit»

In cooperation with the Deanship of Student Affairs, the College of Communication and Media at Al Ain University (Abu Dhabi Campus) organized the Happiness Day event under the slogan «Let Happiness Be a Habit» on the occasion of the International Day of Happiness.

The Happiness Day event included various activities and events, including the distribution of roses and souvenirs to members of the academic and administrative staff and students. The book «Reflections on Happiness and Positivity» by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

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AAU Library Organizes Reading Competition in Reading Month

In collaboration with the College of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, the AAU Library organized a reading event as part of AAU's contribution to National Reading Month. The competition was generously sponsored by Knowledge-E and British Council, and it featured participation from 19 students representing various colleges. Both English and Arabic were used in the competition.

The winners for the English competition were Ms. Ayesha Azam (first place), Ms. Raghad Nedal (second place), and Ms. Meha Maharroof (third place). Meanwhile, in the Arabic competition, the winners were Ms. Sara Alaa (first place), Ms. Haya Yasser (second place).

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AAU Organizes the CrossFit Competition

The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University (Al Ain Campus) organized a CrossFit tournament with the participation of students from various universities and a number of external entities.

The tournament was attended by students from Al Ain University, Higher Colleges of Technology, Al Dhafra Private Academy, and private entities including Muscle House Mediclinic. The aim of this event comes to, strengthen the spirit of competition among students, stimulate activity and movement, as well as to entertain them during their studies.

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A health event entitled "Your Eyes worth It"

The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University (Al Ain Campus) organized a health event entitled "Your Eyes worth It" in cooperation with True Life Hospital, Pure Opticals and Korian Center.

The event lasted for two days and included free services such as eye examination and consultations with the distribution of free samples, in addition to providing discounts for university employees and students. A number of students and members of the administrative and academic staff participated in the event.

Prof. Ibtehal Abu Rezeq, Vice President of Development and Follow Up and Dean of Student Affairs, commented on the event, saying: The event was successful and witnessed a turnout from university students.

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AAU organizes a blood donation campaign in cooperation with the Regional Blood Bank

The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University (Al Ain Campus) organized a blood donation campaign in collaboration with “Blood Bank”, entitled “United by our blood for our Nation” with the participation of a number of academic and administrative staffs and AAU students.

Dr. Ibtehal Aburezeq –Dean of Student Affairs- said that the campaign has come under the university’s keen to participate in various social activities, aims to enhance awareness among students about the importance of participating actively in community issues and in the framework of strengthening the university’s responsibility towards the community and in line with its role in humanitarian aid.

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Drawing Event in Cooperation with Red Bull Company

In cooperation with Red Bull Company, the Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University (Al Ain Campus) organized a drawing event entitled “Doodle Art”.

The event included students drawing several paintings that included different paintings, as the students created images that express the UAE environment and its cultural and social heritage. At the end of the event, Red Bull Company distributed gifts to the most beautiful drawings.

The event aimed to strengthen the bond between the students and to reduce stress in order to achieve the best and most sustainable performance.

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Awareness lecture about the clinical specialist

As part of a clinical psychology course, the College of Education, Humanities, and Social Sciences welcomed Dr. Lina Ashour, an associate professor of psychological counseling and psychotherapist from Philadelphia University in Amman, Jordan, as a guest speaker. The aim of the session was to help students identify the qualities required for a successful clinical specialist. During the session, Dr. Ashour conducted interviews with applied psychology students and responded to their queries about the profession of a clinical specialist, including their therapeutic skills, training, and professional licenses.

At the end of the session, Dr. Ashour provided valuable advice to the students, which they could benefit from both during their studies and after graduation.

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