General Information – Dar Al-Hekma University

Name:

Dar Al-Hekma University (DAHU)

Founded:

1999 – Initially established as **Dar Al-Hekma College** 2014 – Achieved full university status

Location:

Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Address: Prince Majed Street – Al-Faiha District, Unit No. 2, Jeddah 22246-4872, Saudi Arabia

Type:

Non-profit private university

Initially founded as an all-women's institution, now open to all students

Language of Instruction:

English

Vision:

To be a premier institution for academic excellence and character development, recognized for its contributions to education, leadership, and social progress in line with Saudi Vision 2030.

Mission:

To **graduate leaders and entrepreneurs** by offering high-quality academic programs that foster:

- Innovation and creativity
- Research and scientific development
- Community service
- Islamic values and ethics
- Global standards in education

Strategic Objectives:

- Align educational outcomes with labor market needs
- Promote research excellence and global partnerships
- Integrate technology in teaching and learning
- Provide a holistic student experience
- Foster civic responsibility and ethical leadership

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Academic Overview

Dar Al-Hekma University, located in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, offers a diverse range of undergraduate and graduate programs across three main schools:

- 1. School of Business & Law
- 2. School of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences
- 3. School of Engineering, Computing, and Design



Undergraduate Programs

School of Business & Law

- Bachelor of Law (LLB): Provides in-depth knowledge in public law and Sharia law, enhancing employability in legal fields. Dah University
- Bachelor of Arts in Diplomacy and International Relations: Equips students with skills in economic analysis, negotiation, and policy analysis. Dah University
- Bachelor of Science in Marketing:
 - o General Track
 - Digital Marketing Track
- **Bachelor of Science in Banking and Finance:**
 - General Track
 - o Islamic Finance Track

School of Engineering, Computing, and Design

- Bachelor of Architecture
- Bachelor of Interior Design
- Bachelor of Design in Visual Communications:
 - Graphic Design Track
 - Motion Graphics Track
- Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity:
 - General Track
 - o Ethical Hacking Track
 - o Computer Forensics Track
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science:
 - o General Track
 - o Software Engineering Track
 - o Intelligent Systems Track
 - o Data Analytics Track
 - o Game Development Track
- Bachelor of Science in Information Systems

School of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences

- Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- Bachelor of Science in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

Graduate Programs

School of Business & Law

- Master of Business Administration (MBA): Offered in both English and Arabic.
- Master of Arts in International Relations: Available in English and Arabic.
- Master of Laws (LLM) in Commercial Law

School of Engineering, Computing, and Design

- Master of Architecture
- Master of Science in Information Systems

School of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences

- Master of Educational Leadership:
 - o Educational Policy and Evaluation Track
 - School Leadership Track
 - o Teaching and Learning Track

- Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology
- Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis

Continuing Education

The Continuing Education Department (CED) at Dar Al-Hekma University offers a variety of programs to both students and the local community, including:

- English Language Programs
- Diplomas
- Professional Certifications
- Short Courses
- CELTA (Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults)
- Teacher's Development Kit

Academic Resources and Centers

- General Education Program
- The Language Center
- Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences Clinic
- Central Academic Advising Unit

Research & Achievements at Dar Al-Hekma University

Research Strategy & Priorities

Dar Al-Hekma University is committed to fostering a robust research culture that contributes to the knowledge economy. The university's research strategy focuses on: <u>Dah University</u>

- Strategic & Sustainable Collaborations: Establishing partnerships that enhance research quality and impact.
- **Joint Research Initiatives:** Encouraging interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research projects.
- **Research Excellence & Innovation:** Promoting high-quality research aligned with national and international standards.
- Capacity Building: Improving research infrastructure and efficiency.
- **Student Engagement:** Facilitating student research opportunities and increasing their visibility. Dah University
- **Commercialization:** Supporting the commercialization of research and innovations. <u>Dah</u> <u>University</u>

The university has identified key research priorities aligned with Saudi Arabia's national agenda: <u>Dah University</u>

- Economic Prosperity
- Deep-Rooted Identity
- Quality of Life
- Sustainability
- Investing for the Future

Research Output & Growth

Between 2020 and 2023, Dar Al-Hekma University has demonstrated significant growth in research activities:

- Total Publications: 216Dah University
- Publications in 2023: 108Dah University+2X (formerly Twitter)+2Dah University+2
- Faculty Researchers in 2023: 35
- Indexed Publications (Scopus, WoS/ISI): Substantial increase over the years

The distribution of faculty publications across schools is as follows: Dah University

- School of Engineering, Computing, and Design: 78 publications
- School of Business and Law: 8 publications
- School of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences: 14 publications
- **General Education Program:** 6 publications <u>Dah University+4Dah University+4Dah University+4</u>

Faculty & Student Achievements

Faculty Recognitions:

In 2023, several faculty members were acknowledged for their research contributions: <u>Dah University</u>

- Top Researchers: Dr. Imed Ben Dhaou, Prof. Brij Bhooshan GuptaDah University
- Top Citations: Dr. Imed Ben Dhaou (159 citations) Dah University
- **Top Publications with Students:** Dr. Imed Ben Dhaou, Dr. Shifana Kaafil, Dr. Samar AltarteerDah University

Student Research Competitions:

The university organizes annual research competitions to encourage student participation in research. Highlights include:

- 2022-2023 Academic Year: 52 students participated in poster presentations.
- Awards: First Place SAR 3,000; Second Place SAR 2,000; Third Place SAR 1,000 Dah University+1Dah University+1
- **Winning Departments:** Architecture Department, School of Engineering, Computing, and DesignDah University

Research Collaborations

Dar Al-Hekma University has established collaborations with various national and international institutions:

National Collaborations:

- Imam Abdulrahman Bin Faisal University: Joint research projects and knowledge exchange programs.
- Elm Information Security Company: Collaborative research proposals and participation in university conferences.

International Collaborations:

- Harvard Medical School
- University of London
- University of Washington
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- University of Sfax

These collaborations aim to enhance research quality, provide benchmarking opportunities, and facilitate joint publications. Dah University+1Dah University+1

Research Support & Infrastructure

The Scientific Research Center (SRC) at Dar Al-Hekma University provides comprehensive support to researchers: Dah University+4Dah University+4Dah University+4

- **Research Funding:** Internal research grants and support for article processing charges. Dah University
- Training & Workshops: Regular sessions on research methodologies, publishing, and ethics.
- Research Tools: Access to software like SPSS, EndNote, and databases like Scopus.

• **Ethical Oversight:** Ensuring all research adheres to ethical standards and protects human subjects.

The SRC also coordinates the University Research Committee meetings and processes research applications. <u>Dah University+3Dah University+3Dah University+3</u>

Conferences & Forums

Dar Al-Hekma University hosts various conferences and forums to promote research dissemination:

- Conference on Creativity in Teaching and Educational Leadership: Held in May 2023, focusing on innovation in education. Dah University
- Student Research Forum: An annual event showcasing student research projects.
- CCTS 2025: 2nd International Conference on Creativity, Technology, and Sustainability scheduled for April 30 & May 1, 2025. <u>Dah University</u>

Institutional Awards & Recognition

AIEA Presidential Leadership Award (2024)

Dr. Abeer Aldoghaither, President of Dar Al-Hekma University, was honored with the **Association for International Education Administrators (AIEA) Award for Presidential Leadership in Comprehensive Internationalization** at the 2024 AIEA Annual Conference in Washington, DC. This prestigious award recognizes her exceptional leadership in promoting global engagement, establishing international partnerships, and fostering a research environment that achieves global recognition. X (formerly Twitter)+4Dah University+4LinkedIn+4

Middle East Women Leaders Excellence Award (2025)

In February 2025, Dr. Abeer Aldoghaither received the **24th Middle East Women Leaders Excellence Award**, acknowledging her outstanding contributions to higher education and leadership in the region. Log in or sign up to view+4Dah University+4Dah University+4

Academic & Student Achievements

Outstanding Alumnae Award (OAA)

The **Outstanding Alumnae Award** is established to recognize Dar Al-Hekma alumnae who embody the university's spirit and achieve its mission. It acknowledges innovation, creativity, exceptional leadership, and significant contributions to the community. Notable recipients include: <u>Dah University</u>

- Lamis Baowaidan (Special Education, 2022–2023)<u>Dah University+3Dah</u> University+3Dah University+3
- Ragad Alfaraidy (Law, 2021–2022) Dah University
- Haya Sawan (Interior Design, 2020–2021) Dah University
- Dr. Noura Mansouri (Management Information Systems, 2019–2020) Dah University
- Dr. Mounira Jamjoom (Special Education, 2018–2019) Dah University
- Munira Beshir Abdalwahid (Management Information Systems, 2017–2018)
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- Kholoud Attar (Graphic Design, 2016–2017) Dah University
- Dr. Hadeel Ayoub (Interior Design, 2015–2016) Dah University
- Huda Al-Amoudi (Special Education, 2014–2015) Dah University
- Dr. Hanan Taleb (Interior Design, 2013–2014) Dah University

Student Competitions and Honors

Dar Al-Hekma students have achieved recognition in various national and international competitions:

- Saudi Universities Sports Federation Championship: Participation and victories in multiple sports events. Dah University
- **IKEA Content Design Team**: First place in creating a film showcasing the journey of Dar Al-Hekma students designing an IKEA showroom. Dah University
- **CFA Research Challenge Team**: Participation in the prestigious CFA Institute Research Challenge. Dah University
- **Jessup Moot Court Competition**: Engagement in the global international law competition. Dah University
- **Global Game Jam**: Contributions by the Visual Communications Department team in digital game development. <u>Dah University</u>
- **Hyundai Logo Design Winners**: Recognition for food packaging design in the Ramadan Community Service Project. <u>Dah University</u>
- BMG Award: Awarded for designing a compelling campaign video. Dah University

Innovation & Community Engagement

Mayda Mohieddin Nazer Innovation Award

In alignment with Saudi Vision 2030, Dar Al-Hekma University launched the **Mayda Mohieddin Nazer Innovation Award** in November 2023. Sponsored by the Saleh Abdullah Kamel Humanitarian Foundation, the award recognizes exceptional innovation in:sakhf.org

- Revitalizing the Arabic language.sakhf.org
- Enhancing the quality of life for the visually impaired and the elderly.sakhf.org
- Advancing efficiency in the religious tourism sector (Hajj and Umrah).sakhf.org

The inaugural ceremony celebrated outstanding winners who contributed innovative solutions in these areas.

Admission Timeline

- Early Admission Period: Starts on November 17
- Official Admission and Scholarship Period: Begins on December 1
- End of Admission Period: Closes on January 16

Application Process

- 1. **Online Application:** Complete the application form available on the <u>DAHU website</u>.
- 2. **Application Fee:** Pay a non-refundable fee of **SR 1,500** (including VAT) via bank transfer. Dah University+1GoToUniversity+1
- 3. **Document Submission:** Upload the required documents through the online application portal. Dah University
- 4. **Entrance Tests:** Register for any required tests by contacting the Admissions Office. <u>Dah</u> <u>University</u>
- 5. **Admission Decision:** If accepted, you will receive an acceptance letter via email/SMS. <u>Dah University</u>
- 6. **Confirmation:** Confirm your acceptance by paying a **SR 12,000** down payment (SR 5,000 of which is a non-refundable registration fee). Dah University+1Dah University+1
- 7. **Final Documentation:** Submit the original high school certificate and a medical report. Dah University+1Dah University+1
- 8. **Registration Completion:** Complete the registration process and collect your registration package. <u>Dah University</u>
- 9. **Orientation:** Attend the university orientation program. Dah University

Required Documents

For Regular Admission:

• Completed application form.

- Copy of the General Secondary Education Certificate or its equivalent (approved by the Saudi Ministry of Higher Education), along with the original for verification.
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- Copy of the Qudurat test score (for applicants from the Saudi education system). Dah University
- Four recent passport-size color photographs with hair covered. Dah University
- Photocopy of the ID card (with the original for verification). Dah University
- Photocopy of the passport (with the original for verification). Dah University
- Complete health record signed and stamped by a medical doctor. <u>Dah University</u>

For Transfer Students:

- All documents listed under Regular Admission.
- Official transcript from the previous college/university. Dah University
- Official detailed course descriptions. <u>Dah University</u>
- Note: Students transferring from institutions where English is the medium of instruction may be exempt from the English proficiency test. <u>Dah University</u>

For Visiting/Auditing Students:

- Completed application form.
- Copy of the high school certificate. <u>Dah University+1Dah University+1</u>
- Photocopy of the ID card (with the original for verification). Dah University
- Photocopy of the passport (with the original for verification).
- Official transcript from the previous college/university (for visiting students). <u>Dah</u> University

Admission Requirements

- **Minimum Academic Percentage:** Applicants should have a minimum of **65%** in their previous academic qualifications. <u>GoToUniversity</u>
- **English Proficiency:** Non-native English speakers must provide proof of English proficiency. Accepted tests and scores include: standyou.com
 - o **TOEFL iBT:** Minimum score of **61**
 - o **IELTS:** Minimum score of **5.5**GoToUniversity+1Dah University+1
 - In-house Linguaskill (DAHU): Score of 162 for direct entry into the major;
 scores between 142-161 may require enrollment in the Language Center. <u>Dah University</u>

Scholarships

Dar Al-Hekma University offers a variety of scholarships, including:

- Merit-Based Scholarships: For students with outstanding academic achievements.
- Need-Based Scholarships: For students demonstrating financial need.standyou.com
- Athletic Scholarships: For students excelling in sports.
- Leadership Scholarships: For students with demonstrated leadership potential.
- **Program-Specific Scholarships:** For students enrolling in specific academic programs. standyou.com
- **Alumni Scholarships:** For children of Dar Al-Hekma alumni. standyou.com+1GoToUniversity+1
- Cultural Exchange Scholarships: For students participating in cultural exchange programs.standyou.com
- **International Student Scholarships:** Specifically for non-Saudi students. standyou.com+1Dah University+1

For scholarship inquiries, contact: scholarshipsoffice@dah.edu.saDah University

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- **Phone:** +966 12 630 3333 (Ext: 700)
- Address: 6702 Prince Majed-Al Faiha, Unit No.2, Jeddah 22246 4872, Saudi Arabia Dah University

First-Year Experience

All incoming students participate in the mandatory "Creativity" Orientation Program, a two-day immersive experience designed to:Dah University+1Dah University+1

- Foster creativity and innovation.
- Enhance teamwork and leadership skills.
- Encourage self-discovery and goal setting.

The program combines personality training with creative tools and methods to prepare students for academic and personal success. <u>Dah University+1Dah University+1</u>

Student Development Programs

DAHU offers a structured development program tailored to each academic year: Dah University

- Year 1: Creativity and Orientation Program. <u>Dah University+1Dah University+1</u>
- Year 2: Ethics and Community Engagement Training; Local and Global Sustainability Training. Dah University+1Dah University+1
- Year 3: Leadership Training focusing on soft and hard skills.
- Year 4: Business Etiquette and Career Readiness Training to prepare for the workforce.

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5-Dimensional Extra-Curricular Program

The **5-D Program** is an extra-curricular initiative focusing on: <u>Dah University+1Dah University+1</u>

- 1. Intellectual Development
- 2. Spiritual Growth
- 3. Social Engagement
- 4. Physical Well-being
- 5. Self-Development

Students are required to complete 130 hours of community service, engaging in activities like:

- Serving on the student council. <u>Dah University+3Dah University+3Dah University+3</u>
- Participating in volunteer work.
- Joining sports teams.
- Being active in student clubs.
- Taking part-time jobs on campus. <u>Dah University</u>

Student Clubs and Committees

DAHU hosts a variety of student-run clubs, including:

- Model United Nations (MUN) ClubDah University
- Journalism ClubDah University+2Dah University+2Dah University+2
- Future is Tech ClubDah University
- Law ClubDah University

- Drama ClubDah University
- Mind Matter ClubDah University
- Visual Communication ClubDah University
- Architecture Club
- Public Speaking Club Dah University
- Cinema Club
- Art Club
- Cybersecurity Club
- Culture and Museum ClubDah University
- Qur'an ClubDah University
- Consumer Protection ClubDah University
- Volunteer Ambassadors Club<u>Dah University</u>

The **Student Council** organizes events and activities to enhance student development and campus life. <u>Dah University+2Dah University+2Dah University+2</u>

Sports and Fitness

DAHU promotes physical well-being through various sports and fitness activities. Students can participate in sports teams and access fitness facilities to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Career Development Office

The Career Preparation Office assists students in gaining work experience before graduation by: Dah University

- Connecting them with potential employers.
- Organizing workshops on CV writing, interview skills, and career planning. <u>Dah</u> University
- Facilitating participation in local and international competitions. <u>Dah University</u>

Academic Support and Wellness

DAHU provides comprehensive support services, including:

- Academic Support Unit: Offers coaching sessions, career counseling, and workshops to improve study skills and academic performance. Dah University
- Counseling Services: Provides psychological and emotional support through individual counseling sessions and mental health awareness workshops. <u>Dah University</u>

- **Health Center:** Offers basic medical services, first-aid treatment, and health awareness campaigns. Dah University
- Academic Resource Centers:
 - Math Support Lab: Assists students with difficulties in math and mathematical literacy. <u>Dah University</u>
 - English Writing Studio: Helps students improve their writing skills through oneon-one tutoring sessions. Dah University
 - Arabic Writing Studio: Supports students in enhancing their Arabic language skills.Dah University
 - o **Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences Clinic:** Provides assessment and treatment services for students with communication disorders. Dah University

Community Engagement

Dar Al-Hekma University actively fosters a culture of civic responsibility and societal contribution through various initiatives:

- Guest Speaker Series: Hosting experts to discuss pressing social issues, providing students with diverse perspectives.
- **Awareness Campaigns:** Organizing events to educate and involve the university community in societal challenges.
- Community Service: Encouraging student participation in service projects, reinforcing the importance of giving back.
- Workshops: Conducting sessions aimed at skill development and community involvement.
- Ideal Teacher Center: Focusing on enhancing educational practices and community education.
- Real Client Projects: Engaging students in projects that address real-world community needs.

These activities are integral to the university's mission of producing leaders and entrepreneurs committed to community service.

Diversity & Inclusion

Dar Al-Hekma University prides itself on its diverse and inclusive environment:

- **Multinational Student Body:** Welcoming students from over 34 nationalities, fostering a rich cultural exchange.
- **Inclusive Programs:** Designing curricula and activities that cater to a wide range of cultural backgrounds and perspectives.
- Cultural Celebrations: Hosting events that celebrate various cultures, promoting mutual respect and understanding.

The university's commitment to diversity enhances the educational experience and prepares students for global citizenship.

🛱 Strategic Collaborations

The Collaboration Unit at DAHU plays a pivotal role in extending the university's impact: DAH

- Local and Global Partnerships: Establishing connections with communities and organizations to enrich educational environments.
- **Job-Readiness Programs:** Collaborating with industry partners to prepare students for the workforce.
- **Research Initiatives:** Promoting joint research projects that address community challenges.
- Civic Duty Promotion: Encouraging students to engage in activities that benefit society.

These collaborations align with the university's mission to produce socially responsible leaders.

Undergraduate Programs – Dar Al-Hekma University

Dar Al-Hekma University offers a variety of accredited undergraduate degree programs that integrate theoretical knowledge with real-world application. These programs are distributed across three schools: Business & Law, Education & Health Sciences, and Engineering, Computing & Design.

I School of Business and Law

1. Bachelor of Law (LLB)

- Comprehensive study of public and private law, Sharia law, and international legal systems.
- Prepares students for careers in the judiciary, corporate law, legal consultancy, and public policy.
- Includes training in legal research, case analysis, and courtroom procedures.

2. Bachelor of Arts in Diplomacy and International Relations

• Focuses on foreign policy, global conflict resolution, and diplomatic negotiation.

- Combines political science, history, economics, and international law.
- Graduates are prepared for roles in diplomacy, international NGOs, and government agencies.

3. Bachelor of Science in Marketing

- **General Track:** Covers market research, consumer behavior, branding, and sales strategy.
- **Digital Marketing Track:** Includes SEO, content marketing, social media strategies, and data analytics tools.

4. Bachelor of Science in Banking and Finance

- **General Track:** Fundamentals of global finance, banking systems, risk management, and investment.
- **Islamic Finance Track:** Principles of Islamic banking, sukuk, and Sharia-compliant financial contracts.

School of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences

5. Bachelor of Science in Psychology

- Covers developmental, clinical, and cognitive psychology.
- Includes laboratory work and internships in mental health or educational institutions.
- Prepares for careers in counseling, education, and human services.

6. Bachelor of Science in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

- Focuses on diagnosing and treating communication and swallowing disorders.
- Strong clinical component through the university's own Speech and Hearing Clinic.
- Graduates may work in hospitals, schools, or rehabilitation centers.

X School of Engineering, Computing, and Design

7. Bachelor of Architecture

- Curriculum includes architectural history, sustainable design, and urban planning.
- Emphasizes design studio work, model-making, and construction technologies.
- Graduates are eligible to work in architectural firms or urban development.

8. Bachelor of Interior Design

- Trains students in spatial design, color theory, furniture layout, and lighting design.
- Projects involve both residential and commercial design challenges.

9. Bachelor of Design in Visual Communication

- Graphic Design Track: Typography, branding, advertising, and print media.
- **Motion Graphics Track:** Animation, video editing, sound integration, and storytelling for multimedia platforms.

10. Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity

- General Track: Security foundations, risk assessment, cryptography.
- Ethical Hacking Track: Penetration testing, vulnerability assessments.
- Computer Forensics Track: Investigation techniques, digital evidence management.

11. Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

- General Track: Core programming, algorithms, and computer systems.
- Software Engineering Track: Agile development, software testing, application design.
- Intelligent Systems Track: Machine learning, robotics, and intelligent agent systems.
- Data Analytics Track: Statistical modeling, data mining, visualization tools.
- **Game Development Track:** Game engines (e.g., Unity), 3D modeling, physics simulation.

12. Bachelor of Science in Information Systems

- Focus on aligning IT solutions with business strategy.
- Includes project management, enterprise systems, and digital transformation.

👺 Program Features

- Language of Instruction: Primarily English. Some general education courses may be offered in Arabic.
- **Program Duration:** Typically **4 years**, full-time.
- Credit Hours: Programs range between 128–136 credit hours, including internships and capstone projects.
- Capstone Projects: Required in most programs to showcase applied knowledge and innovation.

Accreditations and Standards

- Accredited by NCAAA (National Commission for Academic Accreditation and Assessment).
- Programs aligned with Saudi Vision 2030 to meet the national workforce demand.
 Curriculum regularly updated to meet global academic benchmarks.