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■ Brief History of AUG

Al -Azhar University of Gaza (AUG) was founded in 1991 in order to meet the demand for higher education. Today it is one of the largest Palestinian Universities. It has an academic staff of over 322 members and 234 administrative member of staff and a student population of around 12,391 distributed between eight faculties: Pharmacy, Applied Medical Science, Science, Agriculture, Education, Arts, Economics & Administrative Sciences and Law.

Academic Year	Events
1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Founded as “ Al-Azhar University of Gaza” by two Faculties Islamic Low & Education. ■ At the same year Joined the High Education Council.
1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pharmacy ,Science ,Agriculture & Administration Science & commerce Established.
1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ First Students Union was Elected..
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Joined the Arab Union Universities.
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Faculty of Medical Science Established. ■ At the same year First Education Conference in the Campos. ■ Also at the same year Joined the Islamic Universities Association. ■ Treatment with UMIST University (ENGLAND). ■ Treatment with Florida University (U.S.A.).

■ The mission of the University

The mission of the University has been clearly stated since its establishment. It is an Arab Islamic University, which provides the opportunity for an effective university education for all who can meet its academic criteria. The University provides its graduates with the highest academic preparation and training. It provides state-of-the-art technologies serving the purposes of the Society and its individuals.

The primary aim of establishing the AUG is to meet the increased demand for higher education . A secondary aim is to provide the students to develop their skills and abilities. The AUG's mission is to provide individuals and organization with career-oriented higher education and training.



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■ Development of Academic Staff Members

<i>Year</i>	<i>BSc</i>	<i>MSc.</i>	<i>PhD</i>	<i>Total</i>
91/1992	5	37	47	89
92/1993	4	36	57	97
93/1994	10	38	63	111
94/1995	21	48	66	135
95/1996	28	60	83	171
96/1997	30	64	93	187
97/1998	38	66	107	211
98/1999	50	76	111	237

Part Timer Academic: 85 in addition.



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■ Development of the Administrative Staff

<i>Year</i>	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99
No.	30	34	72	76	106	126	179	234



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■ Admission Policy

The entry to the AUG is competitive based on the demand for each individual subject and the leaving grade in the secondary high school certificate. The following table shows the development of students accepted to the AUG since 1991.

<i>Year</i>	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99
No.	725	1302	2407	5761	7709	9700	11519	123911

Male: 63%.

Female: 37%.

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■ **Graduates**

Upon the fulfillment of the requirements for graduation. The AUG awards the students BSc., BA, MSc and MEd degrees, which are accredited by the ministry of higher education in the ***Palestinian National Authority***.

To view more detail on the ***AUG graduates from 93/1994 till 98/1999***

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■ **Postgraduate Studies**

AUG has started its postgraduate programs in 95/1996 and now there are three MSc or MA programs as follows:

Master in Science – Chemistry in collaboration with UMIST – UK.

Master in Education.

Master in Arts – Arabic Language.

In addition to special Diploma in Education.

Postgraduate Program	Students
MSc. Chemistry	30
Med. Education	29
MA. Arts	12
Spec. Diploma Education	52

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■ **Cooperation with other Universities**

1. Cooperation in MSc of chemistry with Umist University in UK.
2. Twinning with Dankerk University and Aix-Marseilla in France.
3. Academic cooperation with Phillips University – Marburg, Germany.



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■ **Research Centers and Society Programs**

1. **Computer Center.**
2. **Food Analysis Center.**
3. **Water Research Center.**
4. **Continuing Education Center.**
5. **Drug Analysis & Research Center**
6. **Diploma (13 different programs).**



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