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# International Student Guide

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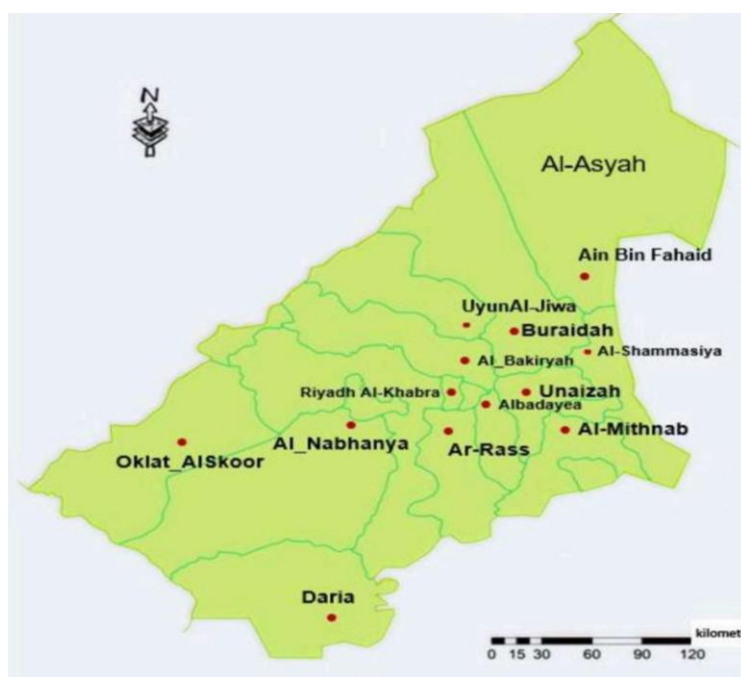
# Chapter 1

## Qassim Region

### 1.1 Introduction

Qassim region is located at the mid of the northern part of the Kingdom. Its western and eastern borders are distanced equally from the Red Sea Coasts and the Arabic Gulf, about 500 kilometers far. As for the main city of Buraidah, it is approximately 350 Kilometers to the western North from Riyadh, the Capital of the Kingdom. It is bordered by Riyadh District from the East and South, Hail District from the North and Almadinah Almonawarah District from the west. The City of Buraidah is the administrative Capital of Qassim region.

Qassim is considered the seventh district in the kingdom with its population. According to the Census of 2022, its population amounted to about 1336180. Such number represents 3.55% of the total population of the kingdom which is amounted to about 37 million and 600 thousand people. The total area of Qassim region is 73000 Kilometer which represents 3.2% of the total area of the Kingdom. About 49% population of Qassim region inhabit in Buraidah city. Qassim region is considered an important trading center particularly in Dates production and manufacturing and Buraidah city is one of the biggest producers of Dates in the world.



1.1: Qassim region map

Qassim is one of the administrative areas in Saudi Arabia and its Emirate is in city of Buraidah. It is characterized by the availability of groundwater and provides the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with the finest types of dates and vegetables. One of the most important city among her cities is Buraidah the largest city, the city of Onaizah, Rass, Moznib, Bakiriyah, Badaya, Comet, Khobara, Riyadh Khobara, Al-asyah, Oglat Al soqor, Dariya, Oyoon Al Gawaa and others. It



is said that Antar Bin Shadad, Zohair Bin Aby Salama and his son Kab Bin Zohair are among the oldest celebrities who lived in this geographical spot and the former is the most famous who praised Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) in his famous poem. Qassim is located in the center of the Kingdom within the Najd Plateau, which includes the regions of Riyadh, Qassim and Hail, making it occupying a prominent position in terms of trade, agriculture and population. The word Qassim was mentioned in the old sources, as stated in the tongue of the Arabs that Qassim is a part of land with many trees, and that Al-Qasimah is the breeding ground of the ancestors and the peace. In the old days, the Trade and pilgrimage routes used to pass through the Qassim region, in particular, the routes of Basra, Kufa and Baghdad. These trips flourished especially during the Abbasi and Omawy periods. Qassim still retains the monuments and landmarks of these roads and stations. Its inhabitants work in trade, agriculture, grazing and industry, distributed in more than four hundred cities, villages. The trade of the people of Al-Qassim is generally concentrated on agricultural wealth such as grains, dates, vegetables and so on due to the availability of surface and ground water, as well as livestock in camels, cows and sheep, in addition to clothing and other luxuries. Al-Qassim's climate is not different from that of central Arabia. It is cold, rainy and hot in summer. The Qassim region is connected to the regions of Riyadh, Medina and Hail by a network of high-quality highways. It also has a regional airport in the middle of the region, from which some international flights use to fly to other Arab countries. The North Train, which connects to Riyadh and then to the Eastern Province, passes through Qassim.

## 1.2 Geography of the region

### 1.2.1 The Climate

Qassim climate is hot in summer, cold rainy in winter, the average temperature in the summer is about 38 degrees Celsius and in winter 20 degrees Celsius and the temperature in the summer can rise to more than 40 degrees Celsius and fall in winter to 10 degrees Celsius The average rainfall in Qassim is slightly more than most parts of the Kingdom due to the height of the region but rarely more than 200 mm per year.

### 1.2.2 Natural Characteristics of the Region

Wadi Al Romah is considered the most important natural phenomenon in the Al-Qassim region. It crosses the whole region from east to west. It is the longest valley on the Arabian Peninsula, with a current length of 600 km from its source near Medina to its downstream in the sands of Thuwairat east of Qassim. Dozens of valleys are connected with Wadi Alromah from the north and south. The valleys that connect to it from the northern side are Wadi Al Romah, Wadi Marghala, Shuaib Sbeih, Shuaib Al-Dulaimiya. Wadi Al Romah is connected from the southern area with the following vallyes Wadi Al-Jiflin, Wadi Al-Rajla, Wadi Al-Jarir, Shuaib Jarrar, Shuaib Al-Dath, Shuaib Al-Khushaibi and Wadi Dukhna and Wadi Al Nessaa. Wadi al-Rasha was also connected to Wadi al-Rumah near Unaizah governorate, but the Nofooz Alshakika stands between the two valleys at present. The height of the land of Qassim ranges between 500-750 m above sea level, and gradually declines, generally from

west to east. The maximum height of the seabed above sea level as mentioned above 750 m, but in some hills up to 900 meters, which affects the climate. Qassim nights in the summer are similar to desert nights that have a gentle breeze, a clear sky, and bright stars in the sky which amaze those who love the quietness of the magnificent desert.

### **1.2.3 Area and Boundaries**

It covers an area of about 73,000 square kilometers and represents about 3.2% of the total area of the Kingdom. Its maximum breadth is about 480 kilometers from north to south and 400 kilometers from east to west. It is bordered to the east and south by the Riyadh region, to the north by Hail and to the west by the Medina.

### **1.2.4 Population**

According to the general census conducted in 2022, the total population in the Qassim region is 1336180 people, which represents about 3.55% of the total population of the Kingdom, which amounted to about 37 million and 600 thousand people. The number of Saudi residents in the Qassim region is 926490, while there are 409690 non-residents.



## Chapter 2

# Mustaqbal University's Information

## 2.1 University's Strategy

### 2.1.1 Vision

A nationally distinguished university in education and professionalization for future proficiencies.

### 2.1.2 Mission

Presenting a distinguished education and professionalism and enhancing creativity as per society's need.

### 2.1.3 Strategic Goals

- 1- Instituting, ordaining, transacting good practices and getting the institutional funding.
- 2- Developing Learning and teaching quality and getting programing funding.
- 3- Scientific, professional, skillful and marketing enabling of the University graduates.
- 4- Developing set of research, development and higher study.
- 5- Availability of motivational environment and community services with sustainable value.
- 6- Enhancement of educational, communal and research partnerships.
- 7- Developing self-resources for the University, diversifying its sources of income, its sustainability and marketing its services and productions.

### 2.1.4 Values

#### 1- Quality

We abide high quality in inputs, operation and outputs.

#### 2- Honesty

We do our work sincerely and precisely according to the professional Ethics.

#### 3- Transparency

We abide the highest levels of transparency, impartiality and accountancy in frame of institutional controllability.

#### 4- Collectivism

We work with one team spirit.

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### 5- Creativity

We enhance positive thinking and the creative soul, in thought and in production.

### 6- Sustained learning

We support lifelong learning and teaching both within and outside the University.

### 7- Development

We believe that development and growth in all aspects are essential.

## 2.2 Organizational Structure of Mustaqbal University

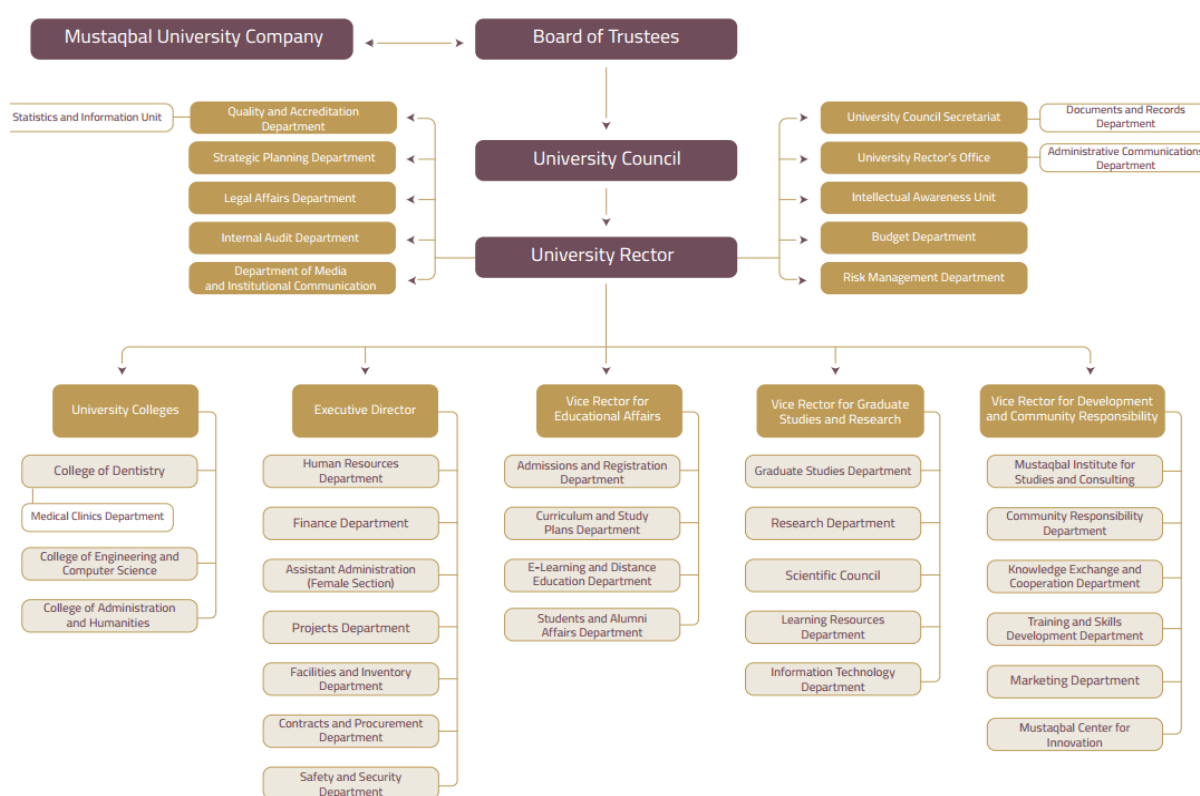


Fig. 2.1: MU organizational structure layout

## 2.3 Colleges and Academic Programs

### 2.3.1 College of Humanities and Administration

University Campus contains College of Humanities and Administration (Male/ Female). College of humanities and Administration is one of the colleges in the University which plays a leading





role, since its establishment. It serves the region of Qassim, in particular, and serves the Kingdom, in general, through graduating qualified male and female students with high skills and suitable qualifications that enable them to participate in leading the ongoing growth and leading the continual economic development. It aims at achieving a pioneering position in the region. Thus, it prepares its students well by providing them with the necessary skills. Another goal of the College of Humanities and Administration is to participate in developing the local economy by conducting helpful community services through making connections with local societies and institutions.

### ***Academic Programs in the College of humanities and administrative sciences***

- Business Administration (Tracks: Business Administration, Supply Chain Management, Human Resource Management, Marketing, Accounting, and Financial and Banking Management).
- Law
- Applied Linguistics

### **2.3.2 College of Dentistry**

Since the University main goal is to serve community and to achieve people aspirations, the College of Dentistry was established. It grants students degree of Bachelor in dentistry. In order to face challenges, the Dentistry College focused on improving the academic outcomes by providing clinics, laboratories with the latest apparatus and modern medical appliances to be of a great use for the students to practice the theoretical knowledge they learned.

### ***Academic Programs in College of Dentistry***

- Dental Medicine and Surgery

### **2.3.3 College of Engineering and Computer Sciences**

The College of Engineering and Computer Sciences (ECS College) was established, in 1426 HA, to serve the people of Qassim region. It has done a remarkable experiment and contributed in developing systems and traditions, at the academic levels, in the Kingdom. It prepares students well to get employments in the field of engineering and computer sciences. Such thing is signified in providing them with the latest data, developing techniques and encouraging creativity. It deals with the students registered in different programs according to the chronological and hierarchal timetables of the subjects prescribed as it is stipulated by the regulations of the Ministry of Education.

### ***Academic Programs in ECS College***

- Artificial Intelligence



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- Computer engineering (computer engineering and Network engineering)
- Computer Sciences (Computer Sciences and Programming Engineering)
- Cybersecurity
- Electronics and Communication Engineering
- Industrial Engineering

### 2. 4 Study Plans of the University's Academic Programs

The details of the study plan and the distribution of its courses over the study levels can be gone over through the using the following link: <https://uom.edu.sa/study-plan>, or scanning the following barcode:





## Chapter 3

# International Students

## Definitions, Regulations, and Support

### 3.1 Introduction

The performance level of the academic institutions is increased by having a diversity in the faculty as well as in their students. MU is keen to realize variety in the scientific schools of its staff members and diversity of the nationalities of its students, such that it will benefit from the variation in the academic backgrounds, and create a competitive environment between the students.

#### 3.1.1 International Students

An international student in Saudi Arabia is defined as a non-Saudi individual who travels to the Kingdom to pursue formal education at a Saudi institution, typically holding a valid study visa and meeting specific academic, legal, and health requirements established by the Ministry of Education and individual universities. This term broadly includes students coming from outside Saudi Arabia for undergraduate, postgraduate, or language preparatory programs, and also encompasses children of non-Saudis residing in the country who attend school or university under regulated conditions.

Being classified as an "international student" in Saudi Arabia means holding foreign nationality, receiving admission from a Saudi academic institution, satisfying regulatory, academic, and health requirements, and pursuing structured studies within the country with an appropriate visa status.

#### 3.1.2 Key Criteria

- The student must possess academic qualifications (such as a high school diploma or equivalent for undergraduate studies, or a bachelor's degree for postgraduate studies) that are recognized by Saudi authorities.
- Admission often requires passing standardized tests, submitting attested documents, and demonstrating language proficiency in Arabic or English, depending on the program.
- International students need to apply for and obtain a valid student visa from a Saudi embassy or consulate, supported by an official admission letter.
- Scholarships and benefits such as tuition waivers, accommodation, medical care, and stipends are sometimes offered to international students, especially as part of national initiatives like Saudi Vision 2030.

#### 3.1.3 Social and Academic Context

Saudi universities foster a multicultural environment, encouraging international enrolment to promote cultural exchange and global academic standards. International students are integrated into academic life through clubs, support services, preparatory language programs, and cultural activities. They are expected to respect Saudi laws, customs, and social norms.

### 3.2 International Students Opportunities in MU

#### 3.2.1 Study in KSA Platform

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia provides opportunities for students from around the world to pursue their studies at its distinguished universities. Across the Kingdom, there are around 50 public and private universities offering multiple levels of study and a wide range of educational programs that enable learners, researchers, and trainees to obtain academic degrees through either long-term or short-term study visas (**Study in KSA Platform**). Notably, several Saudi universities have achieved global recognition, ranking among the best universities worldwide and in the Arab region according to prestigious international classifications such as the Times Higher Education ranking. In line with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, which emphasizes strengthening higher education and fostering global engagement, Mustaqbal University has adopted policies to attract international students and participates in the national gateway for international admissions (**International Students' Portal**). The platform outlines steps for international students to study in Saudi Arabia, detailing how to apply, obtain an educational visa, and arrive for university induction, with emphasis on program options, potential scholarships, and the benefits of studying there. It highlights application windows for graduate programs, a range of offerings from research training to short courses, and scholarship types (free, partial, or paid), while noting Saudi universities' diverse international communities and strong research centers.



## Study in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia provides opportunities for all students from around the world to study in its various distinguished universities



### Application mechanism for long programs

- Create an account on the platform
- Choose the appropriate program
- Receipt of acceptance letter
- Educational visa application
- Arrive to Saudi Arabia
- Reception at the airport in coordination with the university
- Attending the induction program for international students
- Receipt of the study schedule
- Start studying

Apply to Study Now

Application steps

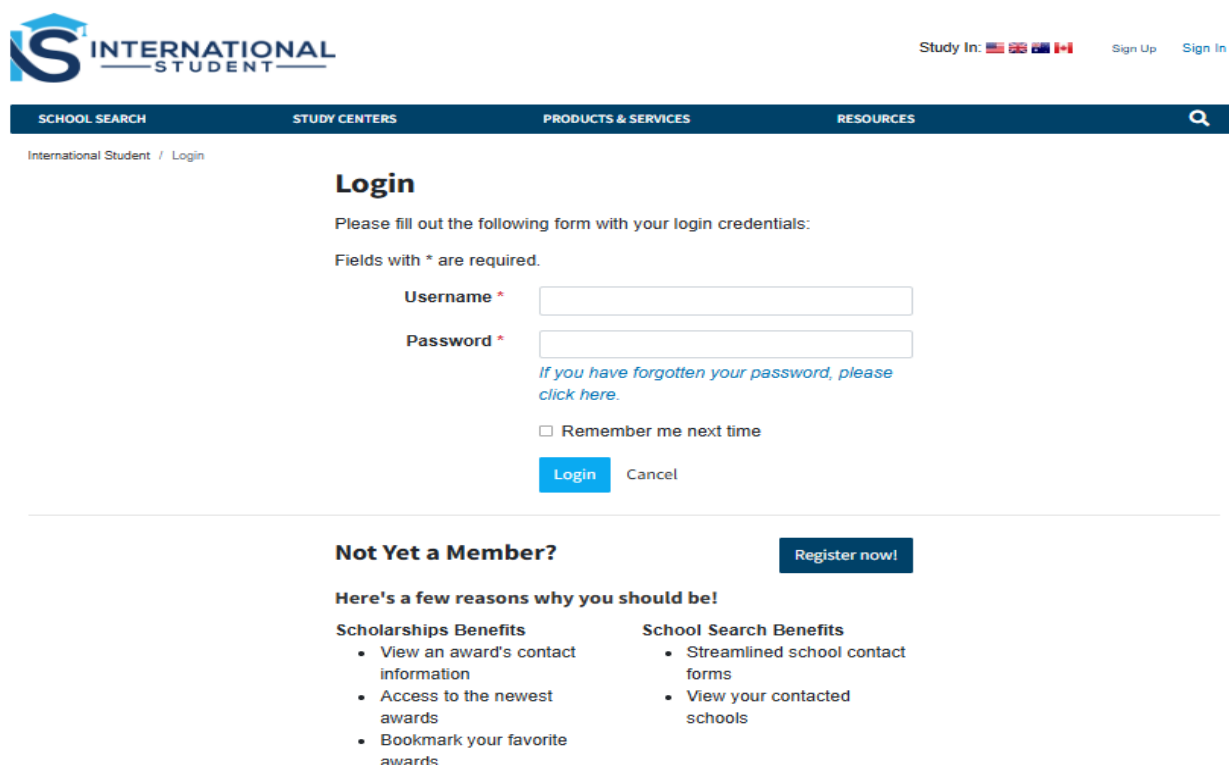
### Submission dates for study applications

Students inside Saudi Arabia				Students outside Saudi Arabia			
University Stage	From 15 June 2025	To 29 October 2025		University Stage	From 01 May 2025	To 29 October 2025	
Post-graduate	From 01 May 2025	To 31 October 2025		Post-graduate	From 01 May 2025	To 31 October 2025	

## Research and Training Programs

Figure 3.1: Home page of the “Study in KSA” platform

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**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT**

Study In: Sign Up Sign In

SCHOOL SEARCH STUDY CENTERS PRODUCTS & SERVICES RESOURCES

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### Login

Please fill out the following form with your login credentials:

Fields with \* are required.

Username \*

Password \*

[If you have forgotten your password, please click here.](#)

☐ Remember me next time

Login Cancel

### Not Yet a Member?

[Register now!](#)

Here's a few reasons why you should be!

**Scholarships Benefits**

- View an award's contact information
- Access to the newest awards
- Bookmark your favorite awards

**School Search Benefits**

- Streamlined school contact forms
- View your contacted schools

Fig. 3.2: Home page of the “International Students Portal”

Mustaqbal University follows clear policies and guidelines for admitting international students, ensuring fairness, transparency, and compliance with national regulations:

1. **Centralized Admission Platform:** Applications from international students are processed through the “Study in Saudi” platform, which ensures uniformity and transparency in application and selection.
2. **Admission Timelines:**
  - Applications from outside the Kingdom are accepted during a suitable pre-determined announced period before the start time of the first semester of each year.
  - Applications from within the Kingdom are accepted during a suitable pre-determined announced period before the start time of the first semester of each year.
3. **Eligibility and Requirements:** Applicants must meet academic qualifications, language proficiency standards, and other admission criteria as determined by the Ministry of Education and university policies.

### 3.2.2 Arab-African Economy Framework



A framework between Mustaqbal university and the Supreme Council for Arab-African Economy was approved in January 2025. The framework efforts to enhance joint cooperation in supporting higher education and providing distinguished educational opportunities for students from African communities residing in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia—and based on the academic competencies and diverse educational programs offered by Mustaqbal University, as well as the Supreme Council for Arab-African Economy’s extensive experience and strong relations in attracting students from African countries. The two parties agree on mutual cooperation to facilitate the registration procedures for African students residing in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia or those sent from their countries to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, at Mustaqbal University, according to the educational programs available there and under the following conditions:

1. The second party shall follow up on the registration of nominated students at the university.
2. The first party shall provide academic opportunities in the educational programs available at the university, as well as provide educational services including appropriate university housing for nominated students, in accordance with the conditions and admission requirements set by the first party.
3. The second party is entitled to receive an agreed percentage of the tuition fees collected for each student registered through it, according to what will be specified in the annex to this contract.
4. The two parties agree on the possibility of exchanging academic and educational expertise and student activities.
5. The two parties agree on the possibility of attracting academics and researchers in a way that serves the purpose of this agreement.

### 3.2.3 Student Company for Commercial Services Agreement

An agreement between Mustaqbal university and the outstanding student Company for Commercial Services to accept international students for admission in the university has been performed. The contract provides training programs such as English language training programs and general course training programs as well as residence. It outlines three study packages for the year 2025. The first package includes a 12-week study program with student housing, airport reception, accommodation in Liverpool, visa processing, and weekly and monthly student follow-up reports. The second package offers a 12-week study program with family housing, airport reception, accommodation in Liverpool, visa processing, and weekly and monthly student follow-up reports. The third package includes a 12-week study program with visa processing, student follow-up, and weekly and monthly reports, without specifying housing or airport reception.

## 3.3 Rules of Admission to MU

The rules are defined by the University Council, which mainly identifies the required qualifications and the minimum grade level. These are announced through the Admissions and Registration Department before the start of the application.

### 3.4 International Students Support

Mustaqbal university offers programs designed to help international students adapt to the campus community by providing social integration opportunities access to health care, and a supportive educational environment, all while monitoring their academic progress to ensure successful learning outcomes. The website demonstrates the advantages of living in Saudi Arabia including the following characteristics:

- ***Security and stability***: Saudi Arabia is characterized by a high level of security and political stability, which guarantees students a safe environment for studying
- ***Cultural and social diversity***: The cultural diversity in Saudi Arabia is great, where many different cultures meet
- ***An Islamic and Arab status***: The Kingdom has a long-standing Islamic status that gives it preference in teaching Arabic language and Islamic studies.
- ***Civilizational progress***: The Kingdom is witnessing a civilizational development and huge economic growth at all levels.

**Mustaqbal university is keen to give complete support to its international students regarding the following aspects:**

**Supportive Infrastructure:** The University provides academic, cultural, and social support services to facilitate the integration of international students into campus life.

**Medical Care:** The University provides medical care through the medical clinics and dentistry clinic located in the campus. In addition to this, there is a governmental and private hospitals and medical centers available in Qassim region for free or affordable costs.

**Commitment to Equity:** The university ensures that international students enjoy equal access to educational resources, facilities, and opportunities for academic success.

**Induction Programs:** The university also includes induction programs for international students, reception and guidance upon arrival, and ongoing support that aligns with the students' study schedules and pathways.





## Communication Channels:

**Website:** <https://uom.edu.sa>

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