



FACTS ABOUT BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

- The first university in the West Bank
- The first and only Catholic university in Palestine, the Holy Land
- Founded in October 1973 and sponsored by the Vatican and the De La Salle Christian Brothers

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Enrollment has increased by 40% since the year 2000 with more than 3,000 students currently enrolled in bachelors, higher diplomas, and masters programs with an additional 1,000 participants in continuing education and professional diploma programs
- Student population:
 - 75% female, 25% male
 - 53% from Bethlehem
 - 10% from villages and refugee camps
 - 3% enrolled in Masters programs
 - 70% Muslim, 30% Christian
 - 37% from Jerusalem
 - 88% enrolled in Baccalaureate programs
 - 9% enrolled in higher diploma programs
- 195 faculty and 103 staff:
 - 70% Christian, 30% Muslim
 - 10 De La Salle Christian Brothers
- More than 14,000 graduates serving the Palestinian society in Palestine and around the world

ACADEMICS

- Baccalaureate degrees in 20 subject majors in six faculties and institutes:
 - Faculty of Arts
 - Shucri Ibrahim Dabdoub Faculty of Business Administration
 - Faculty of Education
 - Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences
 - Faculty of Science
 - Institute of Hotel Management and Tourism
- Three Masters programs:
 - International Cooperation and Development
 - Molecular Biotechnology
 - Pilgrimage and Tourism Management

ACCREDITATION AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Accredited by the Palestinian Ministry of Higher Education
- Palestinian Council for Higher Education
- Association of Arab Universities
- Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities
- International Association of Lasallian Universities
- International Association of Universities
- International Federation of Catholic Universities
- Lasallian Association of Colleges and Universities



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