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PALESTINE AHLIYA UNIVERSITY

secured

SECOND PLACE

among participating
Palestinian universities

AND 33RD PLACE

in the Arab university
ranking for 2024

Continuation of Israeli violations against Palestine and higher education institutions

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Israeli Occupation Violations Against Education in Palestine

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Students	West Bank			Gaza Strip		
	Martyrs	Injured	Arrested	Martyrs	Injured	Arrested
Schools	84	519	275	11913 ⁺	19055 ⁺	-
Universities	35	130 ⁺	267 ⁺	788 ⁺	1647 ⁺	Unknown

Educational staff	West Bank			Gaza Strip		
	Martyrs	Injured	Arrested	Martyrs	Injured	Arrested
Schools	3	18	149 ⁺	481	2569	Unknown
Universities	-	Unknown	9	135	1244 ⁺	Unknown



Attacks on Schools & Universities

West Bank		Gaza Strip	
Schools	Universities	Schools	Universities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (109) schools have been attacked and damaged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (7) Universities and colleges experienced repeated incursions, damage and tampering with possessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (171) public schools have been severely damaged, and more than (77) public schools have been completely destroyed ● (126) public schools have been attacked and damaged ● (65) UNRWA schools have been attacked and damaged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (20) higher education institutions have been severely damaged ● More than (51) university buildings have been completely destroyed ● (57) university buildings have been partially destroyed

In Gaza... Since the beginning of the aggression:

- (88,000) students have been deprived of access to universities
- (700,000) students have been deprived of access to schools

Palestine Ahliya University: Towards Academic Leadership in International Rankings



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Global academic rankings are essential tools for evaluating university performance, measuring the quality of education, research, and societal impact, and enhancing competitiveness on an international scale. Prominent rankings, such as Times Higher Education (THE), the Arab University Rankings, QS Rankings, Webometrics, and GreenMetric, assess diverse criteria including education quality, research output, academic reputation, graduate employability, and commitment to sustainable development goals. These rankings not only guide universities in improving their programs but also define their global standing and influence across academic and research fields.

Academic rankings hold significant importance on a global scale, serving not merely as a numerical assessment of universities but as a reliable benchmark for students, parents, academic researchers, governments, and policymakers. These rankings go beyond mere numbers, reflecting the institutional quality of universities by evaluating a range of criteria, including the quality of education, academic

reputation, scientific research, graduate employability, and the university's impact on society.

In this context, academic rankings provide students with the opportunity to choose the most suitable universities based on objective criteria. When selecting an educational destination, whether locally or internationally, rankings help students make informed decisions about the academic programs offered, facilities, and student services. These rankings also highlight universities that provide a rich educational environment full of academic and research opportunities—factors that significantly impact students' professional and academic futures. For international students, academic rankings offer comprehensive details about the university environment, addressing their academic, cultural, and social needs, thereby enabling them to make decisions based on accurate and reliable information.

Furthermore, rankings play a vital role in determining universities' reputations within the academic community. In a globally interconnected world, universities strive to enhance their academic reputation and attract the best scientific minds by improving their performance in research and scholarly publications. Rankings like Times Higher Education (THE) assess these criteria accurately, motivating universities to enhance both the quantity and quality of their research output. Through these rankings, researchers gain valuable insights into universities that offer a conducive scientific environment for conducting innovative and distinguished research.

Academic rankings also contribute to enhancing interaction and collaboration among universities on an international level. Universities that achieve high positions in rankings are more attractive to other universities and research centers for establishing strategic partnerships. These partnerships foster knowledge exchange improve the quality of education, and expand opportunities for research collaboration worldwide. In this way academic rankings serve as a means to broaden the network of scientific relationships between universities thereby strengthening their capacity to address global challenges such as climate change, food security, and public health.

On the other hand, some rankings, such as Webometrics, reflect the digital presence of universities, showcasing their strength in cyberspace and the academic content available to students and researchers. This ranking thus becomes another criterion showcasing a university's ability to provide its audience with academic resources electronically, while also reflecting its responsiveness to modern challenges in e-learning.

The GreenMetric ranking, which focuses on the sustainability of universities, highlights the importance of rankings that emphasize environmental practices. This encourages universities to develop sustainable environmental policies by providing green learning environments, adopting renewable energy, and reducing waste. Universities that score highly in this ranking stand out as leaders in sustainable education, enhancing their position as educational platforms contributing to global environmental challenges.

While academic rankings contribute to improving the quality of education and research, they also encourage universities to adopt new practices in the field of sustainability. For example, the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings motivate universities to achieve sustainable development goals by adopting innovative environmental solutions on campus, thereby helping to reduce their carbon footprint.

In this context, universities in the Arab world have become more committed to improving their performance in accordance with the requirements of these rankings, enhancing their competitiveness and placing them on the global higher education map. This has contributed to improving the quality of educational programs raising the level of research, and strengthening global academic partnerships.

Achievements of Palestine Ahliya University

In this context, Palestine Ahliya University has achieved significant milestones, placing it at the forefront of Palestinian and Arab academic institutions. During the 2024/2025 academic year, the university was able to secure advanced positions in prestigious rankings, highlighting the quality of its institutional and academic performance.

Regionally, Palestine Ahliya University ranked second in Palestine and 33rd among Arab universities in the Arab University Rankings. This achievement reflects the university's commitment to offering innovative educational programs that align with the latest global trends, as well as improving the educational and research

environment. This success is the result of continuous investment in academic infrastructure, support for faculty members, and the establishment of partnerships with prestigious regional and international educational institutions.

Globally, the university ranked fourth in Palestine in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, which measures universities' commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This ranking reflects the university's efforts in adopting quality initiatives focused on quality of education, gender equality environmental protection, and promoting social innovation. Achieving this advanced position is a testament to the university's positive impact on both the local and international communities.

The university also achieved another milestone by securing fifth place in Palestine and 566th place globally in the GreenMetric Ranking, which evaluates universities' efforts in achieving environmental sustainability. This accomplishment reflects Palestine Ahliya University's commitment to developing a sustainable educational environment by adopting innovative environmental practices, including the use of renewable energy and waste reduction. These achievements highlight the leading role the university plays in promoting sustainable development at both the local and international levels.

Behind these achievements is an exceptional team in the Rankings Unit and the Planning and Development Department at the university, which played a pivotal role in developing integrated strategies to improve both academic and administrative performance. These efforts included monitoring and analyzing key indicators to identify strengths and enhance them, as well as addressing any shortcomings that required improvement. The university also focused on supporting researchers and encouraging them to publish outstanding scientific papers in prestigious international journals, which contributed to enhancing the university's standing in global rankings. At the international level, the university strengthened academic collaboration by building strategic partnerships with global universities, which helped provide educational and research opportunities for students and researchers.


In conclusion, Palestine Ahliya University's vision of rankings is not just about numbers or positions, but a reflection of diligent efforts and a strategic vision aimed at providing excellent education and serving the community. As the university continues to enhance its performance and expand its impact, it remains a model to be emulated in Palestinian and Arab higher education.

Top News

* Palestine Ahliya University Achieves a Milestone in the Arab University Ranking

Palestine Ahliya University secured second place among participating Palestinian universities and 33rd place in the Arab university ranking for 2024

This achievement is the result of the university's commitment to exceptional academic and research standards based on the ranking methodology that focuses on four key indicators: teaching and learning (quality of teaching), scientific research (quantity and quality of research), creativity, entrepreneurship, and innovation (an economic dimension promoting the commercialization of scientific outputs and technology management), and international and local collaboration and community service (social impact and international outlook).




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Sort by

Axis Name	Teaching and learning index	Scientific research index	Creativity and innovation index	Cooperation indicator		
Total axis weight	300	400	150	150		
Overall ranking of the university	University name	Country	Standard weight	Standard weight	Standard weight	Standard weight
20	جامعة النجاح الوطنية	دولة فلسطين	112.3	84.6	20.1	69.5
33	جامعة فلسطين الأهلية	دولة فلسطين	88.9	68.2	7.9	100.3
35	جامعة فلسطين التقنية - خضوري	دولة فلسطين	70.8	67.7	19	87.2
49	جامعة القدس	دولة فلسطين	44.2	90.6	9.6	67.2
98	الجامعة العربية الأمريكية	دولة فلسطين	32.2	55.5	10.3	48.5
131	جامعة بوليتكنك فلسطين	دولة فلسطين	22.1	25.5	16.6	50
138	جامعة الخليل	دولة فلسطين	18.9	25.9	9.8	64.7

This ranking reflects the university's vision regarding the importance of global rankings and the contribution of the Quality Assurance, Planning and Development Department, along with the Rankings Unit, which serve as a reference framework for the quality of the academic process according to global standards in building a sustainable knowledge-based economy driven by innovation and creativity.


This result is evidence of Palestine Ahliya University's ongoing efforts to elevate the level of higher education, serve the Palestinian and Arab communities, and promote scientific research to meet the demands of the modern era.

For more information about the ranking, please visit the following link:

<https://aaru-ranking.azurewebsites.net/ranking?id=10>

*** Palestine Ahliya University ranks fifth among Palestinian universities in the 2024 GreenMetric ranking**

This global ranking serves as a benchmark of universities’ commitment to environmental sustainability practices and resource conservation. This achievement reflects the efforts of the university and the Rankings Unit within the Quality Assurance, Planning and Development Department in promoting sustainability through the implementation of advanced environmental standards, in addition to its commitment to providing an educational and research environment that meets global environmental challenges.



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World Rank	Country Rank	University	Total Score	SI Score	EC Score	WS Score	WR Score	TR Score	ED Score
566	5	Palestine Ahliya University Palestine, Asia	6475	1000	1450	675	750	1425	1175
570	6	Palestine Polytechnic University Palestine, Asia	6455	570	1750	825	310	1450	1550
689	7	Islamic University of Gaza Palestine, Asia	6025	900	1375	825	600	1175	1150
779	8	Hebron University Palestine, Asia	5690	715	1325	525	550	1175	1400
823	9	Al Aqsa University Palestine, Asia	5485	785	1350	675	550	1375	750
930	10	Al Istiglal University Palestine, Asia	5005	930	700	900	550	950	975

International and Local Cooperation



*** Palestine Ahliya University and the Official Gazette Bureau Sign a Memorandum of Understanding.**



*** Dr. Imad Al-Zeer, President of Palestine Ahliya University, signs a cooperation agreement with the Jordanian Educational Association, represented by its president, His Excellency Prof. Ratib AL-Saud former Minister of Higher Education.**



*** Palestine Ahliya University and Ephpheta (Paul VI) School Discuss Ways of Mutual Cooperation.**



*** Palestine Ahliya University explores ways to enhance mutual cooperation with Caritas Hospital.**

Hosting and Scientific Activities

1. The Faculty of Law Hosts a Group of Experts in their Fields:



Hosting His Excellency Judge Ammar Al-Namoura, Deputy President of the Administrative Court, to discuss "Litigation Procedures before Palestinian Administrative Courts."



Hosting Mr. Ibrahim Abu Al-Wafa, Director of the University's Public Library and Lecturer at the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology, to discuss "Building and Managing the Digital Identity of Researchers and Academic Lecturers and Its Impact on Their Scientific and Research Presence at the Local and International Levels."



Hosting the Lawyer Mr. Yazan Al-Mallah in a legal session titled: "Commercial Papers between Legislation and Practice: Issues and Challenges."



2. The Faculty of Law Organized a Series of Training Programs for Its Students:



A training course in collaboration with the Palestinian Medical Relief Society on "Litigation Procedures before Palestinian Sharia Courts."



A training course in collaboration with the Land Research Center on "Land Governance in Palestine and Registration Procedures."



The participation of the faculty's students in an international training program organized by Al-Hikma University in Lebanon in collaboration with the Asser Institute in the Netherlands, consisting of 18 online academic lectures.



3. As part of its academic activities, the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology Organized a Series of Workshops:



A workshop titled “Smart Cities” presented by Professor Issam Shahrour from Lille University, France.



A training workshop on the KNIME platform, presented by Dr. Stefan Helfrich, Head of the Educators Alliance Team at KNIME AG.



A workshop titled “Modern Technologies in Data Analysis” presented by Engineer Ahmed Saleem, representing the Technology Training Center in Egypt.



4. The Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology organizes a visit to Nassar Stone and Marble Company in Bethlehem Governorate for students of the Civil Engineering and Building Services, and Interior Design and Decoration.



5. The Faculty of Professions and Applied Sciences organizes a series of purposeful external visits for its students:



A visit to Al-Shurooq School for Blind Children.



The students of the Nursing Department and the Department of Administrative Sciences visit Dr. Mohammed Said Kamel Psychiatric and Neurological Hospital / Bethlehem.



The students of the Technical Accounting visit the Palestinian Ministry of Economy.

6. The Department of Administrative Sciences at the Faculty of Professions and Applied Sciences organizes an interactive lecture titled “The Reality and Future of E-Commerce in Palestine,” presented by Dr. Mohammad Aqabneh, Director and Founder of Online Mall for E-Commerce and Optimus for Postal and Logistics Services.



7. The Faculty of Administrative and Financial Sciences hosts the General Manager of BOW Industrial Company, Engineer Hamdi Al-Hamri, in an important lecture as part of the “Managerial Accounting” course, and the Public Relations team from Jawwal Company to deliver a lecture within the “Public Relations Management” course.

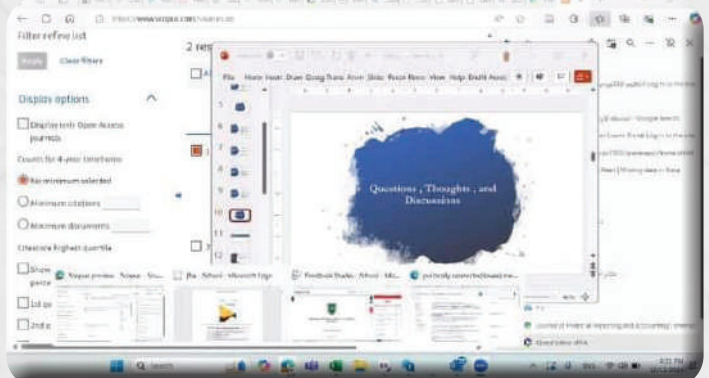


8. The Faculty of Humanities and Educational Sciences conducts a field visit to the Syndicate of Social and Psychological Specialists.

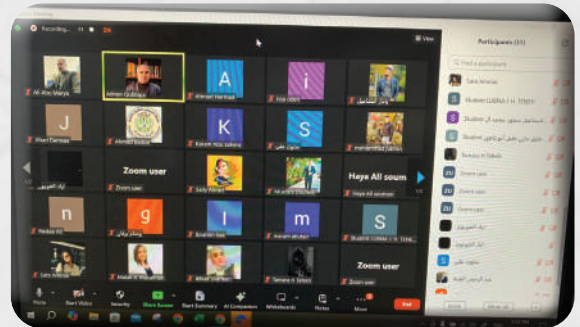


9. The Faculty of Humanities and Educational Sciences organizes a workshop on violence against women in Gaza as part of its collaboration with local community organizations.

10. The Department of Economic and Administrative Sciences at the Faculty of Postgraduate Studies hosts Dr. Hala Zidan, Professor of Accounting and Methodology at the University of Jordan, to discuss the methodology of writing theses for postgraduate students.



11. As part of the collaboration between the Faculty of Postgraduate Studies Graduate at Palestine Ahliya University and the Capital Market Authority, the Faculty held a specialized meeting for the Department of Economic and Administrative Sciences and the Department of Legal Sciences on the reality of leasing finance in Palestine (Challenges and Opportunities).



12. Students of the Medical Rehabilitation Social Work Program at the Faculty of Postgraduate Studies organize a visit to Saint Nicholas Home.



13. As part of the Introduction to Global Culture course, Palestine Ahliya University hosts a number of experts to deliver targeted and specialized lectures for the course students:

Mr. Issa Al-Zuboun, Director of the Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing Unit at the Applied Research Institute – ARIJ, delivers a lecture titled “The Reality of Settlement in Palestine.”



Mr. Nassar Ibrahim, Director of the Alternative Information Center in Palestine, delivers a lecture for students of the Introduction to Global Culture course titled “Landmarks of Palestinian Identity and Pride in It.”

Engineer Basel Hamad, Advisor to the Minister of Agriculture for Private Sector Affairs and Coordinator of the High Emergency Committee in the Gaza Strip, delivers a lecture titled “The Reality of Agriculture in Palestine and Food Security.”



Dr. Nasser Al-Lahham, Editor-in-Chief of the independent Ma'an News Agency, delivers a lecture titled “The Impact of the Collapse of the Syrian Regime on the Palestinian Cause.”

Student Activities and Events

1. Palestine Ahliya University team wins first place among participating university teams in the University Futsal Championship, organized in collaboration with the Palestinian University Sports Federation. The university also secured advanced positions in sports championships in badminton chess, and table tennis.



2. The Alumni and Training Unit, in collaboration with the Jerusalem Station Foundation (Station J) organizes an exceptional training workshop on using Canva for non-designers, as part of the Positive Youth Engagement Program, in partnership with the Mercy Corps Foundation.



3. The Deanship of Student Affairs, in collaboration with Women Media and Development (TAM) and in partnership with Oxfam, organizes a seminar and discussion session titled “The Role of University Students in Preserving Palestinian Civil Peace.”



4. The Faculty of Professions and Applied Sciences organizes a celebration on “International Day of Persons with Disabilities” with the slogan “More Rights, More Opportunities.”



5. Students of Palestine Ahliya University participate in the Palestinian University Basketball Championship, alongside five other Palestinian universities, at the Catholic Work Hall, under the supervision of the sports coordinator at the Deanship of Student Affairs, Mr. Yaqoub Alayasa.



6. The Deanship of Student Affairs at Palestine Ahliya University, in partnership with the Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development (PWWSD), organizes a workshop titled "Political Participation of Palestinian University Students."



7. The Deanship of Student Affairs, in collaboration with the European Union and the EU Jeel Connect Network (a regional youth network bringing together young people from 9 Arab countries, including Palestine), participates in the EU COFFEE TALK discussion session to learn about the European Union, its activities, and the opportunities it offers to youth, with the presence of the European Union Delegation in Palestine.



8. The Alumni and Training Unit organizes a “Life Skills Day” titled “Life Skills and the Secrets of Success.”



9. The Deanship of Student Affairs at Palestine Ahliya University, in partnership with Women Media and Development (TAM), and funded by Oxfam, organizes a theatrical performance titled “Tosha,” as part of the “Together We Rise” project activities.



10. The Department of Administrative Sciences, the Department of Nursing at the Faculty of Professions and Applied Sciences, and the Faculty’s Student Club organize a distinguished event for dialysis patients at Al-Hussein Government Hospital. The event aimed to provide psychological and moral support to the patients, alleviating their suffering during dialysis by organizing a series of recreational and educational activities.



- 11. The Deanship of Student Affairs at Palestine Ahliya University organizes awareness sessions for university students on stress and how to manage it, targeting the university's faculties, in light of the current circumstances as the final exams approach.**



- 12. The Deanship of Student Affairs and the Youth Friendly Health Center at Palestine Ahliya University in collaboration with the Palestinian Medical Relief Society, conclude capacity-building programs in “First Aid and Life Skills,” with the presence of the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. by Dr. Ihab Khalaileh and the Director of the Relief Society in Bethlehem, Mr. Mazen Al-Izza.**



13. The Faculty of Applied Medical Sciences organizes an event on “International Day of Persons with Disabilities” at the faculty building.



14. The Deanship of Student Affairs, in collaboration with the Palestinian Vision Organization, organizes a trail from Al-Makhroun in Beit Jala to Battir village.



Scientific Research Corner



Palestine Ahliya University is pleased to announce the release of the third issue of Volume Three (2024) of the

“Journal of Palestine Ahliya University for Research and Studies”

published by the Scientific Research Department. This peer-reviewed, open-access academic journal serves as a trusted resource for researchers and specialists, providing a scholarly platform for disseminating high-quality, peer-reviewed research. It welcomes submissions across a diverse array of fields including engineering, computer and information technology, literature and the humanities, business and economics, the social sciences, medicine and healthcare, the natural sciences, agricultural and food sciences nutrition, as well as interdisciplinary studies.

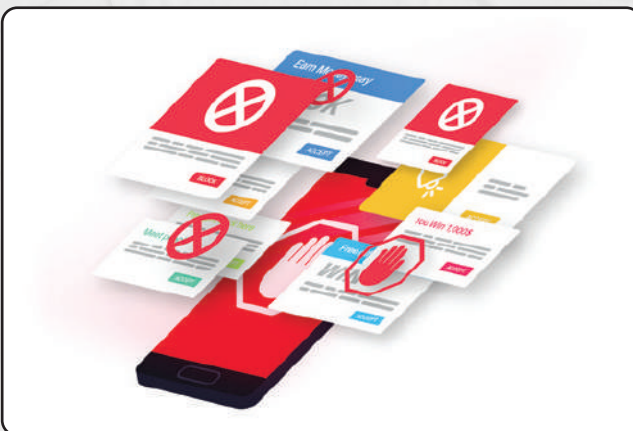
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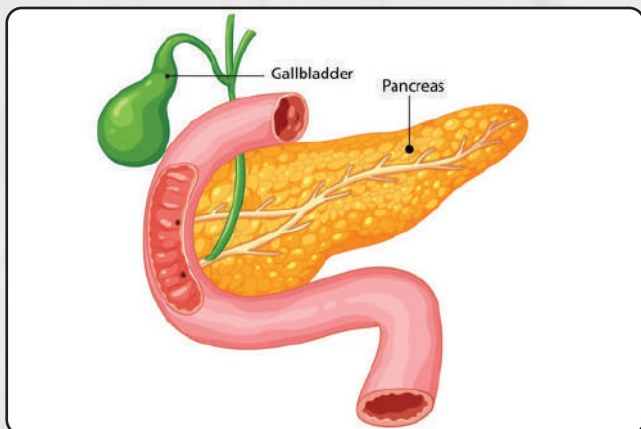
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Dr. Amjed Alkhatib participates in publishing a new research paper titled
**“The Effect of Applying Forensic Accounting Techniques in
 Revealing Income Smoothing Practices in Jordanian Commercial Banks”**



Dr. Mu'taz Abu Sara and Mr. Sameh Taqatqa participate in publishing
 a new research paper titled
**“Exploring the Effectiveness of Different Embedding Methods
 for Toxicity Classification”**



Dr. Haneen Dwaib participates in publishing a new research paper titled
“Adrenoceptor Expression and Function in the Endocrine Pancreas”



Dr. Naem Salah, Dr. Rawan Sja and Mr. Murad Al-Zeer participate in publishing a new
 research paper titled
**“A Comparative Analysis Between Students' Beliefs and Research Data on the
 Efficiency of Google Translator in Academic Writing”**

Palestine Ahliya University is pleased to open its doors for productive research partnerships
 with academic institutions and distinguished researchers in various fields.

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