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Welcome from the dean of the Faculty of Information Technology (FIT)

Welcome to the Faculty of IT at the Royal University for Women, Bahrain. The Faculty of IT offers the degree of Bachelor of Science in Information Technology and is committed to preparing the students to succeed in the challenging world into which they will enter upon graduation. By achieving the Faculty of IT learning outcomes, our students will be able to better communicate with the outside world and will be able to decide their role in the community and even as future leaders of their country.

We aim to educate women in the field of IT to become successful professionals in the field of IT capable of engaging with advancements in technology and adapting its achievement to the local and regional market. In order to offer our students a rich educational experience, the Faculty of IT academics study and research continually to follow up with the latest developments and be one of leading educators in the region. The success of our IT programme can be seen from the performance and accomplishment of our graduates in the industry and higher education.

Our students benefit from the diverse cultural and intellectual climate of the RUW campus. We are looking forward to increase the number of our students in the coming years by offering a range of scholarships to local and international students. We invite and encourage students to apply and benefit from the scholarships. On top of that, the university offer a number of incentives and aid programmes for needy students to demonstrate our support to the community.

IT field is a job oriented and demanding area of study, graduate students can select a variety of jobs and interests of their own. We appeal to the students to guide their friends to the FIT website and join our activities on RUW campus. We look forward to having you and your friends in FIT and to contribute to your academic progress. Once again we are delighted to welcome you to the Faculty of IT and we wish you all the best for your studies and your future growth in the field.

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RUW MISSION

To offer our students a rewarding and challenging multi-cultural learning environment that cultivates strong, well-rounded personalities, encourages leadership, and builds character, social consciousness and community. To realize our commitment to teaching, learning, research and service through the activities of all members of the University community.

RUW VISION

"The Royal University for Women will become the regional leader in academic excellence for women. Programmes and practices that meet international standards will prepare our graduates to become leaders who are engaged members of their society demonstrating initiative & life-long habits of learning and individual development. The RUW graduate will be creative, confident and forward thinking."

Faculty of the month; Ms Norhan Ahmed Abdel Rahman



Ms Norhan Ahmed Abdel Rahman
Lecturer, Centre for General Studies

Ms. Norhan A. Rahman Ibrahim has received her Master Degree in Teaching English as a Second Language in the American University in Cairo. Ms. Norhan has been teaching adult English learners in the Middle East for more than eight years. Such an experience enriched her career and helped her adapt her teaching philosophy based on the learners' needs and areas of interest.

Her keenness on teaching the students' through a task-based communicative approach enhances the student's linguistic skills both inside and outside the classroom. In her classes students are encouraged to become independent life-long learners through the use of appealing authentic tasks. She believes that exposing the students to real-life language, motivating them positively, holding them accountable for their own learning and encouraging them to be risk-takers are some of the main keys for the student's success.

Ms Norhan has joined the Royal University for Women in 2013, since then she has devotedly worked to promote the university and its students. RUW delegated her to the TESOL Arabia, where she presented her latest research on the usage of Arabic in the English Language Classroom. In her study, she concluded that Arabic should not be used to grammar-translate, yet it can be used as a resource to help the students associate abstract word meanings to its equivalence in their own language.

On the personal level, she is an Egyptian mother of three boys; Ahmed (8 years), Adam (4 years) and Amen (2 years). She loves travelling and meeting new people from all around the globe. She has been to the States, France, Malaysia and Cyprus. Besides, she enjoys reading, listening to music and horseback riding.

Bahraini Business Women Share Experiences

The Centre for General Studies hosted two guest lectures of two enterprising young entrepreneurs Ms. Abrar Darwish, the owner of Talk, Play & Grow and Ms. Maysa Al Gawwas, the owner of Playworks, on 12 March 2015 at the Royal University for Women. Ms. Abrar Darwish and Ms. Maysa Al Gawwas inspired the business students with their interesting narration of the difficulties that one would possibly come across while setting up a business. They provided tips on how to succeed in business development. RUW students expressed their genuine interest in the know-how of setting up businesses and interacted with the speakers in a lively manner.



Ms. Maysa Al Gawwas, the owner of Playworks



Ms. Abrar Darwish, the owner of Talk, Play & Grow

Academic Programmes Offered at RUW

Orientation Programme Description:
Centre for General Studies.

Faculty of Art and Design

- Edexcel Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design
- Bachelor of Architecture in Architectural Design
- Master of Arts in Design Management
- Master of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting

Faculty of Business and Financial Sciences

- Bachelor of Business in Banking & Finance
- Bachelor of Business in Human Resource Management
- Bachelor of Business in International Business

Faculty of Information Technology

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

Faculty of Law

- Bachelor of Law



West Virginia University and Cambridge University delegations visit to RUW

CGS hosted West Virginia University and Cambridge University delegates, as part of RUW's cultural exchange during March 21 to March 28, 2015 during which period the WVU, CU and RUW students were involved in a series of cultural, educational and recreational activities. In a formal debate followed by a discussion sessions the students tackled some of the controversial issues and revealed misconceptions and expectations they both had. RUW students accompanied the visiting students to sightseeing in Bahrain, they introduced to them Bahrain and Arab culture and tradition. RUW WVU and CU students had an unforgettable experience.

" I think I can speak for all of the girls in my group in saying that everyone involved in the cultural exchange was more hospitable and welcoming than we could have ever imagined. Not only did I have an amazing time seeing all the sites that Bahrain has to offer, but I also feel that I learnt a huge amount about how a university such as RUW can be successful in creating such a warm educational environment and, most importantly, how much I have in common with the women in attendance." - Alice Browne, Student of Cambridge University

Edexcel Review of EAS Programme of CGS

On 26 March 2015, the Edexcel external quality verifiers from Pearson visited CGS and audited the EAS programme. Mr. Adrian Sheehan and Dr. Sherief reviewed the course work and course folders of second semester of 2014 and first semester of 2015 and were highly appreciative of the quality of the work, applied policies and procedures maintained by the faculty and University for the programme. The verifiers commended CGS on its consistently high standards of QA processes, pedagogy and conveyed that a positive report about the EAS programme will be soon sent to the Pearson authorities and the Royal University for Women.

Interactive Session on "Perception of women in the East and the West "

Students from West Virginia University, Cambridge University and their RUW students participated an interactive session on "Perception of women in the East and the West" on March 26, 2015. The students discussed the perception gaps that exists between the East and West and deliberated on the ways to bridge the gap. The students found the interactive session useful as it enabled them to broaden their understanding of "the other".

"I would like to thank you for the wonderful week that we have all had at RUW and all the opportunities to explore a different culture. I myself have gained a great deal from this exchange and am very thankful for the lovely times I had and the interesting people I could meet. " - Simona Sulikova, Student, University of Cambridge

Royal University for Women Celebrates International Women's Day



In a prestigious and engaging ceremony, Royal University for Women celebrated International Women's Day at its premises in West Riffa on March 11, 2015. The event was held under the theme "Women in Perspective". Her Excellency Hatun Demirer, the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to the Kingdom of Bahrain, was the chief guest of the event. In his welcome speech, Professor Mazin Jumaah, President of the Royal University for Women, welcomed Her Excellency to the University. He acknowledged the progress of Bahraini women in all spheres of society and expressed his pride in being the president of an all women university and being able to witness the achievements of women in Bahrain from close quarters. In her speech, the guest speaker HE Hatun Demirer deliberated on the emerging role of women worldwide. She commended the progress of the Kingdom of Bahrain in women's empowerment and discussed the experience and empowerment of women in her home country as well as the Arab world. She stressed the importance of pursuing goals and encouraged the students to take on leadership roles and to always strive for excellence regardless of the challenges they may encounter. The ceremony then continued with a Question and Answer session with the students in which Royal University for Women students asked questions covering a wide range of issues from the diplomatic life of the Ambassador to the evolving role of women in the household and professional life. Reflecting on the event, Professor Dr. Mazin Jumaah described the event as "a celebration of women achievements worldwide and how each student should take pride in her abilities and believe in her capabilities to achieve her maximum potential and goals".

RUW debates on "The role of Women in the West and the East: Myths and Realities"

The Royal University for Women ("RUW") in association with West Virginia University, USA and Cambridge University, United Kingdom organised a debate on "The role of Women in the West and the East: Myths and Realities". The debate was held on Tuesday, 24 March 2014 in the RUW auditorium. The goal of this debate was to promote the cultural ties among the United States of America, the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Bahrain. The debate was conducted in the Lincoln Douglas style where the focus is to come to a resolution rather than choosing a winner. The four topics deliberated in the course of the debate included: whether the veil restricted women's independence and power in society, whether women in the West enjoy more freedom than women in the East, if women's universities provide a healthier learning environment for women than co-educational colleges and finally, if the idea of "family above self" is a potential threat to women's freedom. The Moderators of the debate were Dr Jennifer Orlikoff, Director of Centre for Women's and Gender Studies, West Virginia University, USA and Dr Lamy Al Koheji, Director of Center for General Studies, RUW Bahrain. Dr. Majid bin Ali Al Noaimi, Minister of Education, Kingdom of Bahrain was the chief guest of the debate. Dr. Al Noaimi praised the efforts of the University to demystify the stereotypical notion of women in the East and in bridging the perception gaps between the East and the West. "It is the second year that RUW is organizing this program with West Virginia University as both institutions are engaged in a strategic partnership covering a wide range of projects and it is the first time that Cambridge University is joining this program. Cambridge University is another prestigious partner of RUW that recently reviewed our Faculty of Law Programme. These interactions are bound to empower our students," said Prof. Mazin Jumaah, President of the Royal University for Women.

Note of Appreciation from Visiting Students

"I'm writing to thank you, and everyone else involved in organising our recent visit to Bahrain, for such a wonderful week. The debates and discussions we had with the girls, both formally and informally, were so interesting and have genuinely changed my perceptions and understanding of the roles of women in Middle Eastern societies. " -Hannah Miller, Student, Cambridge University

Alumna of the month



Name: Modhi Al Mahmood
 Graduation year: 2011
 Major: Banking and Finance
 Occupation: Associate Consultant at KPMG.

Her words:

Studying at RUW provided a comfortable environment whereby everything was provided for us, I truly appreciate the teaching staff, which was of the highest quality. RUW has always welcomed us even after graduation and we do not feel that we have left it and I have made friends during my academic studies at university that continue to be close friendships. I cherish my experience at the university and wish that RUW continues to involve alumnae's and support their graduates even more as they will become the ambassadors for the university and have continued success. The memories during my university experience at Royal University for Women are ones that will stay with me and are truly unforgettable.

Achievements:

- Organizing events at local and international level.
- One of the founding members of the Charity of Life Foundation.
- Achieved promotion within the first year of her professional career.
- On the way to achieving certification as a Nuero Linguistic Planning (NLP) practitioner.



Thinking Gender – A Talk by Dr Jennifer Orlikoff

The second lecture of the "Thinking Gender" series was held on 24 March 2015. Dr Jennifer Orlikoff, Director of Centre for Women's and Gender Studies, West Virginia University, USA discussed the contemporary campus issues affecting women in the US. The lecture was attended by students from LAR 133, 135 and 136 courses. The lecture was well received by the students who participated enthusiastically in the interactive Q&A session.



Royal University for Women Collaborates with Top Lighting Firm Jenprice

Royal University for Women held a ceremony at its campus in Riffa as it awarded Jenprice lighting company for its contributions to the university and its continued cooperation with RUW. Jenprice company is the provider of lightening equipments to the University including surrounding the exterior of the campus. The lighting illuminates the campus during the nighttime and is visible from a significant distance away in an eye catching and impressive manner. Significantly, the lighting installed by the British company uses solar power to generate the required power for lighting purposes and is environment friendly. Reflecting on the event, Prof. Mazin thanked JenPrice for their cooperation and reiterated that it is part of the university's ongoing relations with the industrial and commercial sector as well as to promote environmental sustainability. Prof. Mazin presented the company officials with a commemorative trophy.

Royal University for Women welcomes Saudi Cultural Attaché in Q and A session



Royal university for Women welcomed at its campus the Cultural Attaché of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Bahrain, Mr. Dr. Turki bin Fahd Al-Ayar in a meeting and question and answer session with its Saudi students. His Excellency and the delegation from the Embassy of Saudi Arabia were welcomed at the campus by Royal University for Women President Prof. Mazin Jumaah, prior to the start of the event in which over 100 students attended. After a brief introduction by his excellency on the services on offer by the cultural attaché office in the Kingdom, he left the session open for any questions by the students studying at RUW. The students who range from 1st year students to graduating students asked a number of question including concerns over scholarships, post graduation opportunities and the role of the cultural attaché office during the 4 years of their academic studies. Third year academic student Haya Al Subaie thanked Royal University for Women and the Saudi cultural attaché for this opportunity and stated that during her two years here she has felt comfortable and in a home country due to the continuous support from both the university and the diplomatic officials. The Saudi cultural attaché asked the students on the services on offer at the universe, the options available to them outside the classes and their opinion on the residence at the campus. The students informed him of their year round activities, life at the dorms and the out of campus activities offered by the university. The session ended with Prof. Mazin Jumaah thanking his excellency for his visit and reiterating that the relations with the cultural attaché, the Saudi embassy and the kingdom of Saudi Arabia with royal university for women are at its strongest and will only continue to prosper and grow.

Visit to Bahrain Polytechnic & AlKobaisi group

The Interior Design department of the Faculty of Art and Design, Royal University for Women, organized a visit for the third year students to the library of Bahrain Polytechnic on March 3, 2015. The students toured the library premise and noted the circulation, color scheme, texture, theme and lighting. They were also briefed about the various functions of the library. The students also visited the Al Kobaisi group factory to be aware of the different prefabricated structural and architectural Block wall products, including Art Work Panels, Decorative Elements, Architectural Prefabricated Block Walls, Block Wall Cladding, Structural Block Wall Elements. Both visits were learning opportunities for the RUW interior design students.

Visit to Delmon Furniture Factory

The Interior Design Students of the Faculty of Art and Design visited the Delmon Furniture Factory to understand and observe the various different forms and uses of wood - Its properties, fire ratings, as well as its use in interior design on March 4, 2015. The objective of the visit was to physically see and experience wood as a material, how it is manufactured, and its use in various forms, applications, and processes. The visit to see how one of the oldest existing materials is manufactured into the different essential products that we use every day in our life was a learning experience.



BreadTalk award ceremony event for Graphic students

The third year students of the Graphic Design Department successfully completed an Industry project where they had to design an advertisement for the confectionary company – "Bread Talk" here in the Kingdom of Bahrain. An award ceremony was organised to mark the completion of the project on March 5, 2015 at the RUW campus. Dr. Hazem Taha Hussain, Associate Professor, Graphic Design and the supervisor for the project spoke about the work and the efforts of the students. Dr. Mazin Jumaah, President, Royal University for Women, presented a trophy to Mr. Muthana Al Ashram from BreadTalk-Bahrain.



Two Photography workshops by Bahraini Photographers

Bahraini professional photographers Ms. Mariam A. Al Kasemy and Photographer and Art director Mr. Jaan Al Balooshi conducted two separate photography workshops for DES 241 class of the Faculty of Art and Design on March and March, 2015 respectively. The objectives of this photography workshops was to let students from DES 241 Photography techniques class to explore different photography techniques used by professional experienced Bahraini photographer. During the workshop, the students were able to interview the photographer life, practice using professional camera equipments, try different techniques for shooting and learn some advanced photography techniques. It was a motivating experience for the students.

Field trip to Bahrain National Museum

Ten students from the third year fashion undergraduate students were taken for the visit. The students in third year study Middle East Fashion (FAD 370), where the understanding of the traditional wear is as important as the study of the contemporary fashion. Visit to museum helped the students understand the traditional costumes worn by people in the Middle East and especially by people in Bahrain.

The students also benefitted from an ongoing exhibition about the "Berber Women of Morocco", hosted jointly by Bahrain National Museum and Pierre Berge-Yves Saint Laurent Foundation. The exhibition presented carpets, capes, women belt, necklaces of amber and coral, silver fibulae- predominantly from the collection of the Jardin Majorelle's Musee Berbere in Marrakech and Musee du Quai Branly in Paris.



IT Expo Bahrain

FIT students visited Bahrain IT Expo 2015 at the Bahrain International Circuit on March 17, 2015. Bahrain IT Expo provides an opportunity for companies to display and demonstrate their activities and services that attract the interest of both the Private and Public sectors. Interested companies and organizations are encouraged to participate either by sponsoring the event and/or by taking part in the exhibition.



Inspiring Micropreneurs (Exhibition & Forum)

The Entrepreneurship class (BUS 302) of the Faculty of Business and Financial sciences (FBFS) organized an exhibition and forum entitled "INSPIRING MICROPRENEUERS" on March 4, 2015 at Royal University for Women. This aims to inspire individuals on their entrepreneurial undertakings through innovation and creativity. There were 38 exhibitors who participated and showcased their products and services, covering traditional food, Sweets, Shakes and Healthy drinks, Abaya and scarfs, Cellphone accessories, cosmetics, Beauty Salon and Spa, Art display and other home based business products.

On the same day a forum was conducted which included presentations by representatives of UNIDO, TAMKEEN and Bahrain Development Bank. After the welcome address by RUW President, Prof. Mazin Jumaah, the speakers discussed the Business Support Schemes and presented the initiatives to assist Business Startup and growth. Students of BUS 302 in cooperation with the CEWE Volunteers under the supervision of Dr. Ilene Agana prepared and arranged the event with full enthusiasm and creativity. The activity provides great impact to the Entrepreneurship class as they gathered important information from the micropreneurs that will help in their business planning project.

Mabrook!!

NEW JOINERS

- Ms. Lulwa Al Muraikhi joined as Administrative Officer, Admissions and Registraions.
- Ms. Abeer Al Doseri joined as Residence Assistant at Student Residence.
- Ms. Mai Al Ali joined as QAAU Officer at the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Unit.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- A delegation of 10 Faculty of Law Students attended the "2nd GCC Jurists Forum" on Contracts and Law at the Sofitel Resort and Spa, Zallaq on March 4 - 5, 2015.
- Dr. Lena Moller from Max Planck Institute Hamburg, Germany presented a lecture on "GCC Family Law: a comparative study" To the Faculty of Law Students on March 9, 2015.
- Faculty of Law organised Moot Court Activity for its Criminal Law Students on March 2 and for Shariah Law Students on March 16.
- A Law Clinic Session with Lawyers rom Almoayyed Chambers Law firm was organised by the Faculty of Law at RUW on March 22, 2015. This was attended by RUW, WVU and CU students.

RESEARCH FORUM PRESENTATIONS

- Dr Jennifer Orlikoff, Director of Centre for Women's and Gender Studies, West Virginia University, USA presented a talk on March 22, 2015.