



Yarmouk University

Faculty of
Educational Sciences

Master's in Special Education

Program Overview

The Master's program in Special Education was established at the beginning of the academic year (2005-2006) to enrich the local and Arab markets with distinguished scientific competencies in special education. The program graduates' students who possess high skills in various areas of special education and can work in their specialized fields. The program is led by competent professors holding qualifications in multiple specializations within special education (e.g., inclusive education, learning disabilities, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and gifted and talented).

The program also aims to prepare qualified specialists to meet the needs of students with special needs and provide necessary support in various educational settings. It focuses on developing a deep understanding of concepts in special education, best educational practices, and teaching and instructional strategies for students with special needs.

Students learn how to design and implement individualized educational programs, use advanced teaching strategies, and effectively assess student progress. Additionally, the program includes field training that allows students to apply theories and practices in real-world contexts.

Program Vision

To manifest leadership and excellence in the quality of education, learning, scientific research, and community service at the local and regional levels.

Program Mission

To prepare distinguished and qualified graduates to meet the needs of the local and regional communities through graduating competent personnel capable of keeping pace with local and international standards.

Program Objectives

- To equip candidates with the necessary professional and practical skills for teaching students with disabilities and those who are gifted.
- To develop modern ethical and humane attitudes towards individuals with disabilities.
- To enhance the skills of special education teachers to keep up with developments in the field, conduct scientific research, and develop their capacities.
- To collaborate with local community institutions to provide consultations and services for individuals with disabilities and giftedness and their families.
- To train candidates on the assessment and diagnostic tools used in special education.
- To increase candidates' knowledge and skills to conduct action research in special education.
- To develop candidates' skills in designing specialized therapeutic programs for different categories in special education.
- To improve candidates' knowledge and skills necessary for diagnosing and ameliorating disabilities.
- To provide the Jordanian community's special education field with qualified educational personnel capable of effectively serving individuals with disabilities and giftedness.
- To provide necessary opportunities for graduates to pursue their higher studies by equipping them with practical and theoretical experiences in special education.

Program Outcomes

- Understanding what special education is, its goals, categories, and historical development.
- Explaining the professional, legal, ethical, and social foundations of the profession.
- Conducting studies and scientific research in the field of special education.
- Analysing prevailing negative societal attitudes towards individuals with disabilities.
- Evaluating tests and measures in the field of special education.
- Developing necessary and appropriate educational plans in the field of special education.

Program Importance

The importance and distinction of the Master's program in Special Education are highlighted by its focus on enriching human knowledge in all branches through specialized studies and serious research to achieve scientific and innovative contributions. This program prepares qualified and trained professionals capable of meeting the diverse educational needs of students with disabilities and enhancing their opportunities for equitable and effective education. Moreover, the program contributes to improving the quality of education by developing innovative educational strategies and research-based educational practices. It aims to enhance educational outcomes and social adaptation for students with special needs. It is an advanced program that provides comprehensive education combining theoretical knowledge with practical application. This, in turn, enhances the graduates' efficiency in providing special education services across its various branches and fostering scientific competencies to keep pace with rapid advancements in science and technology. This encouragement towards creativity, innovation, and the development of scientific research aims to address both local and global societal challenges.

Targeted Groups and Accepted Majors

1. Fulfilling the requirements of the Higher Education Council.
2. Having a bachelor's degree in a subject that qualifies the candidates for specialized study in the department of choice, as determined by the designated department. Examples include special education, allied medical professions, and educational specializations (early childhood education, elementary education, psychological counseling).
3. Passing the required language proficiency test according to the decisions of the Higher Education Council.
4. Any other conditions approved by relevant committees and councils.

Job Areas

The Master's program in Special Education provides graduates with opportunities in various fields, including:

1. Educational supervisors in schools and supervisory departments in the Ministry of Education, private schools, and schools under the auspices of UNRWA.
2. Educational initiative leaders capable of proposing and leading educational initiatives to achieve the institutions' goals.
3. Faculty members at universities or assume administrative roles in institutions and colleges.

Credit Hours and Tuition Fees

The Master's program requires students to complete 33 credit hours.

The cost per credit hour is:

- Jordanian students: 70 Jordanian Dinars.
- Non-Jordanian students: 225 US Dollars.

Study Plan Overview

A master's degree is awarded in the field of special education after completing the following requirements:

1. Fulfilment of the degree requirements.
2. Completion of any remedial courses determined by the Graduate Studies Committee in the department.
3. Completion of a minimum of 33 credit hours at the 600 level, with successful completion and a cumulative GPA of no less than 75%.

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