



Yarmouk University

Faculty of
Educational Sciences

Ph.D.in Social Studies Curriculum and Instruction

Program Overview

The PhD program in Social Studies Curriculum and Instruction is one of the rare programs in the Arab world, with Yarmouk University being the only university offering a specialized program in this field in Jordan and the Arab region as a whole. Consequently, this program attracts students from across the Arab world, including Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Libya, among others. It provides many students with a master's degree in Social Studies Curriculum, History, Political Science, Sociology, and General Education, making it an appealing option for many students.

Continued communication with cultural attachés in Arab embassies in Amman highlights the ongoing demand for this specialization. The program provides ample support for

students seeking to engage in educational supervision across various social science disciplines. It meets the needs of curriculum development and enhancement specialists, as well as those interested in training. Furthermore, it addresses universities' needs for faculty members specializing in Social Studies Curricula and Teaching Methods, as well as consultancy centers' need for research personnel to conduct field studies in Social Studies. It also meets the Ministry of Education's requirements for authors and developers of social studies curriculum textbooks.

Program Vision

Developing a globally distinguished program in Social Studies, effectively contributing to the acquisition and advancement of knowledge that aligns with contemporary developments is the vision. This will provide essential services to all professionals in the field.

Program Mission

The mission is to prepare specialized graduates to work in universities, research centers, and other institutions by equipping them with diverse knowledge through scientific research. Additionally, it entails preparing distinguished educational personnel in teaching, research, supervision, and curriculum development within educational institutions, ensuring their readiness with both knowledge and skills.

Program Objectives

The PhD program in Social Studies Curriculum and Instruction aims to:

1. Provide graduates with deep knowledge and skills in history, geography, and national education curricula.
2. Identify key contemporary issues and problems in social studies, analyze them, and propose solutions.
3. Prepare social studies teachers locally, regionally, and globally, equipping them with diverse research skills.
4. Develop competencies related to the teaching profession in social studies across different educational stages, including university-level teaching, and involve interaction with teachers and learners while evaluating curricula.
5. Acquire cognitive, affective, and performance-based research competencies, applying various research methods to curriculum and social studies issues.

Program Outcomes

After completing the PhD program in Social Studies Curriculum and Instruction, the student should possess the following skills:

1. The program aims to prepare distinguished scholarly professionals in their field of specialization, utilizing one of the learning theories.
2. Developing critical thinking and simulating higher-order thinking skills fosters the ability to analyze and critique within one's field of expertise.
3. Graduating educational researchers specialized in social studies curriculum by enriching the program with valuable and impactful research in the field of specialization.
4. Graduating researchers capable of educational development, keeping pace with contemporary trends, and solving educational institution deficiencies.
5. Enhancing educational thought by employing program graduates in their respective fields of expertise.

Program Importance

The program distinguishes itself through its continuous responsiveness to the needs of the job market and the academic sector, making it an ideal destination for ambitious students seeking academic and professional excellence in the field of social studies. The program provides comprehensive support for students interested in pursuing teaching and educational supervision in various social science fields, meeting the needs of experts involved in curriculum development and educational materials enhancement. Furthermore, the program provides opportunities for students seeking training roles and boosts university productivity by training specialized faculty members in social studies curriculum and teaching methods. Furthermore, the program meets the needs of consultancy centers by providing qualified research personnel capable of conducting field studies, as well as fulfilling the Ministry of Education's requirement for authors and developers of social studies curriculum textbooks.

Targeted Groups and Accepted Majors

Applicants must meet the following requirements for admission to this program:

1. Meet the requirements set out by the Higher Education Council.
2. Hold a bachelor's and master's degree in the relevant field that qualifies students for enrolment in the specified specialization above.

3. Pass graduate programs' specific requirements, such as the English language proficiency requirement.
4. Have a GPA that qualifies students for admission to the program—not less than excellent.
5. Adhere to the specified deadline for application submission, as announced by the university.

Job Areas

The PhD program in Social Studies Curriculum and Instruction provides graduates with employment opportunities in various fields.

- **University Professor:** Working as a faculty member in universities and colleges to teach social studies curricula and teaching methods.
- **Academic researchers** engage in academic and field research in the field of social studies, and they also publish their studies and research in scientific journals.
- **Educational Supervisor:** Working as an educational supervisor in schools and educational institutions to monitor and enhance the performance of teachers in social studies.
- **Curriculum Developer:** Working in ministries of education and educational institutions to develop and author educational curricula and textbooks in the field of social studies.
- **Educational Trainer:** Conducting workshops and training courses for teachers and educational supervisors to enhance their educational and teaching skills.
- **International Organizations:** Working with international non-governmental organizations and international bodies focused on education and educational development in the field of social studies.

Credit Hours and Tuition Fees

The program requires students to successfully complete (54) credit hours.

The cost per credit hour is:

For Jordanian students is 100 Jordanian dinars.

For non-Jordanian students is 350 US dollars.

Study Plan Overview

The program requires students to complete (36) credit hours from courses at the doctoral level (700 level), in addition to any additional courses deemed necessary by the department that were not covered in the student's previous studies. Additionally, students are required to pass a comprehensive examination after completing the courses.

Furthermore, students are required to register for the thesis, comprising (18) credit hours, during which they conduct field research, prepare the thesis, and successfully defend it.

Before defending their thesis, students must also pass the acceptance for publication of a research paper in one of the university's peer-reviewed and approved journals, derived from their theses.



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