



Bethlehem University Foundation

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FACTS ABOUT BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY IN THE HOLY LAND

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

- Opened in October 1973 with 112 students
- First university in the West Bank and first Catholic university in the Holy Land
- Founded and sponsored by the Vatican and the De La Salle Christian Brothers
- Enrollment has increased by 40% since the year 2000

DEMOGRAPHICS

- More than 3,200 students currently enrolled
- More than 16,000 graduates around the world
- 45% of students are from Bethlehem; 46% from Jerusalem; and 9% from villages and refugee camps
- Student population is 78% female, 22% male; 77% Muslim, 23% Christian
- 207 faculty and 119 staff (70% Christian, 30% Muslim)
- 10 De La Salle Christian Brothers

ACADEMICS

- Baccalaureate degrees in 20 subject majors in six faculties and institutes: Arts, Business Administration, Education, Nursing & Health Sciences, Science, and Hotel Management and Tourism
- 91% of students are seeking Baccalaureate degree; 3.5% are seeking Masters degrees; and the remaining are seeking various diplomas/certifications
- Four Masters programs: International Cooperation and Development, Biotechnology, Tourism Studies, and Social Work

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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