

SDG #4: QUALITY EDUCATION





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4.3.1. Free Access to Educational Resources

Library Resources

https://library.ajman.ac.ae/about-us

Library Resource Access

AU Library is the gateway to finding a wide range of resources and services to support the learning, teaching, and research needs of the University community. The Library offers quality research services and resources designed to meet the growing requirements of the University's diverse academic programs.

Currently, AU has two libraries – the Males Library and the Females Library in the Students Hub Building - serving AU students, faculty, staff, and external community users. Students and other users can use their iPads,



laptops, smartphones, or library computers to study and search the Library's wide selection of books, e-books, journals, and databases. The Libraries also provide discovery tools, such as EDS, created to make the digital content more discoverable and easily accessible. A team of qualified Reference librarians can assist students and other users with their research.

Library collections include electronic resources of high-level scholarly works from the top international academic publishers in all disciplines. In addition to information resources, the Library provides a range of electronic services through a set of electronic forms on the Library homepage. These services include <u>Ask-A-Librarian</u> to answer reference questions online, Document Delivery to request articles and chapters not found in the Library's collection, "Request a Library" Instruction Session by faculty for their students, request new books for purchase, and give feedback on library services and resources. Other electronic services include the mobile library application for use on mobile devices.

AU Library follows the ACRL Standards, wherein access to library resources is provided online in a timely and orderly fashion. Onsite access to the Library is provided in a timely and orderly fashion. Non-print resources are accessible anytime, anywhere. The Library and the catalog for accessing its resources are organized using the AACR2 and the LCC. Online access to the Library's OPAC and e-resources is encouraged. Students and faculty are trained to access these resources from their labs and offices. Community users can ask for assistance using free access or in-campus library resources.

AU Library provides services for the benefit of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, and researchers, and where possible, will make these resources freely available to the broader community.





Circulation Services:

Users must present a valid ID to the Circulation desk staff or when using a Self-Check workstation to check out a loan item.

- a. AU students, faculty, and staff: University ID
- b. AUD University and CUCA students, faculty, and staff: valid ID showing their home institution's ID number and barcode.
- c. UAE Community Users: Library Membership ID.

The circulation desk is responsible for all transactions related to borrowing and returning books and periodicals, placing materials on reserve, recalling borrowed material, assessing fines, etc. Borrowing stops 30 minutes before closing time. Faculty members borrow 20 books per semester, postgraduate students borrow 20 books per semester, undergraduate students borrow 15 books per three weeks renewable for another three weeks, and AU administrative staff borrow 05 books per 3 weeks renewable for another three weeks. Community users borrow 03 books per 3 weeks, renewable for another three weeks. Renewals can be done over the phone, online, or in person.

Community Users Services & Resources

AU library will be open to all Ajman Emirate's community members, school students aged 15 and above, researchers from other universities, and all Ajman government employees.

Ajman University Library is pleased to invite all Ajman Emirate's community members, school students of age 15 and above, researchers from other universities, and all Ajman governmental employees to join AU Library membership under the following rules & terms:



Ajman University Library invites community members to conduct research at our campus by participating in our Community Borrowers program.

Community Borrowers provide a 500 AED deposit to establish a membership, allowing them to use most of the Library's resources subject to availability.

The 500 AED deposit is refundable.

When a user submits a completed form to cancel membership to Library staff and surrender the library card, they can refund their deposit.

Annual membership and Borrower Card fees are 50 Dirhams.

Community Borrowers may access the Internet and use the Library's online databases inside the Library following the AU Library Internet Access Policy and borrow items from the Library collection, excluding media and software.

Community Borrowers must abide by the guidelines posted at: https://library.ajman.ac.ae/circulation-services - https://library.ajman.ac.ae/circulation-services - https://library.ajman.ac.ae/circulation-services - https://library.ajman.ac.ae/circulation-services - https://library.ajman.ac.ae/circulation-services - https://library.ajman.ac.ae/computer-internet-use-policy - https://library.ajman.ac.ae/computer-internet-use-policy - https://library.ajman.ac.ae/circulation-services - https://library.ajman.ac.ae/circulation

These guidelines include respecting the rules and customs of the University and nation and the library timing for each gender.

Interested community members should complete the application for Community Borrower status and bring it with a photocopy of their EID and the 500 AED deposit to the university campus (Finance Office) to establish Community Borrower status.

Approved applicants will be issued a membership card for accessing the Library and borrowing materials on future visits.

It is preferred to pre-arrange a date and time to bring these items to ensure that the services of the cashier at the Finance Office will be available.

Using Online Resources

Open Access Resources are electronic research materials and resources made available to the general public, free of charge: data and datasets, books and articles, including scholarly research articles. This is not the same thing as public domain works or those items that have fallen out of copyright protection; open-access authors have chosen to share freely so that anyone can use the works legally without permission or fees.





Library circulation services to the Public

https://library.ajman.ac.ae/circulation-services

Computer and Internet Usage Policy for General Community

https://library.ajman.ac.ae/computer-internet-use-policy

Alums free access to Library resources

As part of its commitment to providing Quality education for all (SDG#4), the Office of Alumni Affairs extends all its alumni access to Library services at Ajman University. Kindly present your card during working hours to have free access.

https://alumni.ajman.ac.ae/page/services

Open access guides and resources at the Library:

https://library.ajman.ac.ae/databases

http://digitalrepository.ajman.ac.ae:8081/xmlui/



Open Access to Research Centers Articles

In line with AU's strategy to disseminate its research and scholarship to a wider community, and to enhance its contribution to the academic community and society, AU has developed an 'Open Access Article Processing Charge policy.' The policy aims to facilitate the publishing of high-quality research articles by AU researchers and their outside collaborators in open access journals. This will make our research more accessible, increasing its visibility, impact and citations for the benefit of researchers, university and society.

Research Centers

Ajman University supports and facilitates collaborative research conducted in cooperation with public and private institutions and industry. With this aim, AU has launched Research Centers to focus resources and the efforts of researchers in developing key research areas of national and international importance.

AU Research Centers provide an opportunity to establish and nurture research collaborations with international universities/institutes, and submit proposals for internal/external research grants.

The research centres are interdisciplinary in nature and are not directly associated with individual colleges. The University provides support to hire the following positions for each research centre: (a) a Full-Time Research Associate (FTRA) or Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, and (b) a number of Adjuncts Research Associates (ARA) as per research centre policy.

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Online Courses Access to Community

Ajman University's 2017-2022 Strategic Plan aims to promote "cutting-edge and innovative support services" to foster sustainable practices and promote "green" solutions. The specific objectives include:

- increasing the reliance on innovative and sustainable solutions in all areas;
- introducing smart and technology-based services;
- maintaining a green and paperless working environment;
- focusing on Artificial Intelligence in managing campus facilities; and,
- enhancing continuous improvement and innovation approaches as crucial success factors in doing business

AU has made strides in being "green" within our desert environment. By "recycling" perceived obstacles into golden opportunities, we've established and promoted sustainable practices for our campus, classrooms, and community.

As part of its commitment to SDG #4 - Quality Education for All, Ajman University is committed to serving the internal and external community student body within the UAE region and beyond. Several school sessions are organized throughout the year to give students an understanding of different education concepts, ranging from – Medicine, Pharmacy, Financial tools, engineering techniques, new IT tools, etc.

Weekly, monthly, or ad-hoc learning sessions are organized at the University premises, schools, external locations, or online portals to provide thorough knowledge on the topic and make the student body aware of 21st-century skills. As knowledge-sharing, the learning resources are shared on the college page, and students can freely access them for future learning or knowledge enhancement.

All students and the general community can access these resources *free of cost*.



College of Engineering and Information Technology organizes training on IT tools and new software for school students, charity organizations, and other ad-hoc events like Winter Fest. The course is available on the University website for the public, including course slides, PPTs, code sheets, practice exercises, and workshop recordings (if applicable).

These courses include, but are not limited to, Python training, LATEX training, Unity 3D game development, machine learning, etc.



https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/engineering/student-development-sessions-events

Some of the events listed are:

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/engineering/student-development-sessions-events/latex-workshop https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/engineering/student-development-sessions-events/python-workshop https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/engineering/student-development-sessions-events/unity-workshop

College of Humanities and Sciences organizes training or workshops on various behavioral tools, digitalization trends, etc., to educate the external community on advancement in Psychology and Sociology. These workshops include, but are not limited to, Social skills, Communication skills, Mental Health, etc.

All students and the general community can access these resources *free of cost*.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/chs/student-development-sessions-events



https://www.ajman.ac.ae/upload/files/chs/1. Behavioural and Social skills workshop.pdf https://www.ajman.ac.ae/upload/files/chs/3. Effective Communication Skill.pdf



Office of Sustainability (previously known as the Office of Environmental Health and Safety) also organizes several events to raise awareness among students and the external community on Sustainability, H&S measures, etc. These workshops or sessions are organized as part of University study or in conferences or schools. As knowledgesharing, the learning resources are shared on the college page, and students can freely access them for future learning or knowledge enhancement.

All students and the general community can access these resources free of cost.



https://sustainablecampus.ajman.ac.ae/en/community/student-development-sessions-and-events

Some of the events listed are:

https://sustainablecampus.ajman.ac.ae/upload/files/sustainablecampus/Emergency Plan %26 Procedure s_Workshop.pdf

https://sustainablecampus.ajman.ac.ae/upload/files/sustainablecampus/Sustainable Development Goals and ESG in Higher Education.pdf

Student Success Centre offers a variety of student-centered services to ensure academic excellence. From free tutoring and individualized academic coaching to seminars and workshops, the SSC will provide the tools and resources necessary to achieve its mission. Some sessions the center organizes yearly for new and continuing students are added here. Students can access these to understand the subject at a later stage:

All students and the general community can access these resources free of cost.



life/student-success-center/student-support-resources



https://www.ajman.ac.ae/upload/files/ssc/2. Examination Preparation Strategy Your Guide to Assessm ents.pdf

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/upload/files/ssc/1. Bullying and its Impact on Academic Performance -Compatibility Mode.pdf





4.3.2. Community Educational Events at University

AU Innovation Center Events

Idea Competition 2022

An event hosted by the Innovation Centre to honor innovative ideas and projects from the community all across the UAE. A top-notch jury of industry experts and creative entrepreneurs judges the event. The participating students compete on ideas and prototypes from applications, websites, IoT, robotics, business ideas, media, and humanity. The competition's finalists received funds, mentorship, incubation space, free memberships, access to the network, and publicity. The event is organized annually and is open to all communities with a thrive for innovation in their ideas.

The competition was held for the first time in 2017, and since then, it has been organized and hosted every year. The Competition is open to all UAE residents and draws many idea submissions from different parts of the country. All submitted ideas go through a well-designed selection process, and the selected panel of judges shortlists the best projects for the incubation process. The submitted ideas represent different academic disciplines and professional areas of expertise, including Environmental Sciences, Information Technology, and Electrical, Mechanical, and Biomedical Engineering.

https://auic.ajman.ac.ae/idea-competition/



Demo Day 2022

As part of its strategic vision to foster a culture of innovation and develop a generation of entrepreneurs, industrialists, and innovators, Aiman University Innovation Center (AUIC) organizes the Demo Day every year. The event showcases innovative and creative projects designed by AU students and projects by the UAE community that are incubated at the Center. The event brings together innovators, entrepreneurs, and inventors from public and private institutions to discuss the latest trends in research, innovation, technology, creativity, and entrepreneurship. The



event is projected under a different theme every year. Several government and private organizations from the UAE present their projects and innovations, which widely include researching ideas and innovations for adoption.

The event was first hosted during the year 2018 and has since then become a programmed event for the office. This is scheduled annually, and participation is open to all UAE community for free.

https://auic.ajman.ac.ae/demo-day/

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/au-celebrates-fifth-annual-demo-day-squid-game-style

Community Workshops and Events by Innovation Centre

AUIC has always been active in various Community Engagement activities. Several activities and workshops are conducted every semester to educate the community on various innovative topics like AI, Data Science, Engineering concepts, innovation in IT, etc.

Some of the several projects delivered in the community by AUIC during the year 2022 were:

- Innovations and AI workshop at the Driving and Licensing department in Umm AIQuwain for police officers;
- Workshop on Metaverse and Innovation at Al Shoala School UAE;



- 2 Workshop on Metaverse for the People of Determination for Zayed Higher Organization for POD
- Workshop on ChatGPT and Digital Twins at the third Ramadan majlis of the Ajman Police Sports and Shooting Club.

https://auic.ajman.ac.ae/community-engagements/



Club Fair

The Office of Student Life at Ajman University organizes a Club Fair every year to educate students, faculty, staff, and the external community on different initiatives undertaken by 90+ clubs. There are clubs dedicated to scientific knowledge, talents, and hobbies, in addition to national cultures and communities. The fair also showcased innovations by university students that can contribute to the climate and community in general.



https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/ajmanuniversity-kicks-off-fall-semester-in-style-with-au-club-fair-2022

Winter Fest

The Office of Community Engagement, in collaboration with other AU offices and colleges at Ajman University, organized the Winter festival at the University campus. The event invited students from all schools and emirates to participate in a 10-day event wherein students were given sessions on different study fields – Pharmacy, Engineering, Dentistry, and Architecture. The younger group was assigned sessions on Sustainability initiatives and climate revamping that the University is committed to.

The event was free of charge for students.

https://community.ajman.ac.ae/uploads/files/Winter%20Fest%202022%20Report 2.pdf

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2023/ajman-university-organizes-winter-fest-to-develop-youth-as-leaders-of-a-sustainable-future

Fine Arts Workshop Series

The Office of Student Life at Ajman University launched the Fine Arts Center to promote the artistic and aesthetic talents of students and develop their skills, such as painting, calligraphy, photography, sculpture, and other creative works. The Centre organizes workshops that provide students with the knowledge, practical skills, and tools needed to produce professional art pieces. It is noteworthy that students' work is displayed in various exhibitions and events inside and outside the University.

Fine Arts Competition Introduces Students to Intricacies of Art

The Fine Arts Center in the Office of Student Life recently organized a fine arts competition intending to introduce students to the fine arts, its schools, and its pioneers. The workshop was also aimed at shedding light on some lesser-known aspects of fine arts to amateur students, including essential theories and information about the different types of arts and art schools, their origins, trends, styles, and pioneers.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/fine-arts-competition-introduces-students-to-intricacies-of-art



AU Students Learn How to Start a Small Business in Fine Arts

The Fine Arts Center in the Office of Student Life organized a workshop entitled 'How to start your small business.' It was attended by several students from The American Modern School in Ajman and Al Qasimia University in Sharjah, along with AU students. The workshop aimed to introduce students to the basic steps for starting their own small business in plastic art.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/austudents-learn-how-to-start-a-small-business-in-fine-arts



UNESCO's Art Camp at Ajman University Paints a Future of Peace and Tolerance

From 14th to 21st March 2022, the Emirate of Ajman hosted a high-profile art event held in the Arab world for the first time – Art Camp Andorra by UNESCO. Hosted by Ajman University (AU), in collaboration with Ajman Department of Tourism Development, Art Camp Andorra 2022 witnessed more than 25 artists from across the Middle East coming under one roof to create art on peace and tolerance. The exhibition, open to the general public, witnessed enthusiastic responses as



art aficionados, dilettantes, and everyone, in general, attended in great numbers to see diverse artworks created by talented Middle Eastern artists.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/unescos-art-camp-at-ajman-university-paints-a-future-of-peace-and-tolerance



AU Workshop Introduces Students to Environment-Friendly Art

The Fine Arts Center and Office of Student Life, in cooperation with the Sustainability Club organized a workshop entitled 'Environmentally Friendly Art' on January 24, 2022. The workshop aimed to discuss and implement some artistic ideas and projects that serve the environment. Among them is the recycling of waste materials to produce creative works of art. The workshop, was attended by students from the UAE community. During the



workshop, an old lighting unit was recycled to produce a home chandelier using crystal beads and plastic threads in an innovative way.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/au-workshop-introduces-students-to-environment-friendly-art

Ajman University Organizes Fine Arts Carnival

The Fine Arts Center at Ajman University held a carnival in which 25 students from more than 10 countries displayed their paintings and works of art. Amidst the colorful chaos, students were offered live workshops, including mandala art, glass painting, painting on silk, and still life painting. They were also able to showcase their skills in handmade decorations. This included garlands of various designs,



movable compositions like the pinwheel, and more. It was mesmerizing to see how a few strips of paper came to life through the creativity and efforts of the participants.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/ajman-university-organizes-fine-arts-carnival

Colors Light Up the City, An Art Workshop by Ajman University

Ajman University's Fine Arts Center within the Office of Student Life recently organized an art training workshop entitled "Colors Light up the City." During the workshop, students from different Emirates learned how to use luminous phosphorescent colors, how to show those colors on a black background, and how to demonstrate the contrast of colors in the artwork. The workshop concluded with a brilliant display



of artworks prepared by the students based on their learning during the workshop.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/colors-light-up-the-city-an-art-workshop-by-ajman-university

Ad-hoc events:

1. AU Students organizes 'Reading is Life' Initiative for School Students

The students of Excellence Club in the Office of Student Life organized an initiative entitled "Reading is Life" to encourage school students to read. The event, which coincided with the Month of Reading, aimed to increase students' awareness of the importance of reading and develop their reading skills.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/au-students-organize-reading-is-life-initiative-for-school-students

2. "Computational Design" Public Lecture

On November 1, 2022, a public lecture was organized by the Department of Architecture and Regional Planning & Department of Urban and Regional Planning - Gautam Buddha University - India, titled "Computational Design".

The goal of the lecture was to discuss Computational Design as one of the most important design methods that depend mainly on digitizing the design process instead of the traditional digital design methods that depend on digitizing the physical model.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/cad/news/2022/computational-design-public-lecture

3. Ajman University's Office of Student Life Organizes Workshop with Etisalat on Emerging Radio Technologies

The IT Club in the Office of Student Life at Ajman University organized a workshop entitled Inhouse Development of Open Radio Access Network Solutions on January 6, 2022, via the Zoom platform. Dr. Abdul Hadi Abu Al-Mal, Head of Technology Standardization & Spectrum Management at Etisalat and the chairman of several expert groups drawn from regional and international organizations was the guest speaker at the event. The workshop was attended by a number of Etisalat employees, as well as university students and staff.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-universitys-office-of-student-life-organizes-workshop-with-etisalat-on-emerging-radio-technologies

4. College of Mass Communication Organizes Intensive Training on 3D Design Skills for Students and Alumni

In line with AU's strategic plan and the university's efforts to raise the skills of students and alums for employment, the College of Mass Communication organized an intensive two-day training course to develop the knowledge and skills of both students and alumni in 3D design. The training course witnessed significant participation from students and alumni from different specializations at the College, as it explained all 3D design and animation basics and skills through implementing the "Blender" program to motivate the trainees to use it.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/masscom/news/2022/the-college-of-mass-communication-organizes-intensive-training-on-3d-design-skills-for-students-and-alumni

5. Sociology Department at Ajman University Holds "University Experiences in Field Training" Workshop

The Department of Sociology and Social Work at Ajman University's College of Humanities and Sciences organized a virtual workshop on enhancing the effectiveness of field training by universities, which was attended by representatives from Kind Saud University and the University of Jordan. Dr. Salah Gad, Head of the Department of Sociology and Ms. Sahar Zahran, Coordinator of the session attended the event, along with several students and faculty members.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/sociology-department-at-ajman-university-holds-university-experiences-in-field-training-workshop



6. Ajman University hosts "Summer without Accidents" campaign in collaboration with Ajman Police

Ajman University's (AU) Office of Environmental Health and Safety joined forces with Ajman Police to launch an awareness campaign on the importance of traffic safety for the first time at AU. Under the slogan "Accident Free Summer", the campaign aims to improve road and traffic safety knowledge on and off campus and achieve the highest levels of adherence to traffic rules and standards for all road users.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-hosts-summer-without-accidents-campaign-in-collaboration-with-ajman-police

7. Several Ad-hoc events organized by the Office of Community Engagement that are open to the public:

The Community Service Unit organizes, throughout the academic year, various community activities, workshops, field visits, awareness sessions, and seminars. CSU also seeks to significantly participate in off-campus community events at local and regional levels.

https://community.ajman.ac.ae/programs-and-activities

Activity Newsletter by Office of Community Engagement:

https://community.ajman.ac.ae/uploads/files/pdfs/community-service-activities-ay-2021-2022.pdf https://community.ajman.ac.ae/uploads/files/pdfs/community-service-activities-ay-2022-2023.pdf

8. Events organized by the Office of Counselling Unit

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/student-life/counseling-unit/workshops

4.3.3. Education Programs for Community

Center for Continuing Education and Enterprises (CCEE)

https://cec.ajman.ac.ae/en/

Center for Continuing Education and Enterprise at Ajman University is a leading regional provider of testing, training, and professional development programs, courses, and workshops for individuals and corporate groups in UAE and the wider Gulf region.

From January 2022 onwards, a new Enterprises Unit has been added to CCEE, which was earlier called the Continuing Education Center (CEC). The Enterprises Unit of CCEE will develop and manage business activities that will serve the needs of the community and businesses in Ajman and the wider UAE. The courses and programs are designed to meet the needs of our corporate world and for community betterment.

Ajman University, under its Strategic Goals #4 & #6, strives to deliver offerings that can provide the needs of the community to achieve a 360-degree skill and professional development of individuals. All the courses under CCEE are designed, evaluated, and implemented by professionals and experts in their fields.

CCEE offers several training programs throughout the year open to the public, corporate channels, students from UAE or other regions, and sometimes to a specialized group of people from the targeted field. Below are some of the training programs, courses, or workshops that the center runs throughout the year. Depending on the nature of the topic, the courses are either time-based (2 or 3 days), fixed week, monthlong, or yearly courses.

https://cec.ajman.ac.ae/en/training

https://cec.ajman.ac.ae/en/gallery

Some of the topics covered under the center are:

- Business and Management
- Project Management
- Finance, Auditing and Accounting
- Information Technology
- Information Security
- Leadership and Soft Skills
- Training of Trainers (TOT)
- Strategic and Operational planning
- Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship
- English as a Foreign Language
- Arabic for Non-Arabs
- Special Education Courses
- Dental Courses
- Make-up and Beauty
- Orthodontic Residency Program

https://cec.ajman.ac.ae/en/course-content











"Estedad" program by Ministry of Education in UAE

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/media/news/2020/ajman-university-supports-moes-estedad-program

Beginning in 2020, Ajman University (AU), in support of the UAE Ministry of Education's National Ambassadors Program "Estedad," actively participates in two of the program's five tracks: scientific research, enrichment, entrepreneurship, diplomacy, and sustainability.

The first of its kind in the UAE, the "Estedad" program is an enrichment and capacity-building initiative to provide high school students with essential skills to prosper in various fields and be equipped with the knowledge and tools required for applying to universities.

"Entrepreneurship" program

The 'Entrepreneurship' program helps nurture students in the business field. It embeds them with the traits and skills of an entrepreneur, empowering them to think out of the box, develop innovative solutions, and have a crucial role in their country's economy. Through practicing entrepreneurship activities, students gain essential entrepreneurial skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, risk-taking, and collaboration.

"Enrichment" program

The 'Enrichment' online program is designed to promote students' knowledge and skills in different aspects and train them on various scientific topics such as artificial intelligence, programming, robotics, and other trending issues in the labor market. The program also helps enhance students' academic experience, giving them a sense of personal accomplishment and growth by introducing them to research methodologies, creativity, and innovation, as well as a variety of unique skills.

"Coursera" partnership to enhance Employability Skills

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/ajman-university-and-coursera-enter-partnership-aimed-at-enhancing-employability-of-au-students

As part of its initiatives to enhance the employability skills of its students and offer them a range of real-world, industry-aligned courses and certifications, Ajman University (AU) has launched an initiative with Coursera, a leading global provider of massive open online courses (MOOC). Under the initiative, AU students can access hundreds of well-designed courses and job-relevant credentials



through Career Academy from Coursera, including professional certificates from renowned global industry leaders and academic institutions.

Intending to enhance the employability skills of its students and offer them a range of real-world, industry-aligned courses and certifications, Ajman University (AU) has tied up with Coursera, a global online learning platform. The partnership between the two organizations will provide AU students access to advanced courses and job-relevant credentials through Career Academy from Coursera, including Professional Certificates from industry leaders.

Coursera recently surveyed thousands of employers and students. Results of that survey showed that 89% of surveyed students agree or strongly agree that earning an entry-level professional certificate will help them stand out to employers and secure jobs when they graduate. In comparison, employers are, on average, 76% more likely to hire a candidate who has earned one.

Career Academy from Coursera is a new career training academy to prepare learners - even those with no university degree or prior work experience - for in-demand jobs at unprecedented speed and scale. The Coursera catalog includes 5,200+ courses, 3,300+ guided projects, 650+ specializations, and 115+ certificates. Learners can learn at their own pace entirely online across the web and mobile.

Currently, access to Coursera is only offered to current students, staff, and faculty. Looking into future advancement, AU plans to enroll alumni and the general public in courses offered by Coursera. The access will be subject to availability and approvals.



Leadership Programs by the Office of Student Life

The Office of Student Life organizes a Leadership program that enables students to be leaders by providing them with leadership skills and the art of effective communication. It also allows them to discover their abilities to achieve their goals, address all challenges, and pave the way for leadership.



https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/student-life/office-of-student-life/leadership-programs-1

Start-ups Training by Innovation Centre

Aiman University Innovation Centre (AUIC) has been active since 2016 and drew its inspiration innovation development from the Korean Innovation Centre model to galvanize an ecosystem of start-ups, funders, investors, and technology leaders, together with innovation mentors, academics, governmental agencies. **AUIC** provides practical support to entrepreneurs to help them experiment, incubate. and accelerate their ideas and provide access to a network of international innovation partners and routes to market.

AUIC provides an innovation platform to create opportunities for productive interactions between students, alumni, faculty, industry, government, and society to achieve significant economic and social





benefits for the engaged stakeholders through sharing and implementing innovative ideas and solutions to resolve existing problems and address future challenges.

Through the Idea Competition, AUIC helps the community with the necessary funds for their idea to be launched as a Product/Service/Product& Service. AUIC trains and guides the project team in developing their idea into a business plan, supporting funding initiatives, registering the company & supporting them with Government and private sector Business.

To check the start-ups trained and supported by the center, https://auic.ajman.ac.ae/startups/

AUIC has an annual calendar schedule finalized at the onset of every New Year for the respective Workshops. The workshops are in line with the growth path of the Startups. The focus is on the actual requirements for the Startups from the seed stage to their Entity formation.

These workshops and events are open for registration to all AU Students, Alumni, and the external community through the University's social media page and website. The workshops are also available online for audiences who cannot attend in person from around the globe. Also, AUIC Workshops are available in video formats, as archives on the AUIC website.



https://auic.ajman.ac.ae/workshops/

https://auic.ajman.ac.ae/community-engagements/

The event was first hosted during the year 2018 and has since then become a programmed event for the office. This is scheduled annually, and participation is open to all UAE community for free.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/hamdan-innovation-incubator-recognizes-ajman-university-as-a-certified-business-incubator

Specialized Courses Offered by the Colleges

As part of AU's commitment to "Quality Education for All," several courses on the latest technology, IT tools, management practices, etc., are organized occasionally. Such courses are free for community enrolment and support students who want to advance their 21st-century skills.

Python Learning Course

College of Engineering and Information Technology organizes training on Python tools and their usage, free for school students or external community enrollments. The 6-week course includes intense practice sessions, understanding core concepts, implementation in real-world situations, and teaching the ethics of the Cloud world.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/engineering/student-development-sessions-events/python-workshop

Latex Workshop

College of Engineering and Information Technology organizes training on Latex technology, accessible for school students or external community enrollments. Latex is a cloud-based collaborative editor for writing, editing, and publishing scientific documents. During the course, participants were given thorough knowledge of core concepts, practice exercises, cheat sheets, and workshop recordings for future reference. All the resources are made available for free.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/engineering/student-development-sessions-events/latex-workshop



3-D Gaming Unity Workshop

Artificial Intelligence Research Centre (AIRC) organizes 6-day training on gaming technology 3D-Unity, free for public enrolment. The workshop objective is to learn coding of C-language and controlling patterns, gain a general knowledge of videogame design, get experience using Unity (a very versatile 3D tool), develop a 3D rocket game, and build and deploy the accomplished game.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/engineering/student-development-sessions-events/unity-workshop

AWS Academy Machine Learning Foundations

Machine learning is the scientific study of algorithms and statistical models to perform a task using inference instead of instructions. The AWS academy course is organized for school students interested in pursuing careers in Data Science and Machine Learning.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/upload/files/enginnering/the/3. AcademyMachineLearningFoundations.pdf https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/engineering/student-development-sessions-events

Behavioral and Social Skills Workshop

The workshop is a type of behavioral therapy aimed at improving social skills in people with mental disorders or developmental disabilities. The workshop targets teachers, therapists, or other professionals to help those with anxiety disorders, mood disorders, personality disorders, and other diagnoses: the teaching methods involved content discussion, role-play, individual rehearsals, and individual and group counseling techniques.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/upload/files/chs/1. Behavioural and Social skills workshop.pdf

Education in the Digital World

College of Humanities and Social Sciences organizes the workshop on "Digital world education" intended to teach the participants the new technology in education, digitalization techniques, etc.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/upload/files/chs/2. Education in Digital world.pdf

Effective Communication workshop

The General Education unit organizes the practical communication workshop to teach the Do's and Don'ts of formal communication, the best methods of speech, the importance of active listening, etc.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/upload/files/chs/3. Effective Communication Skill.pdf

Courses for Student Development

AU Partners with Aspire to Launch the Social Leadership Program

The Office of Community Engagement at Ajman University (AU) has partnered with <u>Aspire</u> <u>Training Solutions</u> to launch the Social Leadership Program for students and alumni of AU. Aspire is an entrepreneurial training and consulting firm specializing in delivering



transformational solutions using innovative methodologies serving the private sector, community-based organizations, and youth. This initiative aims to generate and transfer knowledge related to social leadership by empowering and inspiring a deep and lasting transformation in the lives of AU students and alumni to live, lead, and prosper.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-partners-with-aspire-to-launch-the-social-leadership-program-for-students-and-alumni

Stevens Initiative Grants Funding to Ajman University for Innovative Virtual Exchange Program

In June 2022, the Stevens Initiative announced that Ajman University would be one of its newest grantees to receive funding for virtual exchanges between young people in the United States, the Middle East, and North Africa. Ajman University's "Actualizing Youth Mobility to Lead and Innovate in the 21st Century" is one of four new Stevens Initiative-funded



exchanges. Funding has been awarded to select institutions based in the UAE, including Ajman University, for virtual exchanges that will give young people experiential learning opportunities to explore topics impacting their local and global communities.

 $\underline{https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/stevens-initiative-grants-funding-to-ajman-university-for-innovative-virtual-exchange-program$



Workshops as part of Community Engagement

In collaboration with community authorities, the Office of Community Engagement (OCE) offers a wide range of workshops covering topics such as human & social development, personal finance, women empowerment, community sustainable indicators, and themes of interest to our students and community alike.

OCE also endeavors to organize educational and awareness-raising seminars on topics related to community service & voluntary work to impart the values of giving & belongingness to all participants.

https://community.ajman.ac.ae/uploads/files/pdfs/community-service-activities-ay-2021-2022.pdf https://community.ajman.ac.ae/uploads/files/pdfs/community-service-activities-ay-2022-2023.pdf





4.3.4. Educational Outreach Activities

Student Solidarity Campaign

Ajman University's Covid-19 Student Solidarity Campaign Helps 131 Students Graduate Successfully

Intending to support underprivileged students in continuing their higher education, Ajman University launched the 'COVID-19 Students Solidarity Campaign' at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. 131 students benefited from this scheme during



the 2022 graduation ceremony, with funds collected to more than 3.7 million AED. These funds were used to support the tuition fees of the underprivileged students.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-universitys-covid-19-student-solidarity-campaign-helps-131-students-graduate-successfully

Outreach Initiatives by the Colleges

A student team from the Architecture Department at AU won 2 awards from the Sustainable Compass Initiative SCI.

The Initiative witnessed significant competition from universities all around the UAE. The main objective of the AU student project "Responsibility Recycling" was "to generate a sustainable tradition and a new norm within the university's sustainable movements. To carry out our responsibility towards the environment and our community!" The project focuses on the excess sheets and posters produced by Architecture students throughout the semester. It's recycling and reusing. The end products are easily fabricated by the students and sent out to carry a social service within the community! The project was well appreciated by the Environment Agency in Abu Dhabi, well enough to be published in the initiative's book and the campaign's film.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/cad/news/2022/a-team-from-architecture-department-at-ajman-university-won-2-awards-from-sustainable-compass-initiative-sci-abu-dhabi





Interior Design students participated in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Competition.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Competition, Dubai 2022— 'Every Design Tells a Story' concluded with an event organized by Gensler Dubai Office. The interior design department of Ajman University participated with a group of students from the college. Participating students presented the projects selected as two of the five best. Professional designers and practitioners from the local market mentored each student group.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/cad/news/2022/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-competition



AU College of Engineering Students Make Us Proud by Winning 4th RTA Transport Hackathon.

Ajman University students from the College of Engineering and Information Technology (CEIT) were proud winners at the 4th RTA Transport Hackathon held at EXPO 2020 Dubai from Jan.30 to Feb.1, 2022. AU students were among the winning teams that won the first, second, and third places, respectively, at the challenging hackathon that called upon students to create innovative transport solutions.



https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/au-college-of-engineering-students-make-us-proud-by-winning-4th-rta-transport-hackathon

Bright Ideas, Innovative Solutions: AU Students Shine on World Case Teaching Day

The competition challenged students with case studies from Fortune 500 companies, requiring them to develop contemporary solutions to broad organization issues. Our bright and enthusiastic students accepted the challenge and cracked the case studies with flying colors! Halls at the College of Business buzzed with brilliant solutions and strategies to resolve the cases that presented various business and leadership challenges. AU's students, however,



proved that they were up to the test by coming up with innovative solutions to the business cases.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/bright-ideas-innovative-solutions-au-students-shine-on-world-case-teaching-day

CBA Students Participate in Top CEO Conference and Awards Event

Students from the College of Business Administration participated in a very prestigious event — the Top CEO Conference and Awards. Conference organizers invited professionals, community leaders, promising startups, and exceptional students to the two-day event, organized annually as part of their community engagement program. The 2022 edition of the event covered several important contemporary business issues like current



economic turmoil, challenges, opportunities, funding options, digital transformation, and others.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/cba/news/2022/cba-students-participate-in-top-ceo-conference-and-awards-event

College of Mass Communication at Ajman University Wins First and Second Places in the Scientific Research Competition

AU students competed among 55 Universities with more than 300 scientific researchers. The College of Mass Communication at Ajman University won First and Second Places in the Ninth Edition of the annual scientific research competition organized by Abu Dhabi University for media students at universities in the Middle East and the Arab Gulf region in scientific research for Media and Public Relations. This participation comes in line with



the College's keenness to discover the scientific minds of its students, encourage them to conduct scientific research, develop their research skills, and encourage them to participate in scientific events and activities.



https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/masscom/news/2022/among-55-universities-in-the-middle-east-college-of-mass-communication-at-ajman-university-wins-first-and-second-places-in-the-scientific-research-competition

Ajman University Students Participate in the United Nations Youth Café

On the occasion of United Nations (UN) Day on October 24th, the UN Resident Coordinator Office in the UAE (UN RCO) extended an invitation to students at Ajman University (AU) to participate in the UN Youth Café consultations at the International Humanitarian City (IHC), Dubai. This is the first of a series of consultations that the UN will be conducting with youth in the UAE.



 $\underline{https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-students-participate-in-the-united-nations-youth-cafe}$

Interior Design Student of Ajman University Received an Award In The Italian Pavilion of EXPO2020

The works of Ajman University are gradually yielding the desired results as one of the interior design students of the school received an award in the Italian Pavilion of 2020. The project is a collaborative effort with the Polytechnic Di Milano University, where the students used interior Islamic art to design the cover of a book. The Dean of the College of Design of Polytechnic, Di Milano, presented the awards at an event held in the Italian pavilion at EXPO 2020.



https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/interior-design-student-of-ajman-university-received-an-award-in-the-italian-pavilion-of-expo2020

Ajman University Students Win Second Place in "University Challenge" on Government Communications

A team comprising three students from Ajman University (AU) won second place in the University Challenge organized by the United Arab Emirates University (UAEU) on the theme of government communications. The initiative from the AU team was adjudged as the "Best University Initiative to Qualify Future Employees in Government Communication" at the competition, which was) organized in cooperation with the Sharjah Government Communication Award (SGCA) and



the International Forum for Government Communication 2022.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-students-win-second-place-in-university-challenge-on-government-communications

College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Students at AU Participate in the National Search and Rescue Conference

The College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Ajman University (AU) organized a field trip to the National Search and Rescue Conference and Exhibition (NSRC) 2022, held in Abu Dhabi on the 22nd and 23rd of November. The visit aims to provide students with the opportunity to explore the latest innovations trending worldwide in the field of search and rescue.



https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/college-of-pharmacy-and-health-sciences-students-at-au-participate-in-national-search-and-rescue-conference

Ajman University Launches Google Developer Student Club

The College of Engineering and Information Technology, in collaboration with the Office of Student Life at Ajman University (AU), hosted its first Google Developer Student Club (GDSC) event for the Academic Year 2022-2023 to facilitate in-depth insights and knowledge exchange among students about the rapid evolvement of Artificial Intelligence (AI). he two main objectives of the event were to encourage student participation in



hackathons, which are weekend-long marathons of problem-solving held by institutions all over the world, and to support other students' academic growth through collaborative projects, mentoring, and technology demonstrations.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-launches-google-developer-student-club



Ajman University Students Felicitated for Participating in SAP Terminology Modernization Project

Ajman University (AU), in cooperation with SAP, the global technology company, has recognized the achievements of seven undergraduate students at AU who completed the SAP Terminology Modernization Program through a ceremony in the College of Engineering and IT.

The project, which commenced in March 2022 and concluded on 16 September 2022,



was aimed at allowing students to gain a deeper understanding of how business functions coordinate or integrate and develop a firmer grasp of integrated business processes.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-students-felicitated-for-participating-in-sapterminology-modernization-project

Ajman University's First Senior IT Project Sponsored by Huawei Proves a Resounding Success

The first Senior IT Project Competition organized by Ajman University's College of Engineering and IT and sponsored by Huawei proved a big success as AU students demonstrated their innovative capabilities by developing unique technological solutions.

A total of 17 students, divided into several groups, participated in the competition and presented their projects to a panel of



judges comprising AU faculty and an executive from Huawei. Two of the groups from among the participating teams were adjudged as winners.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-universitys-first-senior-it-project-sponsored-by-huawei-proves-a-resounding-success

Ajman University Students are Proud Winners of the Saint Gobain International Architecture Students Contest

The students pursuing the Master in Urban Design program at AU's College of Architecture were tasked with creating a plan to revitalize a large area belonging to a defunct factory adjoining the Warsaw Railway Station in Poland. Contestants were required to develop a two-fold proposal for a meeting entertainment center and student residences on a large plot measuring 14,500 square meters.



https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-students-are-proud-winners-at-the-saint-gobain-international-architecture-students-contest

Ajman University Honored in "MENA" Higher Education Leadership Forum

The honor was given due to the joint and continuous cooperation between the Clicks Center and the College of Mass Communication at AU, where the students of the college participated in organizing and covering the forum for the Second time, which makes Ajman University the only university to participate in organizing this important forum, which is held once every two years. In 2022, more than 50 countries intend to discuss the



future of higher education and monitor the most critical lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/masscom/news/2022/ajman-university-honored-in-mena-higher-education-leadership-forum

Sharjah Government Media Bureau Honoring Mass Communication Students as "Shadowing Program Ambassadors"

The opportunity supports University students with essential practical skills for the labor market and allows them to become distinguished media professionals who can compete strongly. The Executive Coordinator of the Program coined that four students from the College were honored as "Shadowing



Program Ambassadors," and they were honored with medals bearing the title "Professional Shadow Program."

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/masscom/news/2022/sharjah-government-media-bureau-honoring-mass-communication-students-as-shadowing-program-ambassadors

Outreach Initiatives by the Office of Community Engagement

Helping Hands Winter Fest 2022

The Office of Community Engagement, in collaboration with AU offices, colleges, and student volunteers at Ajman University, organized the Winter festival at the University campus. The event invited students from all schools and emirates to participate in a 10-day event wherein students were given sessions on different study fields – Pharmacy, Engineering,





Dentistry, and Architecture. The younger group was assigned sessions on Sustainability initiatives and climate revamping that the University is committed to.

The event was free of charge for students.

https://community.ajman.ac.ae/uploads/files/Winter%20Fest%202022%20Report 2.pdf

Ajman University Marks World Diabetes Day

Ajman University (AU), in association with Thumbay University Hospital and Z'NEEM Healthcare group, organized the "Walk Away from Diabetes" campaign to spread awareness about diabetes, considered one of the most common diseases in the world. AU's participation in the campaign was coordinated by our Office of Medical Services, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, and the Health and Wellness Club.



https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-marks-world-diabetes-day

Student Volunteering Opportunities with INJAZ-UAE

Ajman University played an active role in promoting volunteering opportunities in collaboration with INJAZ-UAE. The opportunity involved recruiting up to 30 volunteers from the university to contribute to the "Youth Entrepreneurs Competition" held in Dubai from October 30 to November 3, 2022. These volunteers took on various responsibilities, including acting as leaders and chaperones for fully managed teams of participants from more than 13 countries.



https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/volunteering-opportunities-with-injaz-uae

Ajman University Conducts Seminar on Breast Cancer Awareness

As part of its ongoing efforts to extend breast cancer awareness among community members, Ajman University (AU), in collaboration with Amina Hospital, held a seminar on campus under the theme "Early Detection for Your Protection." The seminar organized by AU's Office of Medical Services, Office of Student Life, Athletics Unit, and the Office of Environmental Health and Safety as part of Pink October



Awareness Month was aimed at imparting knowledge to students, faculty, and staff members on how to combat the disease.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-conducts-seminar-on-breast-cancer-awareness

AU participates in the 'Clean UAE' Campaign in its 21st Edition.

The Office of Sustainability and Office of Community Engagement at Ajman University took part in the "Clean UAE" campaign in its 21st edition, organized by the Emirates Environmental Group. The campaign was held on December 5 on World Volunteering Day, under the patronage of the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment. The initiative aims to enhance and restore the environmental systems in the United Arab



Emirates. Ajman University's faculty, staff, and students from various colleges and disciplines participated in this notable environmental initiative in the Emirate of Ajman.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-participates-in-the-clean-uae-campaign-in-its-21st-edition

Outreach Initiatives by Innovation Centre

Idea Competition for school students' projects

AUIC conducted an idea competition for the National Charity School, incubated seven school projects, and supported them in building the prototype—idea Competition participation from the National Charity School.

https://auic.ajman.ac.ae/community-engagements/





AUIC Engineer honored by Ajman Police for developing and inventing intelligent bridge testing as the first stage of intelligent driving testing

The Ajman Police General Headquarters has launched the first phase of the system, which covers driving and parking on bridges. The smart system will cover more aspects of driving tests in the following stages. The Head of the Vehicle Licensing Department at the Vehicles and Drivers Licensing Department of Ajman Police said Ajman Police seeks to implement intelligent and integrated solutions in all driving test vehicles.

Eng. developed the Smart Cameras or Smart Bridge on driving vehicle projects—Mohamed Baloola from Ajman University.



https://gulfnews.com/uae/watch-ajman-uses-smart-cameras-to-test-driving-skills-of-driving-license-applicants-1.83844163

AUIC conducted an "AI and Innovation for Justice Workshop" for Ajman Court's judges and staff during UAE Innovation Month in February 2022

The workshop was prepared and presented by the Deputy Director of the AUIC. The lecture explained the difference between innovation, exploration and invention, AI advancement, and industrial revolution. The workshop demonstrated the importance of open and big data and the uses and risks of AI.



Webinar about Social Innovation to improve services for the Disabled at Sharjah City for Humanitarian

Services by AUIC

The symposium also aimed to introduce the concept of social innovation and its tools and how people can harness it to meet the societal challenges facing persons with disabilities in moving towards comprehensive empowerment and full representation, in addition to spreading the culture of social innovation at all levels and highlighting the advanced tools and methodologies used in this field, both regionally and internationally.

https://www.schs.ae/en/news-detail/schs-urges-social-innovation-and-improving-quality-services-provided-people-disabilities



Session on "Ideation and Innovation" for community students

AUIC Director held a session about ideation for the National Charity School to explain what ideation and innovation mean. This motivates students with ideas to take part in the upcoming competitions. Ideation Workshop for National Charity School Students from Grades 4 to 7 in October 2022.

https://auic.ajman.ac.ae/community-engagements/



Outreach Initiatives by Student Life

AU students celebrate the Spirit of UAE through brilliant artworks displayed at Ajman City Center.

On the occasion of the UAE's 51st National Day Celebrations, Ajman University, in collaboration with the management of Ajman City Centre Mall, organized an exhibition of Fine Arts. On behalf of AU, the initiative was jointly coordinated by AU's Fine Arts Center in the Office of Student Life and the Women's Empowerment Council.

The initiative was part of the "Year of Excellence and Priority" competition launched by the



Ajman City Centre to encourage talented students to present and display their artistic works and creativity. https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-students-celebrate-the-spirit-of-uae-through-brilliant-art-works-displayed-at-ajman-city-center

AU Students Organize 'Reading is Life' Initiative for School Students

The Excellence Club in the Office of Student Life organized an initiative entitled Reading is Life to encourage school students to read. The event, which coincided with the Month of Reading, aimed to increase students' awareness of the importance of reading and develop their reading skills.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/au-students-organize-reading-is-life-initiative-for-school-students





Outreach Initiatives by Environment Health and Safety

Green Campus Initiative by Ajman University Students Holds Promise for a Sustainable Future

In line with UAE's Green Agenda and United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*, the Sustainable Campus initiative was launched as a green platform run by AU Youth driven towards a robust discussion and idea sharing for a sustainable future. Over 20 bright students from the College of Engineering and IT, College of Dentistry, and College of Business Administration shared their remarkable ideas to make the AU campus greener.



https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/green-campus-initiative-by-ajman-university-students-holds-promise-for-a-sustainable-future

Ajman University Students and Faculty Emerge as Proud Winners in the First Edition of the Ajman Sustainability Awards

Ajman University College of Architecture student, along with his supervisor and faculty, won the Humaid Bin Rashid International Award for Sustainability in its very first edition. They designed a prototype of a sustainable school entitled Al Zorah Green School in Ajman, adjudged as one of the two best sustainable school designs by the awarding committee, thereby winning second place in the competition.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajmanuniversity-student-and-faculty-emerge-as-proudwinners-in-first-edition-of-ajman-sustainability-awards

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AU students commit to reverse Biodiversity decline through worldwide nature-positive alliances

AU proudly joined the Nature Positive Universities Alliance, launched at the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) on December 8th, 2022, in Montreal, Canada.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajmanuniversity-commits-to-reverse-biodiversity-declinethrough-worldwide-nature-positive-alliances



4.3.5. Policy that ensures the access to all Community

Lifelong Learning Policy

Ajman University (AU) has a Lifelong Learning Access Policy that supports activities to promote lifelong learning through the Centre of Continuing Education and Enterprises (CCEE), Office of Career Services, Office of Community Engagement, Teaching and Learning Center, and the Office of Human Resources. This policy ensures that no students, alums, employees, or members of the external community are deprived of lifelong learning



opportunities based on ethnicity, religion, disability, immigration status, gender, or other considerations.

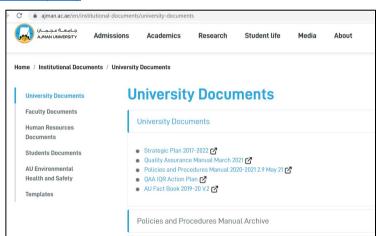
The Lifelong Learning Access Policy is published online under CCCE public page and also in the Policies and Procedures Manual (PPM), which can be accessed using AU credentials.

Lifelong Learning Policy:

https://cec.ajman.ac.ae/en/lifelong-learning-access-policy

Policy and Procedure manual on AU website: Login credentials required for access

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/institutional-documents/university-documents



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy

Ajman University (AU) adopts an environment that fosters diversity, equity, and inclusion, following its principles, mission, and core values. The University is fully aware of its responsibility towards the increasing diversity in society through its programs and practices and to contribute to the public good. One of its core values, in particular, confirms the commitment of AU to diversity, equity, and inclusion. This is also by the laws of the United Arab Emirates that ban discrimination and hostility based on caste, religion, or ethnic background. In addition, there are rules protecting the rights of self-reliant individuals (those with special needs) and legislation requiring equal rights for women. Moreover, tolerance is celebrated in the UAE as there is a Ministry of Tolerance and Coexistence. As such, AU recognizes and acknowledges its responsibility in ensuring the provision of equal opportunity under UAE legislation.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/upload/files/oipe/Diversity Equity and Inclusion Policy.pdf



To ensure the implementation of the Lifelong learning policy to be from any influence or Bias, AU established the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee that includes, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. Explicitly define AU goals for diversity, equity, and inclusion and present them to the Chancellor for approval.
- 2. In coordination with OIPE, develop policies and procedures to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion at AU.
- 3. Identify the role of different units at AU to implement these policies and procedures and define their specific KPIs for assessment and continuous improvement.
- 4. Periodically monitor the implementation of these policies and procedures to ensure that the specified AU goals are met.
- 5. Submit an annual report on the achievement of the DEI Committee that also includes recommendations for further improvement.
- 6. Perform any other tasks that would enhance the effectiveness of the DEI Committee in achieving the specified goals.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/upload/files/about/DEI_Strategic_Plan_2022-2027_ST_KS-Approved_and_Published.pdf

Student Awareness Sessions on Inclusion

Education is recognized as the cornerstone based on which most sustainable development goals can be achieved, as per the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 adopted by the international community in September 2015. Sustainable Development Goal 4 of the agenda aims to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all" by 2030.

On International Education Day, Ajman University reiterated its pledge to provide opportunities for inclusive, equitable, and quality education to all and urges everyone to do their bit towards this noble goal.

https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2021/reaffirming-our-pledge-of-inclusive-education-on-international-education-day.