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The Faculty of Information Technology at BZU concluded the first course in its fifth International IT Summer School. [More...](#)

#### Electrical Engineering Department Holds Two Lectures

On 25 August 2012, the Electrical Engineering Department at BZU hosted two lectures. The first lecture was titled: "Investigation of Mode Conversion in a Corrugated Circular Waveguide with Conducting Wall," delivered by Ms. Nadiyah Saba'neh. The second lecture was titled: "Vector Control of AC Machines," delivered by Mr. Hakam Shehadeh. [More...](#)

#### Faculty of Information Technology Holds Lecture

On 22 August 2012, the Faculty of Information Technology at BZU held a lecture titled: "Natural Language Questions for the Web of Data," delivered by Mr. Mohamed Yahya [More...](#)

#### Seminar on "Contemporary Investment Topics – Link Theory to Practice"

The main idea of Shireen's research is that the nano-scale iron is one of the most prominent aspects of environmental

## Highlights

### BZU Community Mourns the Loss of Dr. Gabi Baramki

Birzeit University community mourns the death of Dr. Gabi Baramki, one of its most distinguished members, who passed away on Thursday August 30, 2012, after a lifetime of unstinting, selfless service to University and country.

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### Ibn Sina School for Computer Science Concludes Summer School

On 17 July 2012, the Ibn Sina School for Computer Science concluded the first phase of its three-year summer school project, hosted by the Faculty of Information Technology at BZU. [More...](#)

### BZU Ranks First in Zuhair Hijjawi Competition

The BZU chemistry student Shireen Tareq Zeidani ranked first among the undergraduate student contestants from Palestinian universities in the Engineer Zuhair Hijjawi Competition 2012 for basic sciences- one of the three themes of the competition [More...](#)



### BZU Faculty Ibrahim Makkawi is Selected for International Alumni Award

Dr. Ibrahim Makkawi, Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department at BZU, was selected as the 2012 International Alumni Award recipient for Kent State University's College of Education, Health and Human Services Third Annual Hall of Fame Awards [More...](#)

## International Cooperation

### Participation in Workshop at Technical University of Berlin

Birzeit University, represented by Dr. Afif Hasan, Faculty of Engineering Dean, and Dr. Ahmed Abu Hanieh, Mechanical Engineering faculty member, participated in a workshop entitled: "German-Palestinian Cooperation for Sustainable Development."

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### Palestinian-Italian Academic Cooperation

As part of the Palestinian-Italian universities project "Enhancement of the Palestinian University System," the regular meeting of the Coordinating Committee was held at the BZU Center for Continuing Education on 5 July 2012. [More...](#)

nanotechnology. Shireen's research is part of a BZU-funded project, supervised by BZU Chemistry Professor, Dr. Talal Shahwan. [More...](#)

## Students Affairs

### BZU Ranks First in "Waves of Joy" Contest

On 27 June 2012, in recognition of its excellence in voluntary work, BZU ranked first in the Arab universities contest, "Waves of Joy." This contest was organized by the National Beverage Company in cooperation with IINJAZ Palestine[1]. [More...](#)

## Publications

### Social Text Periscope Publishes Essay by Magid Shihade

Birzeit University is pleased to announce the online publication of the essay entitled "The Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel: Unsettling Exceptionalisms," by Dr. Magid Shihade in the journal Social Text. The journal has also published essays related to an academic delegation's visit to Palestine, including to Birzeit University, in January 2012. [More...](#)

## Sports, Art & Cultural Activities

### BZU Hosts Researcher Dan Walsh

The BZU Museum in cooperation with the Municipality of Ramallah and the Palestinian American Research Center (PARC) hosted American Researcher Dan Walsh on 23 June 2012. Walsh gave a lecture entitled: "[More...](#)

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## Cooperation Agreements

### Austrian Development Cooperation and BZU Architectural Engineering Department Sign Agreement

The Architectural Engineering Department at BZU in partnership with Graz University of Technology signed a cooperation agreement with the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) for the project "Capacity Building for Rural Development in the Palestinian Territory." [More...](#)

### BZU Signs Memorandum of Understanding with GIZ

Represented by the Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Adnan Yahya, the BZU Department of Architectural Engineering signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) on 30 June 2012. [More...](#)



## Academic Affairs

### Executive Education Program

The BZU Faculty of Commerce and Economics recently launched the Executive Education Program, which will offer a series of courses to MBA students and managers working in the private sector and other institutions. [More...](#)



### Accreditation of Dr. Pharmacist Program

The "Dr. Pharmacist, Pharm. D" Program at BZU is now accredited by the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission at the Palestinian Ministry of Higher Education. This comes two years after receiving conditional approval for the Program. [More...](#)

## Legal Affairs

### Training on International Arbitration Law

On 14 July 2012, the Institute of Law (IoL) at Birzeit University (BZU) held a training workshop on "International Arbitration Law and Procedures and Skills for Participating in other International Arbitrations." [More...](#)

### Institute of Law Delegation Visits Family Courts in Hebron

As part of the activities of the Family Law Court Judgments Database, a project implemented by the Institute of Law (IoL) at Birzeit University in cooperation with the High Council of Family Courts, a delegation from the IoL visited the family courts in the Hebron governorate on 16 July 2012. [More...](#)



## Community Outreach

### **BZU Organizes First National Conference on e-Governance and e-Services**

Under the auspices of Prime Minister Dr. Salam Fayyad, the Sina Institute for Knowledge Engineering and Arab Technologies at BZU held the First National Conference on e-Governance and e-Services on 27 June 2012. [More...](#)

### **Seminar on Women's Participation in the Elections**

As part of the project "Voice of the Palestinian Youth," the Deanship of Student Affairs at BZU in collaboration with the Central Elections Commission held a seminar entitled: "Women's Participation in the Elections" on 4 June 2012. [More...](#)

### **BZU Media Development Center Launches Media National Strategy Project**

On Wednesday 4 July 2012, the BZU Media Development Center (MDC) launched the Palestinian Media National Strategy during a ceremony with the participation of their Strategy partners [More...](#)



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