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## BZU is the Top Palestinian University

According to International University Education Quality Standard



The BZU President Dr. Khalil Hindi announced that BZU is the top Palestinian university according to International University Education Quality Standards. This came at a press conference held on 25 Sept. 2012, attended by a number of news agencies, writers and journalists.

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## Cooperation Agreements

Cooperation Agreement with Tunis El-Manar University



On 27 August 2012, BZU President, Dr. Khalil Hindi, signed a framework cooperation agreement with

## Newsletter

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### Highlights

#### 37th Cohort of Summer School Graduates

On 15 September 2012, BZU celebrated the graduation of the 37th cohort of summer school graduates. The ceremony was attended by BZU President, Dr. Khalil Hindi, and members of the BZU Board of Trustees, as well as graduates and their parents [More...](#)



#### First Ever Joint MSc in Software Engineering in Palestine

The BZU Faculty of Information Technology recently obtained approval from the EU "TEMPUS" Program\* to implement a three-year project entitled "Joint MSc in Software Engineering." [More...](#)

#### BZU Human Resources Director Earns Membership in Society for HR Management

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), one of the world's largest associations devoted to human resource management, offered the Director of Human Resources Department at BZU, Farid Irshaid, a certificate of membership [More...](#)

#### BZU Ranks Second in Beirut Human Rights Moot Court Competition

On 21-23 September 2012, a BZU student team took part in the 2012 Human Rights Moot Court Competition, organized by the Arab Academic Human Rights Network (AAHRN). Upon the conclusion of the competition, AAHRN announced that the BZU team won second place in the oral argument round. Law students from Morocco, Lebanon and Jordan also participated in the Moot Court Competition. [More...](#)

### Regional/International Cooperation

#### Workshop on Librarianship and Human Rights in the Arab World

The Institute of Law at BZU participated in a workshop on Librarianship and Human Rights in the Arab World organized by the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the Arab Academic Human Rights Network (AAHRN) through its partnership with the University of Jordan [More...](#)



### Community Outreach

#### BZU and Arab Islamic Bank Establish "Charity Fund"

On 3 September 2012, Birzeit University and the Arab Islamic Bank (AIB) signed an agreement to establish a "Charity Fund" for education. The Fund's resources are largely drawn from Islamic zakat\*, endowments and donations, all of which are directed at supporting BZU students in financial need and also at covering specific academic development grants. [More...](#)

the University of Tunis El Manar [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 [More...](#)

### Professor Rita Giacaman Presents Findings of Research on Public Health in Palestine

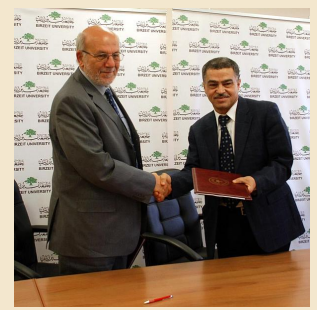
In its 8 October 2012 online issue, The Lancet, a United Kingdom-based medical journal, published an article entitled: "Palestinian Health—Science for Accountability." The article highlights the research carried out recently on the health status of the Palestinian people, including refugees living in Lebanon, the West Bank and Gaza Strip [More...](#)

### Dr. Grace Khoury Co-Authors Book on Palestinian Executive

Recently published by Gower Publishing Company in the UK, "The Palestinian Executive: Leadership under Challenging Conditions" was co authored by Grace C. Khoury and Farid A. Muna. Khoury, who is a faculty member at the Business Administration and Marketing Department, is also Director of BZU's MBA program. [More...](#)

## Sports, Art & Cultural Activities

### BZU Museum Opens Framed / Unframed



### Faculty of Engineering Signs MoU with the German University "Duisburg-Essen"

The Faculty of Engineering Dean Dr. Afif Hasan and Professor Alexander Schmidt, Director of the "Joint Center Urban Systems" at the German University Duisburg-Essen signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 24 September 2012. The MoU aims to promote joint cooperation in architectural engineering and urban planning. [More...](#)



## Academic & Students Activities

### "PAS" Students in the First Semester

Students of The Palestine and Arabic Studies (PAS) Program at Birzeit University (BZU) actively participated in athletics, cultural events, and community service of the first semester of the 2012-13 academic year. The women's football team of PAS won the cup of the open day program in the university after competing in a match that was attended by hundreds of enthusiastic students. (The men's team didn't secure first place like the women's team, but they participated as well.) [More...](#)

### Lecture on "Recognition System for Text Printed on Clear Reflected Material"

On 2 October 2012, the BZU Faculty of Information Technology held a lecture titled: "Recognition System for Text Printed on Clear Reflected Material," delivered by Dr. Khader Mohammad\*. [More...](#)

### Student Zein Dakkak Represents BZU and Palestine in "Dubai Summer Surprises 2012"

BZU student Zein Dakkak was selected as the sole representative of Palestine for a two-week internship opportunity in the Dubai Summer Surprises (DSS) Apprenticeship Initiative. [More...](#)



### BZU Graduate Excels in the Stars of Science Competition Program at MBC4

The BZU graduate Eng. Ahmed Ramahi moved to the second stage in the Stars of Science Program - Competition Series 4 on MBC4. [More...](#)

### Workshop on: "Gaza's Tunnel Economy: Dependence or Independence?"

The Ibrahim Abu-Lughod Institute of International Studies (IALIIS) at BZU held a workshop entitled: "Gaza's Tunnel Economy: Dependence or Independence?" The workshop is the fifth and last one of workshop series on "Political Economy of Dependence and Independence in Palestine." [More...](#)

### Faculty of Engineering Organizes Cooperative Education Program Orientation

On 18 September 2012, the BZU Faculty of Engineering organized a cooperative education (CO-OP) program orientation. The event was attended by the Faculty of Engineering Dean Dr. Afif Hasan, Head of the Coop Technical Committee Dr. Omar

## Exhibition – Second Edition



On 4 September 2012, the Birzeit University Museum opened the Framed / Unframed Exhibition – Second Edition under the title “The Changing Representations of Women in Palestinian Art Practice” at An-Najah National University. The exhibition is held with the participation of the Institute of Women's Studies at BZU, in collaboration with the Faculty of Fine Arts at An-Najah University and is curated by Vera Tamari and Inass Yassin [More...](#)

## Kamal Shamsoum's Book Launch Ceremony



On 1 October 2012, BZU launched a book that reviews the history of physical education in BZU, titled: "45 years...Kamal Shamsoum and his life long career at Birzeit University College." This book covers all aspects of sports at BZU, formerly Birzeit College, along with Kamal Shamsoum's long memories with thousands of his students. [More...](#)

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## New Course on “Planning in Palestine: Link between Theory and Practice”

Based on a cooperation agreement with the German Agency for International Cooperation, (GIZ), the Architectural Engineering Department at BZU has introduced a new course titled: "Planning in Palestine: Link between Theory and Practice. [More...](#)

## Institute of Law Concludes Specialized Training Course

As part of the project “Curricula Development and Training of Judges, Prosecutors, Lawyers and Local Government Staff,” the Institute of Law (IoL) at BZU concluded on 30 August 2012 a course on “Promoting Local Government Staff’s Effective Training and Communication Skills to Integrate Gender Issues in Local Government Functions.” The training targeted staff members of Local Government Units (LGUs) in West Bank governorates. [More...](#)



## Conference on “Nutrition-Related Chronic Diseases”

On 15-16 September 2012, the Institute of Community and Public Health (ICPH) at BZU participated in a conference on “Nutrition-Related Chronic Diseases,” attended by Palestinian and visiting experts. The conference was organized by the Juzoor Foundation for Health and Social Development at the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in al-Bireh. [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...](#)

## Visits

### New British Council Director Visits Birzeit University

On Thursday 11 October 2012, the new British Council Director, Mr. Alan Smart, visited Birzeit University (BZU). He met with the President, Dr. Khalil Hindi, and Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Henry Giacaman, and Ms. Dolly Kaibni-Nammour, External Academic Relations Officer. [More...](#)

### Irish Academic Delegation Visits BZU

On 18 September 2012, an Irish academic delegation visited BZU to discuss spheres of cooperation between BZU and Irish academic institutions of higher education. Members of the delegation came from Trinity College Dublin, Dublin Institute of Technology, Dublin City University and Ballyfermot College of Further Education [More...](#)



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