

Yarmouk University also abbreviated **YU** is a public university in Irbid in northern Jordan. It was established by a Royal Decree in 1976. Since then, it has witnessed a great progress.

YU is considered the first Higher Education Establishment known for its innovative trends in administrating establishments, developing human resources, and pursuing excellence in teaching, and research in various fields of arts and social and natural sciences.

Antiquities in Irbid

Irbid (Arabic: إربد), known in ancient times as **Arabella** or **Arbela**, is the capital and largest city of the Irbid Governorate. It also has the second largest metropolitan population in Jordan after Amman, with a population of around 660,000, and is located about 90 km to the north of Amman

Umm Qais (Arabic: أم قيس, also transliterated as Umm Qays) is a well-known historical town in northern part of Jordan near the site of the ancient town of Gadara. It is situated in the extreme north-west of the country, where the borders of Jordan and Syria meet, perched on a hilltop (378 metres above sea level), overlooking the sea of Tiberias, the Golan heights and the Yarmouk gorge. Umm Qais is part of Jordan's Irbid Governorate and belongs to famous for its Roman and Greek building, columns and theaters.

Languages Center

It was established by a Royal Decree in 1979. It is an Independent Academic Unit linked with the university presidency and has its own laws and regulations..

The Center Programs

- English Language Requirements Program
 - A. English Language Requirements for undergraduate students, including:
 - Eng 099/ English Language Skills/ Remedial
 - Eng. 101/ English Language Skills(2).
 - B. English Language Requirements for Graduate Students(Master's and Doctorate's), including:
 - Eng. 402A/ Level 1
 - Eng. 403A/ Level 2

- Arabic for Non- Native Speakers Program.
Since 1984, the Language Center has been responsible for preparing and carrying out Arabic Programs for non- native speakers according to international agreements signed with academic international public universities and centers. Among these programs:
 - CET Program
 - Arizona Program
 - Connecticut Program
 - Virginia Program
 - Bridge Water Program
 - Cochekan Program
 - Mississippi Program

the Students are given various levels in Arabic in which they study the four skills of the language in addition to the grammar and culture of the Arabic language..

At the end of the program, students are given certificates and transcripts that show their performance.

The center also organizes various scientific and leisure trips to different touristic and cultural sights in Jordan.

Faculty Members

Distinguished instructors (holding ph.D.. or MA) teach(both programs).
at the language center.

Future Prospects

- Developing the language programs for non- native speakers.
- Offering a Master's program in Arabic as a Foreign Language.
- Establishing language labs. equipped with modern instructional programs.
- Awarding scholarships to BA students to pursue graduate studies.
- Signing more agreements with foreign universities.

Achievements

- Designing English Programs for university requirements.
- Computerizing all exams of English Language Courses.
- Supervising the Local TOEFL test in cooperation with the AMIDEAST for Graduate Students.
- Carrying out the National English Language test in cooperation with the Ministry of Higher Education for graduate students.

- Carrying out the French test (DELF) in cooperation with ETS.
- Signing various agreements with foreign universities regarding teaching Arabic for non- native speakers.

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