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American University of Iraq, Sulaimani, and the University of Arizona, USA, Establish Visionary Partnership to Serve Students in Iraq

Students in Iraq can forge a path toward a U.S. degree while staying safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SULAIMANI, IRAQ—The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, USA, and American University of Iraq, Sulaimani, (AUIS) are pleased to announce a Global Campus partnership to help students earn a U.S. degree without leaving their home country during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Not only does Global Campus help solve the mobility challenges of today caused by COVID-19, it is a meaningful and long-term effort at meeting the UN Sustainable Development Goal of providing accessible quality education to the world,” said University of Arizona President Robert C. Robbins.

Given travel restrictions, school delays and visa moratoriums, AUIS has created flexible, affordable options with the University of Arizona to allow students in Iraq to earn a full U.S. degree – or U.S. transfer credits – with full access to the AUIS campus.

“AUIS welcomes this innovative expansion of our academic collaboration with the University of Arizona, at a time when the world needs new approaches to meet the learning needs of an entire generation of students,” said AUIS President Bruce Walker Ferguson.

Students can choose from two new options:

- Complete a full U.S. undergraduate degree, graduate degree, or graduate certificate online with complete access to the AUIS campus.
- Enroll in a pathway program of online courses to prepare for virtually any major and for eventual study in the U.S.

Both programs include in-person tutoring and academic support, as well as access to AUIS computer labs and study areas. Clubs and community activities are also included through AUIS.

These new options, offered in partnership with the University of Arizona, are in addition to a microcampus dual degree program launched earlier this year, whereby students in Iraq may enroll at both institutions simultaneously to pursue dual bachelor's degrees in civil engineering or mechanical engineering.

A new website, everywhere.arizona.edu, presents students with flexible degree path options and guides them to an adviser who can help create a customized plan.

"The events that caused the current situation in international education have hastened the dawn of a new post-mobility world in which physical travel is unnecessary for the creation and transmission of knowledge across borders," said Brent White, vice provost of global affairs at Arizona.

"Almost overnight, courses have transitioned to online, and international students are continuing to study while remaining safe at home in their own countries. We want to help them achieve their dreams of a U.S. degree, no matter the circumstances."

American University of Iraq, Sulaimani

AUIS is the first non-government, not-for-profit, American-style university in Iraq. It is also the first non-governmental university in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region to be accredited by both the Federal Government of Iraq and the Kurdistan Regional Government and the only university in Iraq to be a certified member of the Association of American International Colleges and Universities (AAICU). Consistently ranked among the top universities in the Kurdistan Region, AUIS welcomes students, 38% of whom are women, from diverse communities throughout Iraq and the Kurdistan Region.

University of Arizona

The University of Arizona is a top-ranked public, research university in Tucson, Arizona, USA, and is classified as a **Carnegie Foundation** Research 1 institution. It is ranked in the Top 100 Best Global Universities by U.S News and World Report. The University of Arizona is known for advancing frontiers of interdisciplinary scholarship and entrepreneurial partnerships as a member of the Association of American Universities, the 62 leading public and private research universities in the U.S. The University has been a part of every planetary mission with NASA and is the fourth most awarded public university by **NASA** for research.

- Top 20 U.S. Public Research Institutions – Times Higher Education
- Top 1% of 20'000+ universities worldwide – Center for World University Rankings
- Top 100 in the world – U.S. News and World Report, Best Global Universities.
- #11 Online Bachelor's Program – U.S. News and World Report