

Vision, Mission, and Objectives of Department of Archaeology according to Bologna Process for the Academic Year 2025-2026

Vision:

Department of Archaeology, with its two branches (Ancient and Islamic), strives to achieve academic and research leadership locally and regionally by adopting a student-centered academic program and educational model. This involves creating an innovative educational and research environment aligned with the outcomes and standards of the European Higher Education System (Bologna Process). The department is committed to providing applied education and training that adheres to the highest standards of quality, digital transformation, and academic work to develop the department and achieve its vision of becoming one of the leading departments in College of Archaeology in education, training, and scientific research at both the local and regional levels. The department also aims to raise the level of educational outcomes and empower graduates to acquire competitive knowledge and skills that meet the demands of a sustainable job market and contribute to the preservation of human heritage.

Mission:

Department of Archaeology, with its two branches, is committed to providing distinguished academic programs and building an interactive educational and research environment based on clear learning outcomes aligned with the modern educational system. It aims to empower students to acquire critical thinking and applied field research skills in the fields of ancient languages, excavation, and the conservation and restoration of antiquities. This ensures bridging the gap between academic education and the needs of the labor market, while also strengthening community partnerships and raising archaeological awareness of the importance of cultural and human heritage and its protection as a fundamental pillar of sustainable human development. Furthermore, it promotes innovative scientific research and cultural activities, striving to prepare qualified graduates and researchers to meet the demands of the labor market and contribute effectively to human development.

Objectives:

- The revised objectives of the Department of Archaeology (according to Bologna Process) are based on the following:

1- To develop specialized and competitive talent for the job market and prepare graduates who are scientifically and technically qualified in the fields of archaeology (ancient and Islamic), possessing the necessary practical and field skills for excavation, conservation, and the management of museums and archaeological sites, thus meeting the actual needs of a sustainable job market in accordance with modern academic and professional standards.

2- To enhance the fields of scientific research and critical thinking, and to develop students' scientific and research capabilities by training them in scientific research methodologies and critical, analytical, comparative, and deductive reasoning skills. This will strengthen their ability to address archaeological and heritage problems in a sound scientific manner, and equip them with the tools of rigorous academic research, cuneiform text interpretation, and archaeological investigation, thus qualifying them to pursue postgraduate studies and contribute to knowledge innovation in the field of archaeology.

1. Integrating modern technologies and digital transformation into archaeological practices by equipping students with the latest digital and technological skills used globally in documenting, analyzing, and preserving cultural heritage (such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS), 3D digital documentation, and artificial intelligence techniques for digitizing antiquities and heritage), in line with international quality standards and keeping pace with global scientific developments in the field of archaeology.

2. Enhancing applied learning and field training by involving students in field projects, scientific field visits, and laboratory applications, ensuring they acquire

the professional competencies and practical skills relevant to the job market in the archaeology and cultural and human heritage sector.

3. Preparing graduates capable of pursuing postgraduate studies, continuing education, and contributing to scientific research and knowledge production in the fields of archaeology and cultural heritage, thus supporting academic and professional development.

4. Raising community awareness of the importance of antiquities, protecting cultural heritage, and highlighting its value as a fundamental element in sustainable economic and human development, and leading cultural initiatives and activities aimed at consolidating the importance of protecting antiquities and preserving cultural heritage as an essential part of national and human identity.

5. Strategic partnerships and community service, activating the department's role as a consultative body and source of expertise for local and regional institutions, and providing academic and practical solutions to the problems facing the antiquities, tourism, and heritage sector.

6. Serving the community and strengthening community partnerships by providing scientific consultations and specialized expertise, and participating in cultural and awareness-raising activities, based on the university's role in sustainable development and preserving cultural identity.

7. Promoting the values of teamwork, professional ethics, and academic responsibility among students, contributing to the preparation of graduates who possess professional competence and commitment to scientific and human values.

8. Aligning learning outcomes with the requirements of quality and academic accreditation according to the principles of the Bologna Process, ensuring improved quality of education and the integration of knowledge, skills, and professional competencies for graduates.