



# **Graduate Studies Guide**

# Department of History, College of Arts, University of Mosul



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#### Introduction

One of the problems facing most graduate applicants is their lack of knowledge of the details and nature of graduate studies in various departments and colleges. Each year, applicants receive numerous inquiries and inquiries about the nature of graduate studies and the application process.

To this end, Professor Mahmoud Saleh Saeed, a lecturer in the History Department at the College of Arts, was commissioned to write a booklet serving as a guide to the graduate studies system in the department. This decision was based on his extensive experience in the field, having served for several years as the head of graduate studies and as a member of the department's scientific committee. He is also the author of *A Guide to Theses and Dissertations*, a book that explores graduate studies in the History Department from its establishment in the College of Arts to the present day.

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He was actually able to complete this guide more quickly than usual, presenting the essential topics of interest to applicants for postgraduate studies. The guide includes a brief overview of the History Department at the Faculty of Arts, the origins of postgraduate studies in the department, and the subjects taught at the master's and doctoral levels in the fields of classical and modern history, as well as in the specialization of ancient history.

As for the ancient history area, studies were suspended due to the lack of teaching staff in this field after the Department of Archaeology was separated from the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Archaeology was established in the year (2008-2009) and the transfer of most of the lecturers in the specialization of ancient history from the Faculty of Arts to the Faculty of Archaeology. We are now in the process of resuming studies in this specialization after the completion of the quota for the academic titles required of the lecturers. This guide contains detailed information about the competitive examination materials for applicants for postgraduate studies, application mechanism, the course system preparatory year, examinations, the method of calculating semester and final grades, how to choose a thesis topic, choose a supervisor, and then how to determine the members of the discussion committee.

This guide is truly a roadmap for those who are unaware of the nature of postgraduate studies in the Department of History, as it eliminates the need for reviews and inquiries. Whoever reads it will have a complete understanding of the mechanism for applying and being accepted into postgraduate studies. In

conclusion, we can only offer our sincere thanks to Professor Dr. Mahmoud SalehSaeed for the great effort he has put into completing this important work.

#### God is the Grantor of success

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## First: An overview of the History Department

The Department of History is one of the first academic departments in the College of Arts, which was established in 1966. The College of Arts was one of the first colleges to open its doors to human studies, as it was called: College of Human

Studies, on September 29, 1966 AD. The college was affiliated with the University of Baghdad until the end of 1967. The Department of History was one of the four departments of the college from which the College of Arts was established: History, Arabic Language, European Languages, and Economics, The department remained in operation after the independence of the University of Mosul in 1967, and is still open for study.

The History Department did not have a president when it was founded in 1966. The Dean of the College, Dr. Abdel MoneimRashad, took over the duties of the presidency of the department, given that his specialization was history. This continued for a year, then Dr. Amer Suleiman took over the presidency of the department in 1967, followed by Dr. Mufid Muhammad Nouri in 1969, then Dr. Khader Al-Douri in 1973, then Dr. Tawfig Sultan Al-Yuzbaki. The presidency of the department was also taken over by an elite group of professors from the department, including Dr. Ragheb Al-Bakr and Dr. NatiqSalehMatloub,Dr. Muhammad Ali Dahesh. Dr. IsmatBurhan Al-Din, Sultan Jabr Dr. Sultan, Dr. SuhailaMajeed Ahmed. The department is currently headed by Professor Dr. Mahmoud SalehSaeed since 2024.

# Second: The administrative body of the department:

The department consists of an administrative body consisting of:

**Head of Department:** Professor Dr. Mahmoud SalehSaeed, PhD from the University of Mosul, College of Arts, 2008.

**Department Rapporteur:** Assistant Professor Dr. AmmarManhal Muhammad, PhD from the University of Mosul, College of Arts, 2021.

# **Department Council members**

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1	Prof. Dr. Mahmoud SalehSaeed	Chairman
2	Prof. Dr. AmmarManhal Mohammed	Rapporteur
3	Prof. Dr. Nasser Abdul Razzaq Al-MullaJassim	Member
4	Prof. Dr. ZakirMohiuddin Abdullah	Member
5	Prof. Dr. Nayef Mohammed Shabib	Member
6	Prof. Dr. SuhailaMajeed Ahmed	Member
7	Prof. Dr. Ayad Ali Yassin	Member
8	Prof. Dr. Bashar AkramJameel	Member
9	Prof. Dr. Abdul Qader Ahmed Younis	Member
10	Prof. Dr. Omar Ahmed Saeed	Member
11	Prof. Dr. Lama Abdel Aziz Mustafa	Member
12	Assistant Professor Sultan Jabr Sultan	Member
13	Assistant Professor Rabha Mohammed Khadir	Member
14	Assistant Professor Hashem Abdul RazzaqSaleh	Member
15	Prof. Dr. Raed Mohammed Hamed	Member
16	Assistant Professor Wijdan Abdul JabbarHamdi	Member
17	Asst. Prof. Dr. Aida Mohammed Obaid	Member
18	Asst. Prof. Dr. MuhannadNafie Al-Khattab	Member
19	Asst. Prof. Dr. Mohammed Ali Saleh	Member

20	Asst. Prof. Dr. SafwanNazimDaoud	Member
21	Asst. Prof. Dr. ImadKamelMarai	Member
22	Asst. Prof. Dr. Hatem Fahd Hano	Member
23	Dr. Salem Abdul Ali Kanhash	Member

## Third: The teaching staff in the department

The History Department, at the time of issuing this guide, consists of 65 male and female faculty members holding academic titles: 23 professors, 25 assistant professors, 15 lecturers, and 2 assistant lecturers. They are responsible for teaching history–related subjects in the department and outside the department, in addition to the participation of some of their faculty members in promotion committees at the university presidency and in the college, and for teaching authority at the university presidency. And editorial membership in some peer–reviewed scientific journals, the Union of Arab Historians, the Academics Syndicate, the Teachers Syndicate, and other tasks, which are as follows:

sequn	Names	Scientific	Subspecialization
ces		rank	
1	Prof. Dr. Mahmoud SalehSaeed	Professor	Modern Arab Nation
2	Prof. Dr. Nasser Abdul Razzaq Al-MullaJassim	Professor	Orientalism
3	Prof. Dr. ZakirMohiuddin Abdullah	Professor	Contemporary Arab World
4	Prof. Dr. Bashar AkramJameel	Professor	Africa

5	Prof. Dr. Ayad Ali Yassin	Professor	Europe
6	Prof. Dr. SaadTawfiq Aziz	Professor	Contemporary Arab World
7	Prof. Dr. SuhailaMajeed Ahmed	Professor	Ancient Iraq
8	Prof. Dr. Nasiba Abdul Aziz Abdullah	Professor	Ottoman
9	Prof. Dr. Nayef Mohammed Shabib	Professor	Islamic Thought
1	Prof. Dr. Abdul Qader Ahmed Younis	Professor	Islamic Civilization
11	Professor Dr. AzharHashimSheth	Professor	Ancient Iraq
12	Prof. Dr. Omar Ahmed Saeed	Professor	abbasid
13	Prof. Dr. Lama Abdul Aziz Mustafa	Professor	Modern Iraq
14	Asst. Prof. Dr. Sultan Jabr Sultan	Asst. Prof.	Late Abbasid
15	Prof. Dr. Rabha Mohammed Khudair	Professor	Contemporary Arab World
16	Prof.Dr. Hashim Abdul RazzaqSaleh	Professor	Arab Gulf
17	Dr. Aida Mohammed Obaid	Professor	Islamic Civilization
18	Dr. Raed Mohammed Hamed	Professor	Islamic Economics
19	Asst. Prof. Dr. Wajdan Abdul JabbarHamdi	Asst. Prof.	Abbasid
20	Dr. Raghad Abdul Karim Ahmed	Professor	Mongols
21	Dr. MuhannadNafie Al Khattab	Professor	Islamic Economics
22	Asst. Prof. Dr. Mohammed Ali Saleh Weiss	Asst. Prof.	Prophetic Biography
23	Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdullah Ahmed	Professor	Islamic Civilization
24	Assistant Professor Hussein YousefHazem	Asst. Prof.	Ancient Iraq
25	Prof. Dr. Mohamed Ali Mohamed Afin	Professor	Modern Arab World
26	Assistant Professor SafwanNazimDaoud	Asst. Prof.	Contemporary Arab World
27	Prof. Dr. Hatem Fahd Hano	Professor	Islamic Civilization
28	Assistant Professor Hanaa Salem Dayea	Asst. Prof.	Islamic Civilization

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29	Assistant Professor ImadKamelMarai	Asst. Prof.	Abbasid
30	Assistant Professor Mustafa Hashem Abdel Aziz	Asst. Prof.	Mongols
31	Asst. Prof. Dr. ImanGhanem Sharif	Asst. Prof.	Turkey
32	Asst. Prof. Dr. Mohammed Waleed Abdul Saleh	Asst. Prof.	Contemporary Iraq
33	Asst. Prof. Dr. Nashwan Mohammed Abdullah Jassim	Asst. Prof.	Mamluks
34	Asst. Prof. Dr. IssaFadelNazalAifan	Asst. Prof.	Contemporary Arab World
35	Asst. Prof. Dr. Saadi Mohammed Ali Kasban	Asst. Prof.	Islamic Thought
36	Asst. Prof. Dr. Mohammed Abdul Karim Ahmed	Asst. Prof.	Islamic Civilization
37	Asst. Prof. Dr. Nadia Masoud Sharif	Asst. Prof.	Contemporary Iraq
38	. Dr. Salem Abdul Ali Kanhash	Asst. Prof.	Umayyad
39	Asst. Prof. Dr. Adnan Shaaban Abdul	Asst. Prof.	Umayyad
40	Asst. Prof. Dr. SajaQahtan Mohammed	Asst. Prof.	Modern Iraq
41	Asst. Prof. Dr. Saleh Ahmed Saleh Hussein	Asst. Prof.	Islamic Maghreb
42	Asst. Prof. Dr. GhadaQahtan Hassan	Asst. Prof.	Andalusian
43	Asst. Prof. Dr. Rana Salem Mohammed	Asst. Prof.	Prophetic Biography
44	Dr. ShahmFaleh Hamid Sultan	Lecturer	Mamluks
45	Asst. Prof. Dr. Omar Faisal Mahmoud	Asst. Prof	Contemporary Arab World
46	Dr. Haitham Mahmoud YounisTayban	Lecturer	Islamic Civilization
47	Dr. Seema Faisal Mohammed	Lecturer	Abbasid
48	Asst. Prof. Dr. SajaMishal Rashid Nasser	Asst. Prof	Crusades
49	Dr. Hatem Ahmed Ismail	Lecturer	Türkiye
50	Dr. AmmarManhal Mohammed Yahya	Lecturer	United States of America
51	Dr. HaithamAkramGhani Suleiman	Lecturer	Contemporary Iraq
52	Lec. Ahmed Arhil Abbas	Lecturer	Contemporary Arab World
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53	Assist.lec. Omar DuraidDhunun	Assist.lec.	Modern History
54	Ahmed Ismail JassimAssist.lec.	Assist.lec.	Islamic History

#### Fourth: The Scientific Committee in the Department

The Scientific Committee in the Department of History performs essential tasks in the department. It sets the vision, mission and objectives of the department and sets annual plans for accepting students, especially graduate students. It also discusses the requests received by the department regarding scientific affairs and approves the registration of research for faculty members. It also sets plans for holding conferences, seminars and workshops for the department and signs forms for academic promotions for faculty members. The Scientific Committee of the Department is responsible for setting the competitive examination questions for applicants for postgraduate studies, and it also sets the comprehensive examination questions for doctoral students after they have successfully passed the two courses. This committee includes senior professors from the department with diverse and comprehensive specializations and academic titles (Professor and Assistant Professor), as there are 5 lecturers with the rank of Professor and Assistant Professor. The Scientific Committee was formed for the academic year 2024-2025 From the gentlemen whose names are listed below:

seq	Name	Position	specialty
1.	Prof. Dr. ZakirMohiuddin Abdullah	Chairman	Modern History
2.	Prof. Dr. Bashar AkramJamil	Member	Islamic History
3.	Prof. Dr. SaadTawfiq Aziz,	Member	Modern History

4.	Prof. Dr. Hussein YousefHazem	Member	Ancient History
5.	Assist.Prof.Dr. Wijdan Abdul Jabbar	Member	Islamic History

#### Fifth: The Department's Graduate Studies Committee

The Postgraduate Studies Committee was formed in the Department of History after the opening of postgraduate studies



during the academic year 1977–1978. The work of the Postgraduate Studies Committee is limited to supervising and following up on the competitive examination for applicants for postgraduate studies, conducting

personal interviews with applicants, examining their suitability for admission to postgraduate studies, participating in correcting examination books, setting grades, announcing results, and following up on the monthly reports of supervisors of postgraduate students. Following up on the progress of the competitive examination for postgraduate applicants and holding seminars for students who passed the preparatory year examinations for the purpose of recording the titles of their research projects. The Postgraduate Studies Committee for the academic year 2024–2025 AD consisted of the gentlemen whose names are listed below:

seq Name	Position	specialty
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1	Prof. Dr. Nasser Abdul	Chairman	Islamic History
	Razzaq Abdul Rahman		
2	Prof. Dr. Naseeba Abdul	Member	Modern History
	Aziz Abdullah		
3	Prof. Dr. Ayad Ali Yassin	Member	Modern History
4	Prof. Dr. Omar Ahmed	Member	Modern History
	Saeed		
5	Prof. Dr. Hashem Abdul	Member	Islamic History
	RazzaqSaleh		

Sixth: An overview of postgraduate studies in the Department of History

The Department of History is one of the oldest academic departments that grants Master's and Doctorate degrees in Iraq. The Master's degree in Islamic History was first opened in 1977–1978, i.e. within ten years of the opening of the Department of History, which reflects a solid academic activity. This was followed by the opening of the Master's degree in Modern History in the academic year 1985–1986. The following year, a doctoral program in Islamic history was opened in the academic year 1986–1987, followed by the opening of a master's degree in ancient history in the academic year 1987–1988. Then, in 1990–1991, a doctoral program in modern history was opened, and in the academic year 1992–1993, a doctoral program in ancient history was opened, thus completing the graduate studies in the Department of History.

The aim of opening postgraduate studies in the Department of History was and still is to provide graduate students with the necessary historical knowledge, to consolidate the values of citizenship and national awareness of the history of the Arab and Islamic nation and the history of the world, and to understand and absorb the political, economic, social and cultural developments that took place in Iraq and the world. The History Department is also keen to provide students with cognitive and scientific skills based on good writing of historical research and training them on how to understand, read and interpret historical texts with a logical, scientific interpretation in accordance with the data of modern science, and to sharpen the mind and train them in criticism in order to reach the historical truth, far from bias and reprehensible ideology. The Department of History also seeks, through the opening of postgraduate studies, to provide academic departments in universities as well as schools with professors specializing in historical studies who are aware of and deeply understand the nature of history and its role in the advancement of civilization and the building of a solid knowledge base in the science of history. Accordingly, the goal behind opening postgraduate studies in the Department of History and its activities is to achieve a number of objectives, including:

- Deepening students' historical knowledge, instilling a spirit of constructive criticism in reading historical texts, and instilling values of citizenship in students.
- Providing students with the necessary historical knowledge that contributes to deepening national awareness and understanding the nation's history.
- Training students to learn the scientific methodology of historical research and the principles of scientific research in the study of history, avoiding randomness and selectivity. Providing him with the necessary knowledge on how to derive correct historical knowledge and information using objective scientific methods.
- Addressing topics related to the labor market, rapid scientific developments, and linking the past and present to move forward into the future.

According to available statistics, the total number of theses and dissertations in the History Department in all specializations amounted to about (789) scientific dissertations and theses, according to the following table:

seq	specialization	Total
1	Ancient History	51
2.	Islamic History	437
3.	Modern History	301

As for master's theses and doctoral dissertations in ancient history, they amounted to (35) master's theses and (16) doctoral dissertations. As for master's theses and doctoral dissertations in Islamic history, they amounted to (278) dissertations and (159) theses. As for modern history, they amounted to (195) master's theses and (106) doctoral dissertations.

The first master's thesis in ancient history was in 1989 by researcher Abdul RahmanYounis Abdul Rahman, and the title of his thesis was: Medicine in Ancient Iraq, and it was supervised by Asst. Prof. Dr. Amer Suleiman Ibrahim, while the first doctoral dissertation in ancient history was by researcher Dr. Hussein ZaherHamoud in 1995, and its title was: Trade in the Old Babylonian Era, and it was also supervised by Prof. Dr. Amer Suleiman Ibrahim.The first master's thesis in Islamic history was in 1980 by researcher Khalil Ibrahim Jassim on May 14, 1980. The title of his thesis was: The Islamic Mali Empire: A Civilizational Study  $1200-1400\,$  AD  $/ 596-796\,$  AH, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. KhaderJassim Al-Douri.

The first doctoral thesis in Islamic history was on January 9, 1990 by Dr. RaghebHamed Abdullah and supervised by Prof. Dr. Abdel MoneimRashad Mohammed and entitled: The BanuMunqidh Family and its Political Role in the Levant and Egypt during the Fifth and Sixth Centuries AH. As for modern history, the first master's thesis in modern history was discussed in 1988 by the researcher: KhalidaAblalSaleh and entitled:

The Role of Iraq and Jordan in Arab Politics 1941–1958, supervised by Asst. Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Khalil Ahmed in 1988. The first doctoral dissertation approved in modern history was on March 2, 1992, by Dr. Awni Abdul Rahman Mustafa, supervised by Prof. Dr. Khalil Ali Murad, and was titled: Türkiye and the Issues of the Arab East 1945–1967.

As for the number of male and female graduates with higher degrees, it was as follows:

seq	Specialization	Master's		Doctor	ate	Total	
		Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
1	Ancient	27	8	10	٦	37	14
	History						
2	Islamic	186	63	112	36	298	99
	History						
3	Modern	131	40	61	23	192	63
	History						

It is worth noting that the Department of History has cancelled the academic clearing for applicants for postgraduate studies who are graduates of the History Department of the College of Education for the Humanities. Admission for the next academic year 2025-2026 will be limited to graduates of the History Departments of the Colleges of Arts and Humanities exclusively, in order to open the way for students wishing to study in the College of Arts who have academic backgrounds related to the Colleges of Education for the Humanities.

Seventh: Competitive examination(Academic subjects)

In order for a student to be accepted into postgraduate studies in the History Department after completing the bachelor's degree and obtaining a bachelor's degree in history, he is required to successfully pass the competitive exam. The competitive exam is held at the beginning of June of each year and the questions are according to the (MCQ) system, The Scientific Committee has decided to propose a group of subjects, six subjects in Islamic history and five subjects in modern history, as the subjects from which the questions for the competitive exam will be taken. The subjects are usually comprehensive of the specialization in which one wishes to study, and no specific books are required for these subjects. Rather, the goal is for the student to know the subject or material in which he will be examined. These subjects are:

seq	Islamic Master's	seq	Islamic Doctorate
1	The Prophet's Biography	1)	Early Islamic History
	and the Rightly–Guided		
2	Caliphate	2)	Late Abbasid History
	Abbasid History		
3	History of Morocco and	3)	Maghreb and
	Andalusia		Andalusian Civilization
4	Umayyad History	4)	The Spread of Islam
			in Asia and Africa

5	History	of	Islamic	5)	History	of	Islamic
	Civilization				Thought		
				6)	Orientali	sm	

seq	Modern Master's	seq	Modern Doctorate
1	Modern and	1)	Modern and
	Contemporary History of		Contemporary History of
	Iraq		Iraq
2	Modern and	2)	Modern and
	Contemporary History of		Contemporary History of
	the Arab World		the Arab World
3	Modern and	3)	History of the Ottoman
	Contemporary History of		Empire
	Europe		
4	History of Türkiye and	4)	Contemporary Regional
	Iran		Issues
5	History of the Third World	5)	Modern and
			Contemporary History of
			the United States

For admission to postgraduate studies, the department's scientific committee decided to accept applicants who have a scientific background from graduates of the Faculties of Arts

and Faculties of Education for the Humanities due to the similarity of the subjects and study units in the history departments of both faculties. What is known as "scientific clearing" was cancelled, which was a precedent that hindered many students from applying and which emphasized that the subjects he studied before applying for the higher certificate were largely identical to the subjects taught by the department, and if they did not match, his admission would be rejected. The History Department decided to limit admission this year to graduates of the Faculties of Arts and Education for the Humanities exclusively, without the condition of matching the academic subjects taught by both departments.

# Eighth: Postgraduate studies subjects

The Master's and Doctoral stages consist of two phases: a course stage and a thesis writing phase. The Master's stage consists of two years: the first year consists of two courses, and the second year is a research year. The student chooses a title for the thesis, researches, collects information, and then submits it to the supervisor to read it and record the necessary notes on the topic, The student's achievement rates and obstacles are monitored through a monthly form sent by the Graduate Studies Department at the college, which shows the

achievement rates and the most important obstacles and challenges facing the student and supervisor. This form is published every month and includes the student's name, the supervisor's name, the title of the thesis or dissertation, and the supervisor's precise specialization.

Then, after the completion of the message or thesis, it is referred to a linguistic evaluator from the academic affairs department at the college to correct it linguistically, stylistically and spelling-wise. After that, it is referred to two scientific experts to determine the scientific and intellectual competence of the message and its suitability for discussion. The message is also referred to an electronic plagiarism committee affiliated with the deanship and a paper plagiarism committee affiliated with the academic department. To indicate the percentage of plagiarism, if any, and to ensure that the thesis is not plagiarized and that it conforms to the established scientific research standards.

For applicants for postgraduate studies at the doctoral level, the duration of study is three years; the first year consists of two courses, and if the applicant passes the two courses successfully, he/she will take a comprehensive exam two months after the announcement of the results of the second

course. Then, after passing, the thesis title is registered in the department after submitting the research plan in a seminar session attended by members of the scientific committee and the postgraduate studies committee in the department, After that, the title and plan are approved and then recorded in the department minutes to be presented to the college council, which in turn approves the title and refers it to the university council to issue a university order regarding the proposed title. According to the instructions, it is not permissible to change the title of the thesis at all, but perhaps a simple modification may be made to the title to suit the nature of the research and the collection of material, and the modification process is carried out by a request submitted to the academic committee in the department. After the interview is conducted with the student and his point of view is presented, the student is discussed with the amendment, after which the amendment is approved if necessary, or the amendment is rejected if not. As for the master's student, it is possible to change or modify the title as the academic committee sees fit after submitting a request by the student and the supervisor's approval of the request. During this period, the student is also summoned and discussed with him the reasons for changing or modifying the title of his thesis. The student takes two years to complete the

thesis. Or less, and it is called the minimum period. If the student is unable to complete the message or thesis on time, he submits a request accompanied by the marginalization of the supervisor and the head of the department to the college council to extend his studies for a period of three months. If he is unable to complete the message or thesis on this date, a second request for extension is submitted, and this time it is within the authority of the university council. If the student is unable to complete their work after this extension, they have the right to submit a request requiring the Ministry's approval. If the Ministry does not approve, the student's registration will be upgraded and they will be considered to have failed, and they will not be entitled to reapply for graduate studies. As for the subjects that a master's student studies in the course phase, which takes a full academic year, they are as follows:

## 1-Master's degree in Islamic History

seq	Course Name: First	Number		Course Name:	Number
	Course	of Units		second Course	of Units
1.	Historical Research	2	1	Studies in	2
	Methodology			Abbasid History	
2.	English Texts	2	2	Studies in	2
				Islamic	
				Civilization in	

				the East	
3.	Studies in the	2	3	Studies in the	2
	prphet's Biography			History of the	
				Crusades	
4.	Studies in Umayyad	2	4	Studies in	2
	History			Andalusian	
				History	
5.	Studies in the	2	5	English Texts	2
	History of Islamic				
	Cities				
6.	Studies in the	2	6	Computer	2
	History of the				
	Medieval Maghreb				
7.	Specialized Subject	2	7	Specialized	2
				Subject	

# 2- PhD in Islamic History

seq	Course Name: First	Num	Course Name:	Numb
	Course	ber	second Course	er of
		of		Units

		Units			
1.	Studies in the	2	1.	Studies in	2
	History of Early			Historians'	
	Islam			Methods	
2.	Studies in the	2	2.	Studies in the	2
	History of the Late			History of Islamic	
	Abbasid Period			Economics	
3.	Studies in the	2	3.	Studies in Muslim	2
	History of Islam in			Political Thought	
	Sub-Saharan Africa				
4.	Studies in the	2	4.	English Texts	2
	Civilization of the				
	Maghreb				
5.	Studies in	2	5.	Studies in Arab	2
	Civilizational			Civilization in	
	Jurisprudence			Andalusia	
6.	English Language	2	6.	Unity and	2
				Diversity	
7.	Specialized Subject	2	7.	Specialized	2
				Subject	

# 3- Master's degree in Modern History

	Course	ber of Units		second Course	er of Units
1.	Studies in Contemporary Iraqi History (Political and Administrative)	2	1.	Studies in the Modern History of Iraq (Political and Administrative)	2
2.	Studies in Ottoman Political History	2	2.	Modern and Contemporary History of Asia and Africa	2
3.	Studies in Modern Arab History	2	3.	Computer	2
4.	Historical Research Methodology	2	4.	English Texts	2
5.	Studies in Modern and Contemporary European History	2	5.	Studies in the Contemporary History of Türkiye and Iran	2
6.	English Language	2	6.	Studies in the Contemporary History of the Arab World	2
7.	Specialized Subject	2	7.	Specialized Subject	2
8.			8.	The Palestinian	2

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# 2- PhD in Modern History

seq	Course Name: First Course	Num ber of Units		Course Name: second Course	Numb er of Units
1.	Studies in the Administrative and Economic History of Modern Iraq	2	1.	Studies in the History of Political Systems in the Contemporary Arab World	2
2.	Economic and Social Transformations in the Modern Arab World	2	2.	Economic and Social Transformations in the Contemporary Arab World	2
3.	The Arab Renaissance in the Modern Era	2	3.	Intellectual and Political Trends in the Arab World	2
4.	Studies in the History of Türkiye	2	4.	English Texts	2

	and Iran				
5.	Studies in the	2	5.	History of the	2
	Civilizational History			Americas	
	of the Ottoman				
	Empire				
6.	English Language	2	6.	Studies in the	2
				Economic and	
				Social History of	
				Contemporary	
				Iraq	
7.	Specialized Subject	2	7.	Specialized	2
				Subject	

Ninth: How to register the titles of theses and

#### dissertations

After the student successfully passes the first course, he has the right to register a title for the master's thesis. As for the doctoral student, he does not have the right to register the thesis topic until he passes the comprehensive exam, which is usually held after the student successfully passes the first and second courses. The exam is usually at the beginning of the tenth month of each year. The Scientific Committee of the History Department decided that the comprehensive exam materials should be close to the specialized material that the

student studied in the second semester, and the material allocated for study in this course is often close to the topic that is intended to be written about.

After the student passes the comprehensive exam, the academic committee in the department holds a meeting to meet with the students and review the thesis topic and research plan. The title and thesis plan are discussed until they are approved by the council, then entered into the department minutes in preparation for presenting them to the college council for approval and issuing an administrative order to assign supervision of the student, along with the student's name and thesis title. As for the master's student, once he passes the first course, he can register the title of his thesis, although this does not require him to continue writing it. If he fails the second course, the subject may be withdrawn from the student. It is customary in the department for the topics for the master's degree to be approved after the student passes the second course. After consulting the thesis supervisor, the student presents his title and research plan. The topic is discussed by the department's academic committee, and members of the graduate studies committee may also participate in order to benefit everyone. It is also an expression

of the department's presidency's keenness to consolidate the academic process in selecting titles and approving them before referring them to the college council. According to the Ministry's instructions, the Scientific Committee requires that the student, whether in the Master's or Doctorate program, bring a letter of citation from at least three universities, proving that the topic he intends to research and write about has not been discussed at those universities, in order to avoid duplication of titles.

#### Tenth: Models for discussion committees

After the student completes his research project (master's thesis and doctoral dissertation) and it is referred to the linguistic and then scientific evaluator and the plagiarism committee, the Graduate Studies Division sends a letter requesting the formation of a discussion committee. The head of the department forms the discussion committee from the specialized and qualified lecturers. The names are then submitted to the department's minutes and the committee is approved by the college council after being referred to the university council. An administrative order is issued by the deanship to form the committee.

The master's thesis discussion committee consists of four members: the committee chairman, two members, and the supervisor. The doctoral thesis discussion committee consists of six members: the committee chairman, two members, or at least one member from a corresponding university, and the rest are either from a corresponding college or members of the department, in addition to the supervisor.

The discussion of a master's thesis takes approximately three hours, while a doctoral dissertation may take up to five hours, during which errors are reviewed and corrected, and then the student defends his thesis or dissertation. After that, the committee meets in a separate room devoid of people to decide whether to grant the certificate and approve or reject the thesis, or to accept the thesis after making the required amendments. A member of the discussion committee is assigned to follow up on the required amendments.

After that, the student takes several days or weeks depending on the nature of the required amendments to correct the thesis or dissertation, and to add the notes suggested by the committee. After that, the corrected thesis is signed by the discussion committee with special forms issued by the Graduate Studies Department. After that, the thesis is bound and a disk is sent to the ministry containing a copy of the corrected thesis or dissertation, and an abstract of the thesis, which contains detailed information about the student and the supervisor. The thesis summary, after which the corrected thesis is submitted to the department council to recommend granting the certificate. The paragraph pertaining to granting the certificate is presented to the members of the college council to decide on approval based on the department's recommendation after the student completes all procedures related to the thesis. The recommendation is submitted to the university council to issue a university order granting the student a master's or doctorate degree signed by the university president.

# Eleventh: The examination committee in the department

The examination committee in the department is responsible for conducting examinations for undergraduate and graduate studies. The examination committee organizes and prints questions, prepares papers for the research grades and final exam grades, and participates in preparing for the competitive exam with the graduate studies committee, in addition to its primary role in conducting the final exam and checking notebooks and grades and Issuing a document detailing cases

requiring university presidency intervention to assist students who need a few points to change their status from fail to complete or from complete to pass. In the current academic year 2024–2025, the examination committee was composed of:

seq	Name	position
1.	Prof. Dr. Mahmoud SalehSaeed	Chairman of the Committee
2.	Dr. AmmarManhal Mohammed	Committee rapporteur
3.	Assist. Prof.Dr. ImadKamel	A member
4.	Assist. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Hashem Abdel Aziz	A member
5.	Assist. Prof. Dr. Saleh Ahmed Saleh	A member
6.	Assist. Prof. Dr. Omar Faisal Mahmoud	A member
7.	Dr. MuhannadKhamis Abdullah	A member
8.	Dr. Hawazen Tariq Youssef	A member
9.	Dr. Noha Mohammed Ahmed	A member
10	Dr. Haitham Mahmoud Younis	A member
11	Dr. HaithamAkramGhani	A member

There is a committee that supports the work of the examination committee called the Audit Committee, whose mission is to check grades and review the work of the examination committee. It is also formed from within the department and is usually made up of members who are not from the examination committee. As for the Audit Committee for the History Department for the year 2022-2023 AD, it was composed of the gentlemen whose names are listed below:

seq	Name	position
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1.	Asst. Prof. Dr. Hana Salem Dayea	Chairman of the Committee
2.	Asst. Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdullah Ahmed	Committee rapporteur
3.	Asst. Dr. Rana Salem Mohamed	A member
4.	Asst. Prof. Dr. ImanGhanem Sharif	A member
5.	Prof. Dr. Omar Ahmed Saeed	A member
6.	Asst. Prof. Dr. Nashwan Mohamed Abdullah	A member
7.	Asst. Dr. SajaQahtan Mohamed Ali	A member
8.	Asst. Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Karim	A member

Finally, the department seeks to organize department–specific activities such as holding conferences, seminars, and workshops that serve the scientific movement at the university and trying to involve graduate students and bring them to academic activities to participate and benefit from these activities in order to develop their abilities and skills to discuss and absorb variables and information.

The Head of the Department, Professor Dr. Mahmoud SalehSaeed, also issued a special book entitled: A Guide to the Department of History for University Theses and Dissertations, College of Arts, University of Mosul, for the years 1980–2025. Four editions have been issued so far, including the titles of the dissertations, the names of the students and supervisors, the years of graduation, and the specialization of the thesis or dissertation. It is one of the first works concerned

with documenting the scientific activity in the Department of History.

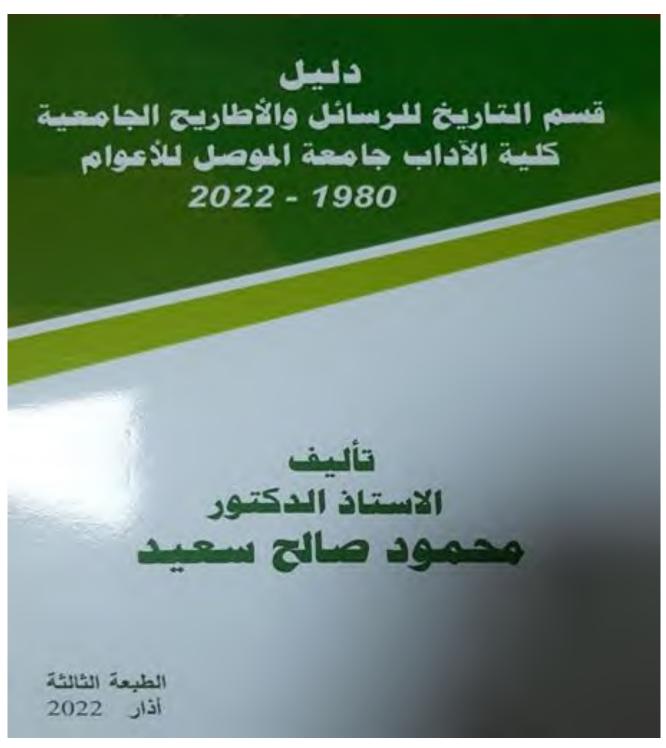
In the future, the department has many plans to develop the scientific and academic side of the department and to seek to open up to the community and other scientific departments through participating in joint activities and encouraging the department's professors to write and translate and cooperate with universities, as happened and is happening in the scientific exchange between students of the University of Mosul and students of the University of Nineveh and Al-Hamdaniya in the areas of supervising master's theses at the University of Al-Hamdaniya.

Professors from the University of Nineveh and Al-Hamdaniya have also been assigned to supervise students in our department. Furthermore, expertise will be exchanged and discussion groups will be sent to various Iraqi universities. To enhance scientific and knowledge exchange, professors from the department will participate in television programs and evenings where they will present their expertise in the field of history, in order to disseminate culture and knowledge in society. It is expected that the MA in Ancient History will be reopened for the period 2027-2028.





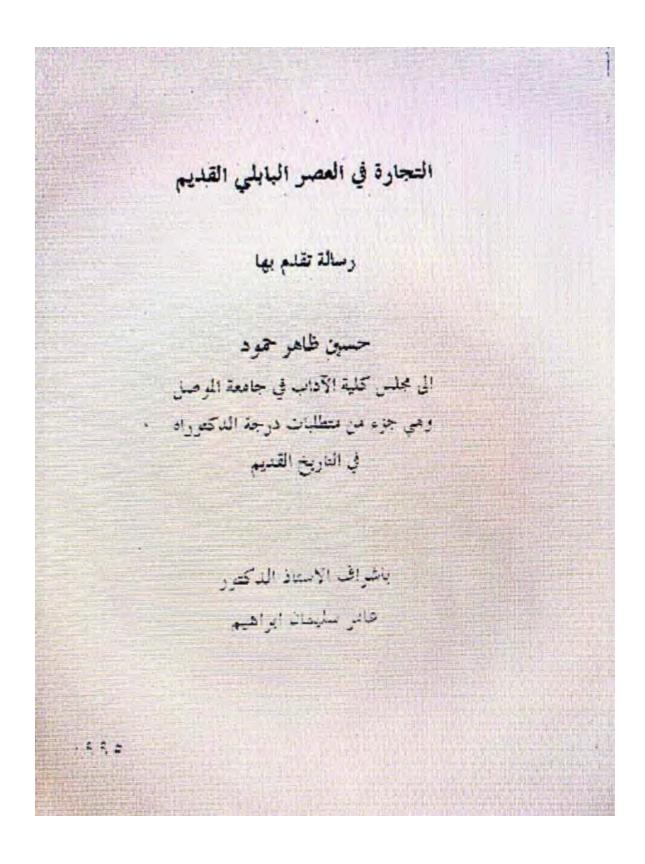
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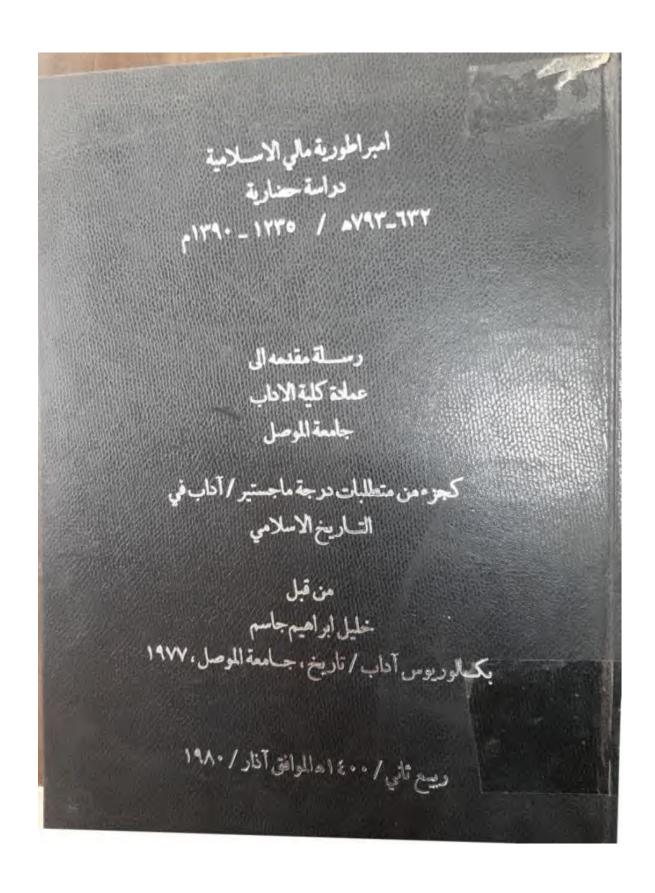
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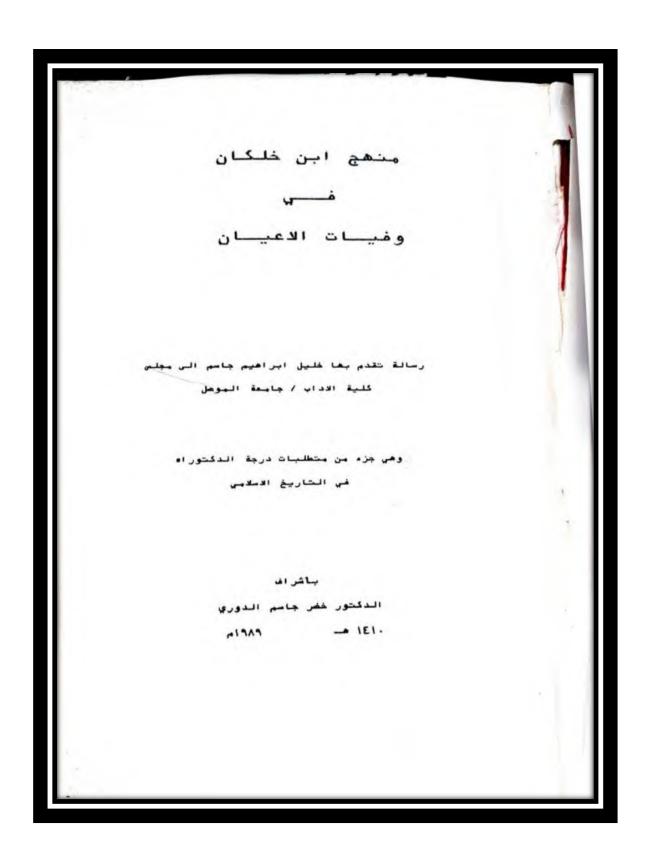
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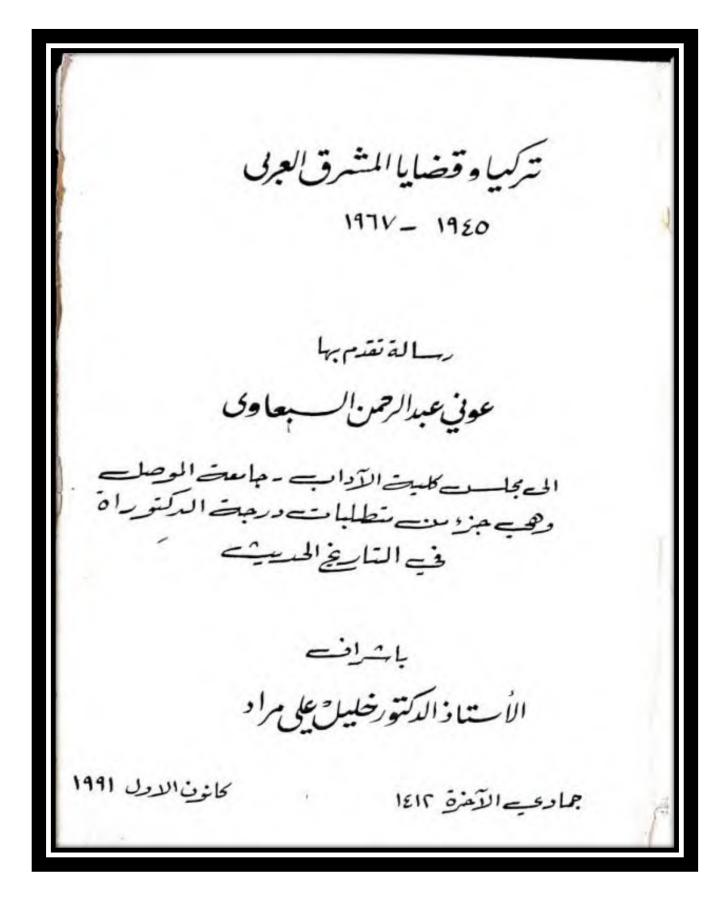
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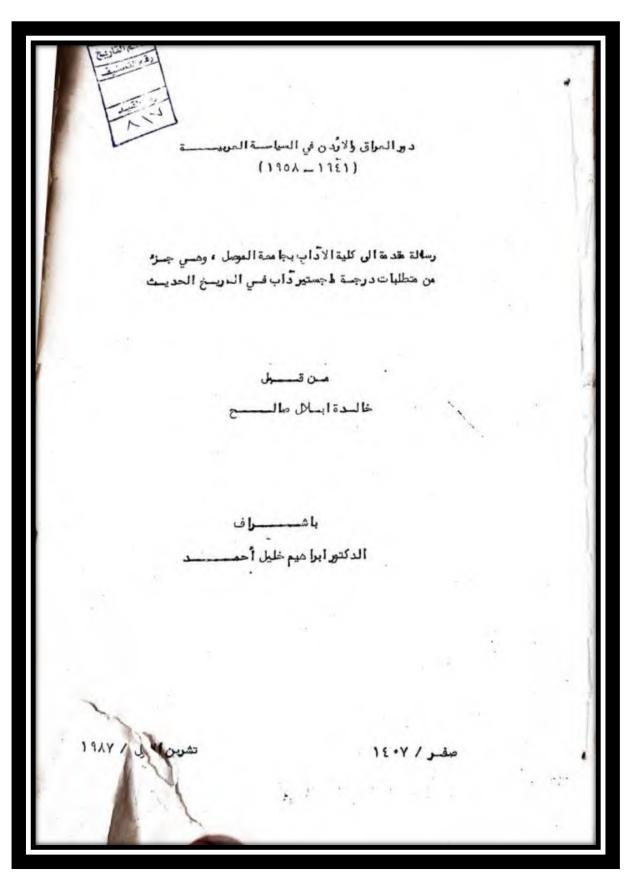
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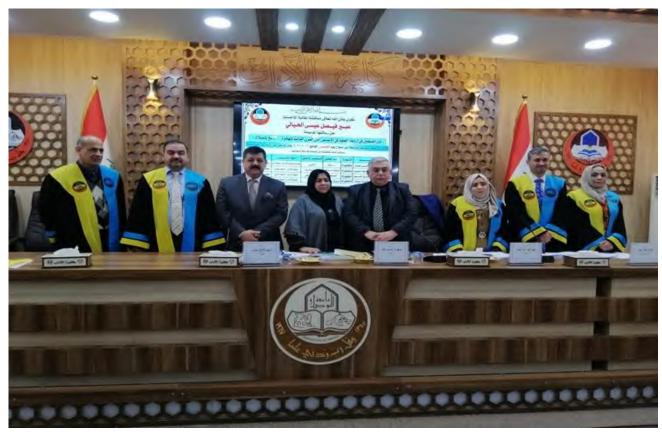
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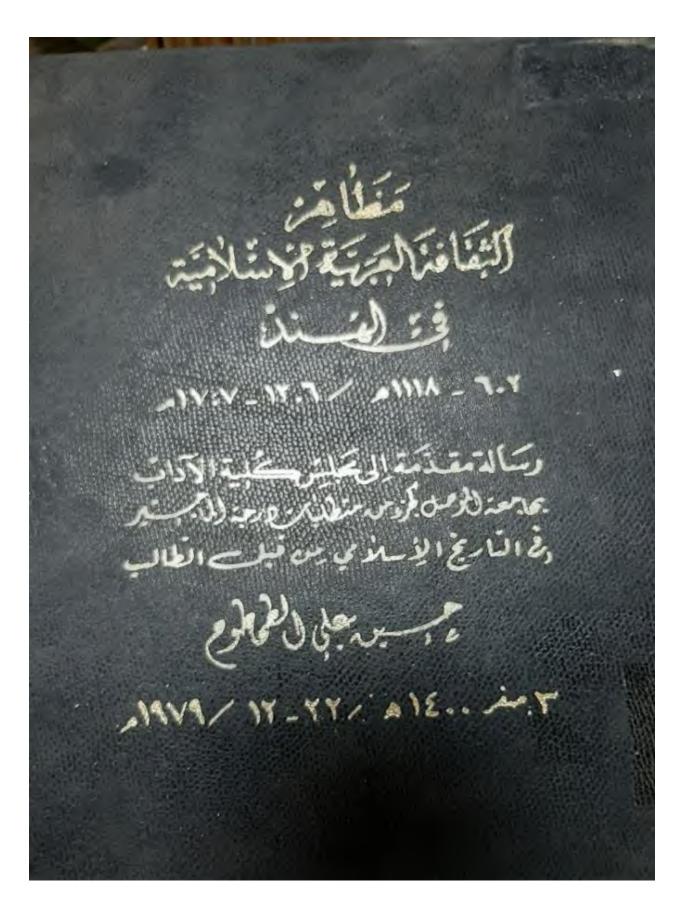
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Photos of the master's thesis discussion in the presence of the then– University Assistant President for Academic Affairs



# A picture of a doctoral thesis discussion



## Postgraduate Directory

# Department of History in the College of Arts / University of Al Mosul

The Department of History is one of the first scientific departments in the College of Arts, which was established in 1966. The College of Arts was one of the first colleges to open its doors to human studies, as it was called: College of Human Studies, on September 29, 1966 AD. The college was affiliated with the University of Baghdad until the end of the year 1967, and the Department of History was one of the four departments of the college from which the College of Arts was established: history, Arabic language, European languages, and economics. The department remained in place after the independence of the University of Mosul in 1967, and it is still open for study.

The Department of History did not have a chair when it was established in 1966. The Dean of the College, Dr. Abdel MoneimRashad, assumed the duties of chairing the department by virtue of his specialization in history. This continued for a year, then Dr. Amer Suleiman assumed the chair of the department in 1967. Then he was followed by Dr. Mufid Muhammad Nuri in 1969, then Dr. Khader Al-Douri in 1973, then Dr. Tawfiq Sultan Al-Yuzbeki, and a group of elite professors also headed the department, including Dr. Ragheb Al-Bakr, Dr. NateqSalehMatroulab, Dr. Muhammad Ali Dahesh, Dr. IsmatBurhan Al-Din, Dr. Sultan Jabr Sultan and Dr. SuhailaMajeed Ahmed, and the department is now headed by Prof. Dr. MahmoodSalehSaeed since 2024.