



Tourism Studies Department Guide

College of Tourism
Sciences



About the Department:

The Department of Tourism Studies is one of the promising departments within the College of Tourism Sciences at the University of Mosul. Established in 2018, it was founded to meet the labor market's need for qualified personnel in the tourism sector. The department graduated its first cohort of students in the 2022 academic year.

It adopts an academic vision grounded in an integrative approach that combines theoretical knowledge with practical application. The focus is on preparing students with advanced tourism awareness and analytical and managerial skills that enable them to compete in the job market.

The curriculum is built on a multidisciplinary approach that integrates tourism planning, marketing, business management, and sustainable tourism. It emphasizes equipping students with scientific research tools and leveraging digital transformation to enhance tourism services.

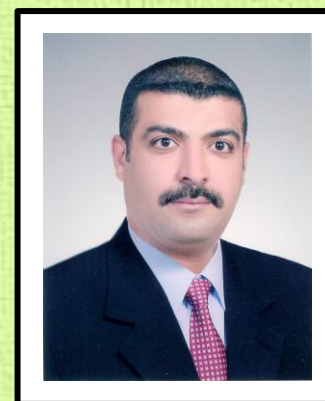
The department is also committed to strengthening students' academic and scientific capabilities, qualifying them for careers in the tourism sector or for pursuing postgraduate studies. This contributes to community service and deepens the understanding of tourism as an economic, cultural, and social dimension.

Founded in 2018 at our prestigious university's College of Tourism Sciences, the department graduated its first class in 2022. It has taken the lead in authoring and publishing the first specialized book on tourism geography among peer colleges of tourism sciences in Iraqi universities.

The department follows a specialized academic methodology in teaching and applied academic research. Faculty members supervise undergraduate graduation projects for fourth-year students and play a role in supplying state service institutions—such as the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Antiquities, the Tourism Board, and tourist resorts—with skilled professionals.

The program spans four years, at the end of which graduates earn a Bachelor's degree in Tourism Studies.

Statement by the Head of Department



The academic staff of the Department of Tourism Studies at the College of Tourism Sciences is dedicated to fulfilling the department's academic mission considering the recent global developments in the field of tourism and the ongoing modernization of curricula. They also contribute to strengthening the university's role in collaboration with relevant ministries and broader societal institutions, aiming to serve the community by preparing vital human resources trained by specialists in diverse academic fields aligned with current developments—such as tourism, archaeology, geography, physical education, and the English language.

The department offers educational and advisory services, relying on the competence and academic expertise of its faculty members, who contribute specialized knowledge across various disciplines through the completion of applied research in the humanities. Faculty members have made significant scholarly contributions through research published in academic journals at the local, Arab, and regional levels, as well as in internationally indexed journals with global impact factors. Moreover, they actively participate in seminars, training courses, workshops, and both national and international conferences.

**Assistant Professor Dr.
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Head of the Department of
Tourism Studies
College of Tourism Sciences
University of Mosul
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Department Vision

The department aspires to be a cornerstone of innovative education in the tourism and hospitality industry, serving the community both locally and globally in a sustainable manner.

Department Mission

To provide innovative and integrated education that combines academic knowledge with practical application, preparing professionals with vision and high-level skills to keep pace with developments in tourism and hospitality, while fostering creativity and innovation to serve the community and advance the future of the tourism sector

Department Goals

- 1 Design and implement modern academic programs that keep up with contemporary developments in tourism.
- 2 Promote sustainable development through education and the dissemination of a culture of peace and environmental protection.
- 3 Equip students with theoretical knowledge and practical skills to meet the needs of the tourism job market.
- 4 Provide practical training opportunities in collaboration with tourism institutions and companies.
- 5 Support scientific research to address challenges in the tourism sector locally and regionally.
- 6 Conduct studies in sustainable tourism and promote the responsible use of resources.
- 7 Implement awareness programs to raise cultural and tourism awareness in the local community.
- 8 Build strategic partnerships with tourism entities to achieve

The geographical location of the department and the college within the University of Mosul



The Administrative Board of the Department



Task Description

- **Head of Department Responsibilities**

The head of the department is primarily responsible for managing the department and organizing its academic, administrative, and financial affairs. Their tasks include preparing and monitoring the implementation of the department's strategic plan, overseeing academic and research activities, and ensuring students' regular attendance and participation in examinations. They are also responsible for developing internal and external relationships for the department, securing its educational, research, administrative, and financial requirements, with a focus on enhancing performance quality and improving academic outcomes. Additionally, they oversee the periodic review of curricula, propose updates to the college council, ensure faculty members' commitment to their academic duties, and supervise the distribution of academic schedules. They also hold regular meetings with students to listen to their suggestions and address their issues, working to resolve any obstacles they face.

- **Department Coordinator Responsibilities**

The department coordinator is tasked with monitoring the department's daily operations, organizing documents and records, and tracking student absences. They are responsible for preparing schedules for classes and examinations in coordination with the teaching staff, ensuring the smooth operation of the educational process.

- **Department Council**

The department council serves as an advisory body that contributes to shaping internal policies and monitoring the implementation of academic plans. It works in coordination with the head of the department to ensure the integration of academic and administrative activities. The council also supports the academic staff and works to improve educational programs in alignment with quality standards.

- **Scientific Committee**

The scientific committee is one of the department's key permanent committees, formed by a decision of the department council in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. This committee oversees scientific and specialized matters related to academic courses, educational plans, curriculum development, and the approval of textbooks and supplementary materials.

It also monitors academic performance evaluation procedures, course distribution, and the review of course content to align with market demands and developments.

- **Examination Committee**

The examination committee undertakes precise tasks related to organizing and monitoring examinations at all stages, from preparing invigilation schedules and distributing staff duties to receiving exam questions and organizing results while ensuring their confidentiality. The committee also analyzes results, extracts statistical indicators related to pass and fail rates, and oversees supplementary (second-round) examinations according to strict regulations.

- **Audit Committee**

The audit committee works in parallel with the examination committee during the examination period, reviewing grades submitted by faculty, whether for coursework or final exams, to ensure their accuracy before official announcement. This committee is a cornerstone in ensuring integrity and precision in results.

- **Graduation Research Projects Committee**

This committee is responsible for organizing the preparation and discussion of graduation projects, starting with collecting research proposals from faculty, organizing their distribution to students based on specific criteria, continuously monitoring project progress, and concluding with forming discussion panels and documenting results.

- **Academic Advising Committee**

The academic advising committee aims to provide academic support to students through individual and group advisory meetings. It listens to the academic and educational challenges students face and prepares detailed reports submitted to the department administration to help find appropriate solutions.

- **Summer Training Committee**

The summer training committee is responsible for nominating and facilitating the training of third-year students in public institutions by issuing official correspondence, monitoring students' performance during the training period, and receiving final reports. This enhances students' practical experience and complements the theoretical knowledge gained in classrooms.

- **Seminars Committee**

The seminars committee in the Hotel Studies Department is responsible for reviewing and discussing scientific research submitted by faculty members to ensure alignment with the department's objectives and scientific plans. This contributes to the development of the educational process and keeps pace with the needs of the tourism market.

Faculty Members of the Tourism Studies Department and Their Academic Titles

Specific Specialization	The general specialization	Certificate	Lecturer Name	
Industrial Geography	Geography	Doctorate	Asst. Prof. Ahmed Talal Khidr Al-Tai Head of Department	1
Human Geography	Geography	Doctorate	Asst. Prof. Dr. Manal Raafat Khalid Dean of the College	2
Philosophy of Physical Education	Philosophy and History of Physical Education	Doctorate	Prof. Dr. Alaa Abdullah Hussein	3
Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology and Civilizations	Ancient Artifacts	Doctorate	Lecturer. Dr. Haitham Ahmed Hussein Department Coordinator	4
Critical Stylistics	English Language	Doctorate	Lecturer. Dr. Asen Hashim Hamdoun	5
Ancient Iraqi Languages	Ancient Antiquities	master	Asst. Lecturer Sanaria Nabil Mohammed	6
Human Resource Management	Business Administration	master	Asst. Lecturer Safwan Nafea Abdullah	7
Financial Accounting and Auditing	Accounting	master	Asst. Lecturer Huda Abdulaziz Mohammed	8
Economic Development	Economics	master	Asst. Lecturer Ghaidaa Mohammed Nafea	9
Linguistic Semantics	Translation	master	Asst. Lecturer Rahma Aythar Abdulkarim	10
Procedural Law	Private Law	master	Asst. Lecturer Fadia Abdulhamid Saleh	11
Management information system	Management information system	master	Asst. Lecturer Osama Mohammed Ahmed	12

**Faculty Members of the Department
For the Academic Year
2024–2025**





Academic Courses for All Academic Stages of the Department

First Stage

Units	Hours	Course name	
2	2	Arabic Language	1
1	1	Human rights	2
1	1	English Language	3
3	3	Basics of Travel and Tourism	4
1	1	Tourism Statistics	5
2	2	Tourism Economy	6
3	3	Principles of Business administration	7
2	2	Iraq Civilization History	8
3	3	Principles of Corporate Accounting	9
2	2	Computers	10

Second Stage

Units	Hours	Course name	
2	2	Profession Ethics	1
1	1	Democracy	2
1	1	English Language	3
2	2	Tourism Economics	4
1	1	French Language	5
3	3	Touristic Guidance	6
3	3	Sustainable Tourism	7
3	3	Tourism Iraq Geography	8
3	3	Tourist Behavior	9
3	3	Tourism Archaeology	10
1	1	The Crimes of Baath Regime in Iraq	11

Third Stage

Units	Hours	Course name	
2	2	Management and Organization of Conferences and Events	1
3	3	Management of Tourism protocols	2
1	1	English Language	3
1	1	Travel and Tourism Laws	4
3	3	Management of Tourism Projects	5
3	3	Quality of Tourism Services	6
3	3	Touristic Investment	7
1	1	French Language	8
3	3	Touristic Planning	9
3	3	Management of Travel and Tourism Companies	10

Forth Stage

Units	Hours	Course name	
3	3	English Language	1
2	2	Touristic Sites Analysis	2
2	2	Research Preparing and Methods	3
2	2	Human Resources Management	4
3	3	French Language	5
2	2	Touristic Marketing	6
2	2	Touristic Crisis Administration	7
2	2	Touristic Media	8
2	2	Tourism Legal Legislation	9
2	2	Tours Organizing	10

**Scientific Plan for the Workshops of the Tourism Studies
Department for the Academic Year 2024-2025**

date	Lecturer name	Workshop name	ت
2024/12/11	Asst. Lect. Sanaria Nabil Mohammed	Museums and Their Role in Promoting Tourism Culture (Mosul Cultural Museum as a Case Study)	1
2024/12/18	Asst. Lect. Osama Mohammed Ahmed	Using Machine Learning and Deep Learning Technologies to Improve Tourism and Hospitality Services	2
2024/12/24	Lect. Asan Hashem Hamdoun	Promoting Tourism in Nineveh Governorate Using the English Language	3
2025/1/22	Lect. Haitham Ahmed Hussein	The Role of Tourism Media in Preserving Cultural Heritage	4
2025/1/29	Asst. Lect. Huda Abdul Aziz Mohammed	The Role of Women in Tourism Guidance	5
2025/2/5	Asst. Lect. Osama Mohammed Ahmed	Using Smart Chatbots as a Tool for Tourism Guidance	6
2025/2/19	Lect. Asan Hashem Hamdoun	The Role of Handicraft Exhibitions in Boosting Tourism in Nineveh Governorate	7

**Published Research of the Faculty Members of the
Department of Tourism Studies for the Academic Year
2024–2025**

DOI or link	year	Research type (local, scopus)	Academic title	Lecture name	Research name	٢
University of Diyala / Khaza'in Journal of Economic and Administrative Sciences	2024	Local	Assistant Lecturer Lecturer	Asst. Lecturer Ghaidaa Mohammed Nafea Shaheen Asst.Lect Wafi Salam Suleiman	The Impact of Banking Services on Increasing Public Trust in the Banking Sector: A Field Study on Al-Rafidain Bank	1
University of Mosul / Center for Regional Studies — Journal of Regional Studies	2024	Local	Assistant Lecturer Assistant Lecturer	Asst. Lect Rughaid Hussein Ahmed Asst. Lect. Ghaidaa Mohammed Nafea Shaheen	Measuring the Impact of Economic Variables on the Gross Domestic Product in Eurozone Countries During the Period (1975–2021)	2
University of Wasit Al-Kut Journal of Economic and Administrative Sciences	2024	Local	Assistant Lecturer	Asst. Lect. Ghaidaa Mohammed Nafea Shaheen	Measuring the Causal Relationship Between Economic Growth and International Tourism in the Long Term for the Jordanian Economy During the Period (1995–2023)	3
19th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence	2025	Local	Assistant Lecturer Lecturer	Osama Mohammed Ahmed Al-Atraqchi	Large Language Models and Talent Management: Developing RAG model in healthcare	4

in Business (SICB 2025),			Lecturer Associate Lecturer Associate Lecturer	Amer Abdulrazzaq Abdulmuhsin Saad Ghalib Yassin Abeer Fahd Al-Khawalda Shafeeq Al-Rahman		
Al-Noor Journal for Humanities Studies	2024	Local	Lecturer	Lect. Asen Hashim Hamdoun	Ideological Representation of Woman's Empowerment in Gillian Flynn's Gone Girl(2013)-A Critical Stylistic Study	5
Journal of Education for Humanities Sciences	2024	Local	Lecturer	Lect. Asen Hashim Hamdoun	(The Impact of English Language Style on Woman's Empowerment in Mosul Society)	6
Journal of Education for the Humanities	2025	Local	Assistant Professor	Sufyan Salem Abdullah Asst. Prof. Dr. Ahmed Talal Khidr	A Geographical Analysis of the Wooden Furniture Industry in Nineveh Governorate and Its Challenges	7

Graduation Research of Tourism Studies Department

Students for the Year 2024–2025

Supervisor Name	Research Title	Student Name	ت
Asst. Lecturer Safwan Nafea Abdullah Asst. Lecturer Osama Mohammed Ahmed	Challenges of Human Resource Management in Tourism Companies within the Tourism Sector in Mosul City	Ahmed Mustafa Ramo Abbas Warour	1
Asst. Lecturer Fadia Abdulhamid Asst. Lecturer Osama Mohammed Ahmed	The Contribution of the Tourism Sector to Economic Development	Esraa Saddam Mohammed Abdelghani Al-Bayati	2
Asst. Prof. Dr. Manal Raafat Khalid Asst. Prof. Dr. Haitham Ahmed Hussein	Sustainable Energy and Its Impact on the Tourism Sector	Zainab Fathi Majid Hussein Al-Omari	3
Asst. Prof. Dr. Haitham Ahmed Hussein Asst. Lecturer Sanaria Nabil Mohammed	Tourism Promotion and Its Role in Enhancing the Tourist Attraction Level in Mosul City	Obaida Zidan Mustafa Mohammed Al-Hassan	4
Asst. Lecturer Sanaria Nabil Mohammed Asst. Lecturer Ghaidaa Mohammed Nafea	The Impact of Rural Tourism on Economic Growth	Hadeel Ahmed Salem Mohammed Jaqmaqji	5
Asst. Lecturer Huda Abdulaziz Mohammed Asst. Lecturer Rahma Aythar Abdulkarim	Tourism Destination Marketing Strategies	Helen Khidr Salem Darwish Hassouna	6

Classrooms in the Department



