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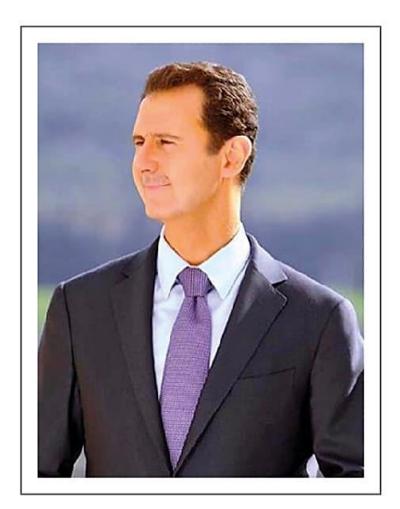
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## **سيادة الرئيس بشار الأسد** رئيس الجمهورية العربية السورية

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## **Faculty of Medicine at Al-Baath University**

## Faculty of Medicine was founded by the decree No. 44 of 1979 on the establishment of Al-Baath University



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## Vision, Mission and Objectives

### Vision:

-Faculty accreditation by national accreditation bodies that are recognized regionally and internationally; and distinction as well as excellent reputation in medical education, scientific research, and health care.

-Excellence, integrity, equity and transparency in education, scientific research, and health care.

-Commitment to the individual's right to receive the best health care and privacy protection; and respect for the community culture.

-Building and supporting sustainable companies, educational hospitals, health system, and various local and international health sectors, to improve the health situation of the Syrian community, in particular, and the regional and international community, in general.

-Continuous self-evaluation of performance and respect for scientific, academic, ethical and legal principles in education, scientific research, and health care.

-Commitment to creating an environment that supports the excellence and creativity of students, professors, and all health workers throughout life.

-Working to promote, maintain and restore health under the national health care system at all levels.

-Working within a team to meet patients' needs with high-quality clinical performance based on moral values and respect for the individuals in their family and community.

- Ability to demonstrate the required professionalism in dealing with patients, colleagues, and other medical professionals, including the necessary communication skills.

-Ability to follow the rules of medical ethics.

-Ability to critically evaluate the medical practice.

- Ability to advance in postgraduate studies and research work.

-Ability for self-development and lifelong learning.

## Mission:

The Faculty seeks excellence in training and qualifying students during the undergraduate and postgraduate studies in accordance with high-quality professional and ethical standards. Besides, it aims to prepare doctors capable of practicing patient-centered medicine, promoting health and continuous learning, conducting research and contributing to the advancement of human sciences and knowledge, by creating a supportive educational environment and using appropriate teaching and learning methods, in strategic cooperation with local sectors and international bodies working in the same fields.

## **Objectives:**

#### The faculty aims to:

-Prepare a highly qualified general practitioner aware of the community health needs, capable of continuing education, and committed to the medical ethics, in order to provide preventive and curative health for all people.

-Prepare doctors to pursue specialized postgraduate studies and carry out scientific researches, as appropriate to the needs of the Syrian Arab Republic and its development plans.

-Prepare specialists in various fields of medicine, provide them with a high level of knowledge and skills in their field of specialization; and guide some of them academically to join the faculty members.

-Contribute to rehabilitation courses as well as medical and academic training; develop self-learning skills; and foster critical thinking and problem solving.

-Develop curricula, teaching means, and evaluation methods, write and translate university medical books; standardize Arabic medical terminology, and set rules for controlling and improving quality based on the opinions of students, professors and experts.

-Develop the team spirit in the medical work; enhance cooperation with all relevant sectors in the country, including students, administrators, and doctors, and strengthen cultural ties with faculties as well as regional and international health authorities.

-Provide health services to a wide segment of people by working in primary, secondary and tertiary health care centers.

## **1- Administration of the faculty:**

The faculty is run by the council that is composed of:

- Dean of the faculty, chairperson
- Vice dean for the scientific affairs
- Vice dean for administrative and student affairs
- Heads of departments
- Representative of the teachers' syndicate
- Representative of the national union of the Syrian students
- Representative of the postgraduate students
- Representative of the quality assurance unit

The faculty council sets strategies for teaching and scientific research and decides on issues relating to the teaching and administrative process in the faculty.



## 2-Faculty staff:

The Faculty includes 37 teaching members consisting of professors, assistant professors and lectures who are responsible for the educational theoretical process as well as the practical and clinical training in partnership with a number of specialists from outside the faculty. The specialists help cover the shortage in the specializations of the faculty members. The faculty also comprises five technical staff members who participate in the practical education and training in laboratories and university hospital, several teaching assistants who are sent on mission to obtain the certificates required to participate in the educational process after they complete their study, and 65 administrative and laboratory staff members who are responsible for administering university life and laboratory services.

The clinical training of students also includes a large number of clinicians working at the university hospital and the approved training hospitals: the military hospital, the hospitals of the Ministry of Health in Homs, and some private hospitals.



Clinical Training at Al-Baath University Hospital



http://albaath-hospital.edu.sy



## **3- Faculty departments:**

The faculty has the following departments:

#### **Basic education**

- Department of Anatomy, Embryology and Histology
- Department of Physiology
- Department of Laboratory Medicine
- Department of Pharmacology (established but not opened)
- Department of Pathology
- Department of Family and Community Medicine (established but not opened)
- Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Medical Imaging
- Department of Ophthalmology and Surgery which includes the Department of Otolaryngology

- Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Department of Internal Diseases
- Department of Forensic Medicine
- Department of Oncology (updated but not opened)
- Department of pediatrics
- Department of Surgery
- Department of Dermatology (merged with the Department of Internal Medicine)
- Department of Anesthesia, Intensive Care and Pain
  Management

## **Postgraduate Studies**

#### **Postgraduate specializations:**

- Laboratory medicine
- Internal diseases
- Cardiology
- General surgery
- Medical imaging and diagnostic radiology
- Orthopedic surgery
- Anesthesia , intensive care and pain relief
- Obstetrics and gynecology
- Pediatrics
- Ophthalmology and surgery

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## **4-Faculty laboratories:**

The faculty includes all laboratories that are required for the teaching process and provided with all the necessary equipment for the education and training processes in various fields.

The laboratories:

- Descriptive anatomy laboratory
- Embryology laboratory
- Physics laboratory
- Bacteriology and microbiology laboratory
- Organic and general chemistry laboratory

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- Biochemistry laboratory
- Histology laboratory
- Physiology laboratory
- Pathology laboratory
- Surgical skills laboratory

1979 HONIS About 14 laboratory staff members work in the laboratories, supervising the educational process in the practical departments, with the participation of a large number of contracted doctors from outside the faculty.







#### **5-Admission system:**

In accordance with the admission strategy of the Ministry of Higher Education, students are admitted to the faculty based on the results of the preparatory year exams, the students' secondary school average and the sorting of the university admission eligibility.

Students are admitted to the general education or parallel education depending on the percentages determined by the ministry.

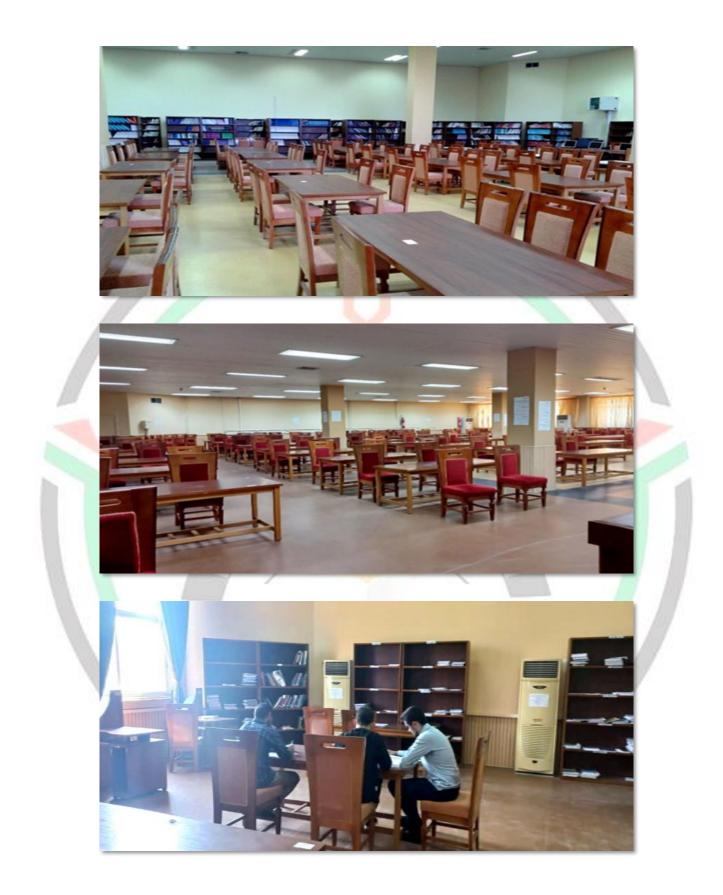
Arab students who hold a non-Syrian secondary school certificate are admitted according to the ministry rules and certificate equivalence.

Graduates, who have successfully passed the medical unified examination according to the sorting of admission eligibility of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, are admitted to postgraduate studies in the specializations that are periodically opened at Al-Baath University Hospital.

## 6- Faculty library:

The library has two large halls: the first is a reading hall equipped with chairs and benches to provide the perfect reading place for students; and the second is the book and reference hall that contains no less than 1,500 various paper references in Arabic and English, which students can read freely in the library. In addition, an electronic library has been established and provided with more than 3,000 recent electronic references. The library ensures access to books via computers, allowing students to read references. Moreover, students can use Wi-Fi network to read or download books of the electronic library on their digital device.





## **7**-Research themes of the research unit at the Faculty of Medicine

The name of the unit	Research themes
Research theme of the faculty	Histology - anatomy -embryology
	Physiology - Pharmacology - Life Science - Genetics - Biochemistry - Immunology – Microbiology
	Pathology-forensic medicine
	Internal medicine: cardiovascular diseases - Pulmonology - blood diseases – endocrinology - digestive system - neurology - psychopathology - infectious diseases- physical medicine and rehabilitation
	Surgery: general surgery–urology–orthopedics– plastic and reconstructive surgery–burns–vascular surgery.
	Pediatrics
	Obstetrics and Gynecology: Pregnancy and obstetrics - gynecology - gynecological oncology - infertility and fertilization
	Dermatology: skin diseases
	Anesthesia and resuscitation: and pain management - radiology: diagnostic radiology- medical physics
	Otorhinolaryngology
	Ophthalmology and surgery

Name of the unit	Research themes
Research unit for postgraduate studies	Internal diseases: general internal medicine - cardiovascular diseases
	Surgery: general surgery – orthopedics
	Obstetrics and Gynecology: - Pregnancy and obstetrics - Gynecology - Gynecological oncology - Infertility and fertilization
	laboratory medicine
	Anesthesia and resuscitation
	Pediatrics

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#### 8-Scientific activities:

The Faculty conducts many seminars, conferences, and general and specialized training courses that allow the exchange of modern scientific experiences the and development of practical and clinical skills among the students of medicine and higher studies. These scientific events are held in cooperation with Al-Baath University Medical Association, various scientific Hospital, Syrian associations, and some international universities (such as Leipzig University in Germany), through signed agreements. Moreover, the faculty conducts, in cooperation with Al-Baath University Hospital, weekly scientific sessions in various clinical specialties, in addition to a monthly scientific session to discuss in-hospital complications and deaths.

#### Weekly scientific sessions :



Weekly scientific session for the postgraduate students at the internal diseases department



Weekly scientific session for postgraduate students at the ophthalmology department



## Weekly scientific session for postgraduate students at the pediatrics department



Weekly scientific session for the sixth-year students



## Scientific session at the dermatology department



## Monthly session for discussing complications

#### **Conferences:**

#### Syrian-German annual conference





## 11<sup>th</sup> Syria Germany Conference surgery program

## The faculty participation in the local and international scientific conferences



The thirtieth annual scientific 79 International scientific conference of the Syrian **Thoracic Association 2023** 

conference of cardiology in Moscow 2019

## The faculty participation in the local and international scientific conferences



The twenty-fifth annual conference of the Syrian Society of Neuro Sciences 2023



The nineteenth international scientific conference of the Syrian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists 2023

#### **Training courses:**



Surgical Skills Course

#### The faculty sponsorship of scientific activities



The first session is held in Homs on Thursday 31/8/2023

#### 9-Communiy service:

During coronavirus pandemic, professors of the Faculty of Medicine participated in relevant scientific awareness symposiums under the sponsorship of the secretary of Arab Socialist Baath Party branch in Homs Omar HORIA and in the presence of the Homs governor, Eng. Bassam Barsik. The office of popular organizations and professional associations held a symposium entitled

"Latest news on coronavirus pandemic"



Homs Medical Association, in cooperation with the World Health Organization, held a symposium on coronavirus pandemic. Lectures were given by the following doctors:

Dr. Azzam Hassoun Al-Najjar, head of Homs Medical Association; Prof. Ghania Jdid, a teaching staff member of the Faculty of Medicine at Al-Baath University, specialty of thoracic disease; and Prof. Walid Khaddam, a teaching staff member of the Faculty of Pharmacy at Al-Baath University, specialty of viruses.



With the aim of supporting people in the disaster areas hit by the earthquake in February 2023, the faculty administration formed volunteer relief teams who are composed of some faculty members as well as postgraduate students prepared to provide relief in in the afflicted areas.

The faculty also participated in the "Back to Education Campaign" launched by the Arab Socialist Baath Party branch at Al-Baath University, proceeding from the national duty and encouraging to the continuation of educational message in the affected areas. The relief medical team of Al-Baath University also headed to Hama for providing all support to address earthquake damage.



## **10-Periodic meetings:**

The faculty administration and the student body periodically meet the undergraduate medical students to examine educational process and conduct electronic questionnaires for evaluating the various aspects of faculty reality.



Moreover, the faculty administration periodically meets the employees to highlight the work progress in the faculty, prepare for the examination process, and consider their opinions and the difficulties they face, with the aim of improving the work quality at various levels.



# **11- The student activities:**

The National Union of Syrian Students organizes many cultural, sporting, recreational and scientific activities that aim to develop the humanitarian side of students and deepen the practical aspect of cooperation with hospitals or scientific centers in the country, through scientific trips and various training activities.



Annual awareness-raising symposium for early breast cancer detection

#### Student activities during the coronavirus pandemic



# Student anti-smoking activities under the slogan "Smoking-Free University"



#### **Sports activities**



Qualifying match between the fourth year team and the sixth year team, 2020

#### **Sports activities**

Awarding student Abdul Rahman Dabdoub, a fourth-year student of the Faculty of Medicine, a republic champion certification for bodybuilding for 2023.



## **Cultural and artistic activities**





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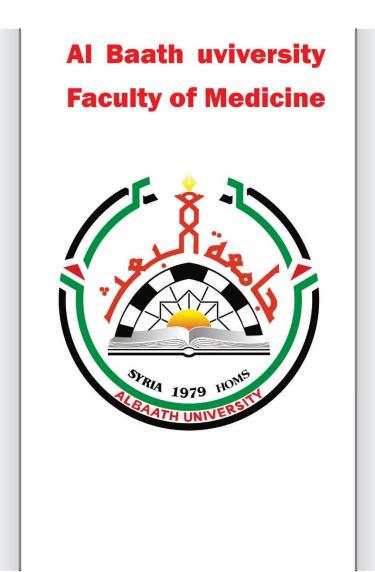
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