



DLIS
Department Of Library & Information Science
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The Department of Library and Information Science Guide

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Vision

The graduates of Library and Information Science (LIS) programs are leaders in their communities. They manage resources, services and information systems that meet the current and developmental information and knowledge needs to empower its members and improve their quality of life.

Mission

To prepare graduates to empower their communities by providing information services and resources. The Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS) undertakes the responsibility of creating the appropriate environment for preparing, training, and guiding students to perform the crucial roles delegated to them locally and globally. The DLIS staff demonstrated their commitment to their profession by teaching solid theoretical foundations, training students practically on the necessary professional practices, practising professional ethics and values, participating in scientific research, and using the latest Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). In addition, committing to mastering leadership skills in organisation and communication and preparing LIS graduates as leaders in their ever-changing job roles in their communities.


Objectives

- To prepare students to work as an information specialists in the various LIS sectors.
- To qualify graduates specialised in LIS to meet the needs of the various governmental and private sectors.
- To support the professional development of workers in the LIS profession in the State of Kuwait through training programs, seminars, lectures, and conferences.
- To raise professional practice levels and provide the essential tools for its practice by providing scientific and technical consultations.
- To spread professional awareness at general levels through publishing the academic program, lectures, public seminars, and publications.

The Department Library and Information Science

The department was established in 1977 at the Teachers Institute of Education as the first program for librarianship known in Kuwait. The department's programs have evolved over the past years. Since 1998 the DLIS has offered the bachelor's level at the College of Basic Education (CBE). It is a program to qualify as a specialist in LIS to meet the needs of the various sectors of the job market in Kuwait. The number of students registered in the academic year 2020-2021 reached 1794 (529 male students and 1265 female students).

Accreditation Academic

In May 2017, the DLIS obtained its academic accreditation from "CILIP 

, the leading institution for professionals in the field of Library, Information and Knowledge Management in the British capital, London. It is the first department in the CBE to obtain this academic accreditation and the first program to be granted the certification by that institution in the Arabic language.

Online Learning

Due to the Corona pandemic and fears of its spread among PAAET employees, distance learning has been authorized at the DLIS through accredited global educational programs such as the Microsoft Teams platform.

Graduates' employment

Several job opportunities are available for the DLIS graduates' employment in various governmental agencies and semi-governmental institutions, such as banks and private sector institutions. Graduates' Job titles vary according to the approved titles in the workplace, including but not limited to, for instance, the following titles: Information Specialist, Librarian/Director of a Library, or Information Centre.

Program admission requirements

- Obtaining the required average in high school certificate, which varies from year to year, can be checked at www.paaet.edu.kw. The percentage required for recent certificates for male students is 77.13% and for female students is 82.57%.
- Pass the personal interview at the department successfully.
- The required percentage for older high school certificates is 80% for male and female students.

DLIS Staff

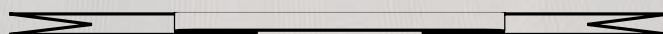
The department [teaching faculty](#) include thirty members, most of whom hold PhDs from major European, American and Australian universities. In addition to fourteen [training faculty](#) members, most of whom hold masters and PhD degrees. They support the academic programs of the department, especially in the applied and training aspects. The department's staff also include secretarial and administrative coordinators for administrative work.

The DLIS facilities

The DLIS buildings are located at the CBE in Ardiya area for both male and female students. The department has classrooms and computer laboratories in these buildings equipped with modern computers and accessories and connected to the Internet by optical fibers. The department also has workshops equipped with tools and references suitable for training.

Information ethics

We are aware of the importance of having a professional code of ethics that defines the behaviour and values of information professionals, and defines their relationship with society, colleagues, and the way they deal with information. Therefore, the department's graduates (the workers in information institutions) are the link between information resources and researchers. Accordingly, we have to establish interest in ethics among them and affirm the values that should govern and regulate these relations.



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