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# **Academic Program and Course Description Guide**

**2025**

## **Introduction:**

The educational program is a well-planned set of courses that include procedures and experiences arranged in the form of an academic syllabus. Its main goal is to improve and build graduates' skills so they are ready for the job market. The program is reviewed and evaluated every year through internal or external audit procedures and programs like the External Examiner Program.

The academic program description is a short summary of the main features of the program and its courses. It shows what skills students are working to develop based on the program's goals. This description is very important because it is the main part of getting the program accredited, and it is written by the teaching staff together under the supervision of scientific committees in the scientific departments.

This guide, in its second version, includes a description of the academic program after updating the subjects and paragraphs of the previous guide in light of the updates and developments of the educational system in Iraq, which included the description of the academic program in its traditional form (annual, quarterly), as well as the adoption of the academic program description circulated according to the letter of the Department of Studies T 3/2906 on 3/5/2023 regarding the programs that adopt the Bologna Process as the basis for their work.

In this regard, we can only emphasize the importance of writing an academic programs and course description to ensure the proper functioning of the educational process.

## **Concepts and terminology:**

**Academic Program Description:** The academic program description provides a brief summary of its vision, mission and objectives, including an accurate

description of the targeted learning outcomes according to specific learning strategies.

**Course Description:** Provides a brief summary of the most important characteristics of the course and the learning outcomes expected of the students to achieve, proving whether they have made the most of the available learning opportunities. It is derived from the program description.

**Program Vision:** An ambitious picture for the future of the academic program to be sophisticated, inspiring, stimulating, realistic and applicable.

**Program Mission:** Briefly outlines the objectives and activities necessary to achieve them and defines the program's development paths and directions.

**Program Objectives:** They are statements that describe what the academic program intends to achieve within a specific period of time and are measurable and observable.

**Curriculum Structure:** All courses / subjects included in the academic program according to the approved learning system (quarterly, annual, Bologna Process) whether it is a requirement (ministry, university, college and scientific department) with the number of credit hours.

**Learning Outcomes:** A compatible set of knowledge, skills and values acquired by students after the successful completion of the academic program and must determine the learning outcomes of each course in a way that achieves the objectives of the program.

**Teaching and learning strategies:** They are the strategies used by the faculty members to develop students' teaching and learning, and they are plans that are followed to reach the learning goals. They describe all classroom and extra-curricular activities to achieve the learning outcomes of the program.

### **Academic Program Description Form**

**University Name: Ibsina University of Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences**

**Faculty/Institute: Dentistry**

**Scientific Department: Basic Science**

**Academic or Professional Program Name: Bachelor**

**Final Certificate Name: Bachelor**

**Academic System: Year**

**Description Preparation Date:**

**File Completion Date: 21 Nov. 2024**

**Signature:**

**Head of Department Name:**

**Date:**

**Signature:**

**Scientific Associate Name:**

**Date:**

**The file is checked by:**

**Department of Quality Assurance and University Performance**

**Director of the Quality Assurance and University Performance Department:**

**Date:**

**Signature:**

**Approval of the Dean**

**1. Program Vision**

Program vision is written here as stated in the university's catalogue and website.

## 2. Program Mission

Program mission is written here as stated in the university's catalogue and website.

## 3. Program Objectives

General statements describing what the program or institution intends to achieve.

## 4. Program Accreditation

Does the program have program accreditation? And from which agency?

## 5. Other external influences

Is there a sponsor for the program?

## 6. Program Structure

Program Structure	Number of Courses	Credit hours	Percentage	Reviews*
Institution Requirements		Theory 2hr/wk (4) Lab. 2hr/wk (2)		
College Requirements	yes			
Department Requirements	Yes			
Summer Training	Yes			
Other	–			

\* This can include notes whether the course is basic or optional.

## 7. Program Description

Year/Level	Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours	
			theoretical	practical
Second year		General histology	Credit 4 2hrs/wk,	Credit 2 2hrs/wk.

8. Expected learning outcomes of the program	
<b>Knowledge</b>	
Learning Outcomes 1	Learning Outcomes Statement 1
<b>Skills</b>	
Learning Outcomes 2	Learning Outcomes Statement 2
Learning Outcomes 3	Learning Outcomes Statement 3
<b>Ethics</b>	
Learning Outcomes 4	Learning Outcomes Statement 4
Learning Outcomes 5	Learning Outcomes Statement 5

9. Teaching and Learning Strategies
Teaching and learning strategies and methods adopted in the implementation of the program in general.

10. Evaluation methods
Implemented at all stages of the program in general.

11. Faculty					
Faculty Members					
Academic Rank	Specialization		Special Requirements/Skills (if applicable)	Number of the teaching staff	
	General	Special		Staff	Lecturer

**Professional Development****Mentoring new faculty members**

Briefly describes the process used to mentor new, visiting, full-time, and part-time faculty at the institution and department level.

**Professional development of faculty members**

Briefly describe the academic and professional development plan and arrangements for faculty such as teaching and learning strategies, assessment of learning outcomes, professional development, etc.

**12. Acceptance Criterion**

**(Setting regulations related to enrollment in the college or institute, whether central admission or others)**

**13. The most important sources of information about the program**

State briefly the sources of information about the program.

**14. Program Development Plan**



Program Skills Outline															
				Required program Learning outcomes											
Year/Level	Course Code	Course Name	Basic or optional	Knowledge				Skills				Ethics			
				A1	A2	A3	A4	B1	B2	B3	B4	C1	C2	C3	C4

- Please tick the boxes corresponding to the individual program learning outcomes under evaluation.

## Course Description Form

1. Course Name:	
<b>General Histology/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>	
2. Course Code:	
3. Semester / Year:	
<b>Year</b>	
4. Description Preparation Date:	
<b>21 Nov. 2024</b>	
5. Available Attendance Forms:	
6. Number of Credit Hours (Total) / Number of Units (Total)	
120 Hr./ 6 credits	
7. Course administrator's name (mention all, if more than one name)	
Name: Assist Prof. Dr. Reyadh Salim Mohammed Email: <a href="mailto:reyadhsalim@ibnsina.edu.iq">reyadhsalim@ibnsina.edu.iq</a> Dr. Ehab Qais Ali Lecturer:- Rajaa Sayhood Assistant lecturer Tagreed Abdulrahmaan Kareem	
8. Course Objectives	
<b>Course Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>-Teaching student the type of basic or primary tissue in human body.</b></li> <li><b>-Teaching the systematic histology (histological structure of system)</b></li> <li><b>- How diagnosis the H and E slides under the light microscope</b></li> <li><b>- Correlation of Histology with other topics (Physiology, Anatomy, histopathology and immunohistochemistry)</b></li> </ul>
9. Teaching and Learning Strategies	
<b>Strategy</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1.Microsoft power point lecture</b></li> <li><b>2. Discussion method.</b></li> <li><b>3.Report method.</b></li> <li><b>4.Practical training</b></li> </ol>

10. Course Structure					
Week	Hours	Required Learning Outcomes	Unit or subject name	Learning method	Evaluation method
1	2 Theory 2 Lab.	Cells, Basic Tissue	General Histology	1. Microsoft power point lecture 2. Discussion method. 3. Report method. 4. Practical training	Weekly Quizzes, Monthly exam, Midyear exam Final exam
2		Epithelial Tissue			
3		Connective Tissue			
4		Respiratory System: conducting portion			
5		Respiratory System: respiratory portion			
6		Urinary System: kidney nephrons, collecting tubules and ducts			
7		Urinary System: ureter, urinary bladder, and male and female urethra			
8		Integumentary System: Skin: epidermis, dermis			
9		Integumentary System: skin glands, hair, and nails			
10		Hemopoiesis: bone marrow			
11		Hemopoiesis: blood cell			
12		Circulatory System			
13		Circulatory System			
14		Lymphoid System			
15		Lymphoid System			
16		Nervous System			
17		Nervous System			
18		Endocrine System			
19		Endocrine System			
20		Endocrine System			
21		Digestive System			
22		Digestive System			
23		Digestive System			
24		Digestive System			
25		Male Reproductive System			
26		Male Reproductive System			
27		Female Reproductive System			
28		Female Reproductive System			
29		Special Sense Organs: eye			
30		Special Sense Organs: ear			

## 11. Course Evaluation

**100 Score distributing as a following:**

- **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters (20 degree)**
- **Midyear Exam (20 degree)**
- **Final Exam (60 degree)**

## 12. Learning and Teaching Resources

Required textbooks (curricular books, if any)	<b>Junqueira's Basic Histology Text and Atlas 15<sup>th</sup> Ed. 2018</b>
Main references (sources)	<b>1. Netter's Essential Histology with Correlated Histopathology 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 2022</b> <b>2. Color Atlas and Text of HISTOLOGY (2018)</b>
Recommended books and references (scientific journals, reports...)	<b>1-Wheater's Functional Histology A Text and Colour Atlas 6<sup>th</sup> Ed. 2014</b> <b>2-Histology A Text and Atlas with Correlated Cell and Molecular Biology 7<sup>th</sup> ed. 2016</b>
Electronic References, Websites	