An-Najah National University

Sustainability Report

2023 - 2024

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Executive Summary

"Leading the Way to a Sustainable Palestine"

An-Najah National University (ANNU), one of Palestine's most distinguished and oldest academic institutions, began its journey in 1918 as a school and evolved into a fully accredited university in 1977. Situated in Nablus, Palestine, ANNU offers a diverse portfolio of high-quality undergraduate and postgraduate programs spanning fields such as Economics, Law, Political Science, Medicine, Biological Sciences, Engineering, Natural Sciences, Religious Studies, Languages, and Social Sciences.

ANNU is dedicated to leveraging modern teaching methodologies and cutting-edge technologies to enhance its educational system, ensuring its graduates are equipped with the knowledge and skills required to thrive in local and global markets.

In alignment with its mission to foster sustainability in Palestine, ANNU has established a dedicated Sustainability Office. This office leads university-wide efforts to embed sustainability principles, raises awareness among students and staff, and collaborates with local, regional, and international partners to drive the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Through innovation, collaboration, and commitment, ANNU continues to play a pivotal role in shaping a more sustainable future for Palestine and beyond

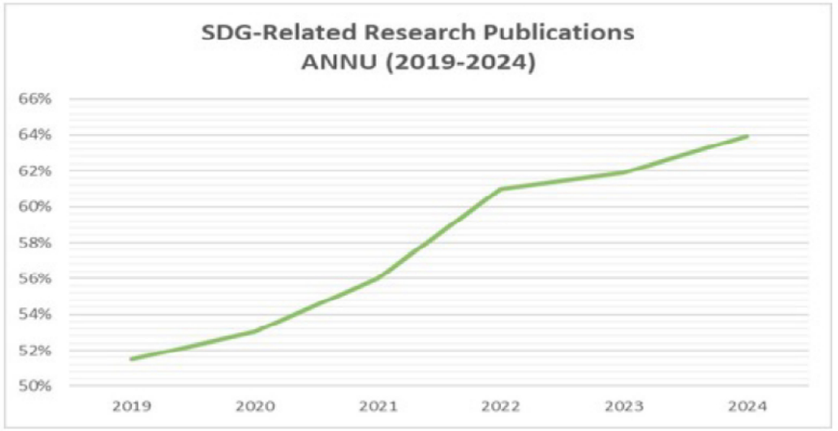
Sustainability Highlight in AY 23-24

- Launch of new Sustainability Office.
- Organizing of Environmental and Water Challenges Conference.
- Appointment of two new full-time engineers as coordinators for the Sustainable Development Office.
- TESI Initiative: Empowered Gazan students with free online learning, bridging education gaps and rebuilding Gaza's education sector.
- 201–300th in the world in Times Higher Education Impact Ranking 2024, making it the most sustainable university in Palestine

Sustainable Living in Action

- 56% energy efficiency achieved since baseline year.
- Introduced new parking facilities for bikes to promote eco-friendly commuting options and reduce the campus's carbon footprint.
- New network of outdoor drinking fountains.
- Activation of the Global Health Institute.
- Use of solar trees as part of campus beautification and sustainability education, and to promote green energy awareness.

Research On Sustinability



Our THE Impact Ranking Performance

A-5 YEAR REVIEW

The Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings are the only global performance tables that assess universities' impact deploying the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2030 framework.

The THE Impact Rankings are the most comprehensive and complex rankings methodology currently available to individual universities across the world. The rankings use indicators across four broad areas - teaching (curriculum), stewardship (operations), research and outreach (engagement) - and include an assessment of an individual institution's policy landscape. Interest in these rankings has grown exponentially since their introduction in 2019.

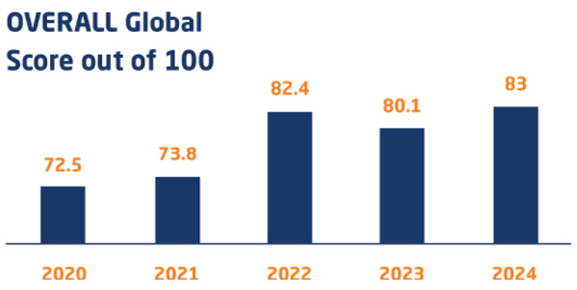
A university's total score in a given year is calculated by combining its score in SDG 17 with its best three results on the remaining 16 SDGs.

Each year An-Najah submits against all 17 SDGs. This is an institutional undertaking and involves input from over all university campuses, faculties, divisions and centers across the university and the submission of over 460 data points and case studies, overseen by Department of World University Ranking team.

Over the past five years, An-Najah National University has consistently led Palestinian universities, ranking first in Palestine and among the top 300 universities globally in the 2024 THE University Impact Rankings. Notably, we have excelled in key SDGs, including SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), SDG 12 (Sustainable Consumption and Production), SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). These achievements reflect our dedication to impactful change, innovation, and sustainable global partnerships.

OUR TOP THREE PERFORMANCE INDIVIDUAL SDGS

OUR OVERALL THE IMPACT RANKING PERFORMANCE



BIGGEST IMPROVEMENTS

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	2020	201-300
	2024	50th

WORK STILL TO BE DONE

1 NO POVERTY

END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE

Empowering Student Success Through Inclusive Support

The Deanship of Student Affairs at ANNU provides comprehensive support, including financial aid, subsidized services, academic advising, and counseling, fostering an inclusive environment for student success.

Donation Program

"Needy Students Fund" Program
It aims to support University students continue their education.
"Entrepreneurship" Program
It aims to support students' distinguished entrepreneurial projects
"To a Community of Readers" Program
It aims to support the University Libraries with regards to buying books and resources.
"I participate; therefore, I am" Program
It aims to support and fund university activities (workshop, conferences and scientific days).
"Contribute to Achieve Prosperity" Program
It is dedicated for donated devices and equipment and aims to contribute in building and renovating the University's buildings and facilities.

Empowering Communities Through Solidarity

ANNU's Basic Services for All initiative ensures equitable access to essential health, education, and social support services for underserved communities. Through programs such as supportive education, psychosocial support, housing reform, orphan sponsorship, elderly care, environmental awareness, and healthcare outreach, the initiative reflects the university's dedication to fostering community well-being and advancing sustainable development.

Sustainable Community Startups Initiative

Launched by ANNU's Community Service Center, the initiative supports local entrepreneurs with education, mentorship, funding, and access to INNOPARK and training centers, promoting innovation, sustainable practices, and community development.

Orphan Sponsorship Program

Since 2002, ANNU's Orphan Sponsorship Program has empowered orphaned children through education, healthcare, and mentorship, providing financial aid and resources to break the cycle of poverty and support sustainable development.

35
PUBLICATIONS IN SCOPUS (2019-2023)

2.25
FWCI (2019-2023)

84
THE IMPACT RANKING 2024

8.3 M$
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LOW INCOME STUDENTS

52%
STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID

>1700
AID PROVIDED TO THE NEEDY

119
SPONSORING AN ORPHAN CHILD

Food Basket Initiative

ANNU's Community Service Center supports underprivileged families through the "Food Baskets Initiative," providing essential supplies and promoting solidarity during times of need.

Fresh Organic Produce at Affordable Prices

Faculty Fresh, organic produce from the university farm is offered at affordable prices, promoting health, sustainability, and well-being on campus.

Enhancing Food Security through Safe Agriculture Practices

ANNU's 2022–2025 project, funded by AFD and SIF, promotes PAL.G.A.P among 400 farmers, including 120 women, to enhance crop quality, incomes, and sustainability while empowering women and graduates in West Bank agriculture.

A Commitment to Responsible Practices

ANNU's Sustainable Food Policy promotes ethical sourcing, waste reduction, and education, fostering an environmentally responsible and equitable campus food system.

2 ZERO HUNGER

END HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

108
PUBLICATIONS IN SCOPUS (2019-2023)

8.2
FWCI (2019-2023)

101-200
THE IMPACT RANKING 2024

+60 tons
ORGANIC VEGETABLES SUPPLIED FROM THE UNIVERSITY FARM

+500
FOOD BASKETS DISTRIBUTED TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY WELFARE

Advancing Sustainable Food Systems

ANNU's Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine fosters sustainable agriculture, supports local farmers, and ensures food security through research, education, and innovative practices, advancing sustainable development in Palestine.

Supporting Innovation for Food Security

ANNU's Agriculture and Food Research Unit advances sustainable agriculture and food security through innovation, applied research, and partnerships, improving practices and supporting development in Palestine.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES

1025
PUBLICATIONS IN SCOPUS (2019-2023)

7.16
FWCI (2019-2023)

101-200
THE IMPACT RANKING 2024

Pink October Campaign

ANNU's annual campaign promotes breast cancer awareness and early detection through free screenings, workshops, outreach, and support initiatives, uniting students, staff, and the community.

Bridging the Gap in Healthcare Access

ANNU's Poor Patient Support Fund provides financial aid to underprivileged patients, ensuring access to medical care. In collaboration with An-Najah National University Hospital, this initiative reflects the university's commitment to social responsibility and improving community health.

Advancing Health Research Excellence

The Palestinian Medical and Pharmaceutical Journal (PMPJ), indexed in Scopus, advances healthcare knowledge and practices through peer-reviewed research in medicine, pharmacy, and health sciences, fostering collaboration and supporting global health goals.

2024 Drug Development Breakthrough

Researchers from An-Najah's Faculty of Medicine, developed AS0369, a novel treatment for the rare kidney disease cholemic nephropathy. In collaboration with German scientists, the drug prevents bile acid buildup, reversing symptoms in preclinical studies.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Health Outreach for Schools

ANNU's Medical Days bring free check-ups, health education, and preventive care to schools, promoting student well-being and fostering a healthier community.

Promoting Mental Health and Resilience

ANNU's Counseling and Mental Health Center offers psychological support, counseling, and workshops, fostering well-being and a resilient campus community.

Comprehensive Healthcare and Community Services

ANNU is dedicated to providing comprehensive healthcare services and promoting community well-being through its state-of-the-art medical facilities and supporting entities:

- **An-Najah National University Hospital**
- **An-Najah Medical Clinics**
- **Counseling and Mental Health Center**
- **Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Labs**
- **Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Clinics**

An-Najah's commitment to community well-being is strengthened by the contributions of its key units, including the Faculties of Medicine and Agriculture, University Sports Center, Community Service Center, and Student Health Associations.

TEPDAD Accreditation

An-Najah National University's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences has earned TEPDAD accreditation, affirming its excellence in medical education and commitment to international standards. This recognition highlights the university's leadership in training skilled healthcare professionals and advancing medical education.

Sports Initiative for Individuals with Disabilities

An-Najah National University's Sports Center fosters inclusivity through adaptive sports programs and training, enhancing well-being and promoting social integration for individuals with disabilities

31%
GRADUATES IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS

>6000
STUDENT BLOOD DONATION UNITS

+400
FREE MEDICAL CHECKUPS FOR COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

Bridging Education for Gaza's Future

Launched by ANNU in partnership with UNIMED, TESI provides Gazan university students with access to online learning, virtual classrooms, courses, and resources. This initiative supports students affected by Gaza's damaged educational infrastructure, enabling them to continue their studies remotely without financial burden. By fostering empowerment and resilience, TESI contributes to rebuilding Gaza's education sector and promoting sustainable development.

Empowering Professionals Through Continuous Learning

An-Najah's Training Academy delivers professional development programs, equipping individuals with skills and knowledge to meet evolving industry demands and fostering a skilled, adaptable workforce.

Empowering Skill Development

Established in 2006, ANNU's Center for Training and Rehabilitation provides hands-on training in fields like electro-mechanics, graphic design, and agriculture. Licensed by the Ministry of Labor, it offers accredited programs that equip graduates with professional skills for career growth.

156
PUBLICATIONS IN SCOPUS (2019-2023

1.89
FWCI (2019-2023)

100
THE IMPACT RANKING 2024

21%
GRADUATES QUALIFIED TO TEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL

>690,000
LIBRARY BOOKS & JOURNALS

44%
FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS STARTING A DEGREE

140
BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

96
MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

19
PHD DEGREE PROGRAMS

14
NEW ACCREDITED PROGRAMS IN 2023-2024

Education Beyond Boundaries

An-Najah's Lifelong Learning Initiative provides access to online courses, public lectures, vocational training, and executive programs. Through community outreach, school workshops, and engaging events, it fosters continuous learning, empowering individuals for personal and professional growth while extending the university's impact beyond campus.

5 GENDER EQUALITY

ACHIEVEGENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

Leading the Path to Equality

The Women and Society Research Unit at ANNU drives transformative change through interdisciplinary education, research, and advocacy. By bridging academia and community, it promotes women's rights, equity, and empowerment. Through impactful partnerships, skill-building workshops, and awareness campaigns, the unit advances leadership, social justice, and gender equality, empowering women to lead meaningful change and reach their full potential.

Scholarships for Palestinian Women

ANNU, in partnership with the Clarke Education Foundation, opens doors for Palestinian women through scholarships like the Shawna Christianson Clarke Scholarship. Targeting refugee women from the West Bank, this initiative supports academic excellence, leadership, and financial need, enabling them to pursue higher education locally or abroad. Every contribution transforms lives, uplifts communities, and fosters lasting change for a brighter, more sustainable future.

Empowering Women Through Inclusive Education

The Thabari Project, in collaboration with Canadian Lutheran World Relief, transforms vocational education in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. By enhancing programs, awarding scholarships to girls, upgrading labs, and advancing staff skills, it fosters gender equity and creates opportunities for sustainable growth. This initiative empowers communities through equitable education, driving progress and development for a brighter future.

89
PUBLICATIONS IN SCOPUS (2019-2023)

15.34
FWCI (2019-2023)

201-300
THE IMPACT RANKING 2024

67%
FEMALE STUDENTS

Commitment to Equality and Fairness

An-Najah's Anti-Discrimination Policy promotes inclusivity and fairness, safeguarding against bias and protecting individuals regardless of gender, religion, or age. It ensures transparency, empowers reporting, prevents retaliation, and fosters equal opportunity through proactive measures and continuous training.

Supporting Parenthood with Equity and Care

An-Najah's Maternity and Paternity Policy fosters a family-friendly workplace, offering 90 days of fully paid maternity leave with job security and breastfeeding breaks for mothers, and 3 5 days of paid paternity leave for fathers. Flexible work options, continued benefits, and anti-discrimination measures ensure parents can balance work and family life with confidence. This policy reflects the university's dedication to inclusivity and employee well-being.

Advancing Women's Education and Empowerment

An-Najah National University empowers underrepresented women through mentorship, scholarships, and specialized programs that drive academic and professional success. Expert-led mentoring, targeted educational pathways, and women's studies initiatives enhance their advancement in higher education. Scholarships, exchange opportunities, and skill-building workshops provide the tools for women to thrive. These efforts underscore the university's commitment to gender equity, fostering growth, leadership, and empowerment within the university and the community.

40%
FEMALE STAFF

49%
FEMALE SENIOR STAFF

70%
FEMALE STUDENTS GRADUATED

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

ENSURE ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL

230
PUBLICATIONS IN SCOPUS (2019-2023)

3.18
FWCI (2019-2023)

99
THE IMPACT RANKING 2024

UNESCO Chair on Water Resources

Hosted by ANNU, the UNESCO Chair focuses on sustainable water management, research, and capacity building, addressing regional water challenges through innovation, community engagement, and global collaboration.

Innovating Water Management Through ICT

ANNU harnesses ICT for advanced water monitoring, precision measurement, and data-driven solutions, enhancing efficiency, sustainability, and informed decision-making in water resource management.

Smart Hydroponics for Sustainable Agriculture

ANNU's Faculty of Agriculture integrates hydroponics and smart technologies to boost water-efficient crop production, tackle food security, and advance sustainable farming in Palestine.

Collaboration in Water Research

An-Najah National University's Water Research Unit partners with local, national, and international organizations to address water challenges, including conservation, quality, and sustainable management. Key collaborators include the Palestinian Water Authority, Ministry of Agriculture, GIZ, World Bank, and universities like Tübingen and Humboldt Berlin. These partnerships drive innovation, knowledge exchange, and best practices for sustainable water solutions.

>300,000 m3
EXTRACTED WATER

7,000 m3
SAVED (RAIN WATER)

149
FREE DRINKING WATER FOUNTAINS

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL

Energy, Environment, and Climate Change Research Unit

An-Najah's Energy, Environment, and Climate Change Research Unit advances renewable energy, sustainable practices, and climate change mitigation. It develops energy-efficient solutions and promotes clean technologies, supporting Palestine's transition to sustainable energy and global climate action.

Long-Term Renovation Strategy for Energy Efficiency

An-Najah National University has developed a Long-Term Renovation Strategy to enhance the energy efficiency and sustainability of its campus. The strategy focuses on retrofitting buildings to reduce energy consumption, incorporating renewable energy sources like solar panels, and upgrading systems such as HVAC and lighting. This initiative demonstrates the university's commitment to sustainable development and energy conservation.

Net Zero Commitment and Green Building Guidelines

An-Najah National University is committed to achieving Net Zero Carbon Emissions through energy-efficient practices and renewable energy solutions. The university actively contributed to the development of the Palestine Green Building Guidelines, with participation from its academics and experts.

Educational Programs in Energy

An-Najah National University offers a range of educational programs in energy, including:

- **BA in Electrical Engineering**
- **BA in Energy and Environmental Engineering**
- **MS in Electrical Power Engineering**
- **MSc in Clean Energy Conservation Engineering**
- **PhD in Sustainable Energy Technology**
- **MSc in Sustainability and Building Technology**

Leading the Way in Sustainable Energy

An-Najah National University's Sustainable Energy Policy showcases its dedication to energy efficiency and renewable energy adoption. By reducing consumption, embracing clean technologies, and embedding sustainability into campus operations, the policy reinforces the university's role as a leader in eco-conscious innovation and responsible energy management.

17772 m2
PV SOLAR AREAS

Pioneering Energy Research Excellence

ANNU leads in energy research with groundbreaking achievements: publishing a Q1 paper in Thermal Science and Engineering Progress on solar cell cooling for Nablus's climate, appointing researchers as editors for top journals like Energy and Buildings and e-Prime, and collaborating on the PERL Accelerator Project, advancing energy recovery technology for sustainable innovation and green solutions.

Smart Energy Management with ICT

Leveraging cutting-edge Information and Communication Technology (ICT), An-Najah National University optimizes energy management by monitoring consumption, streamlining production, and enhancing efficiency. Advanced systems for data collection and analysis enable smarter energy use, supporting the university's commitment to sustainability and innovative resource management.

325
PUBLICATIONS IN SCOPUS (2019-2023)

1.38
FWCI (2019-2023)

75
THE IMPACT RANKING 2024

9577 GJ
RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION IN 2023-2024

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

PROMOTE SUSTAINED, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH, FULL AND PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL

Empowering a Fair Workplace

The Employment Matters Policy underscores a commitment to equity, inclusion, and ethical employment. With a focus on fair pay, gender equity, diversity, and work-life balance, it safeguards vulnerable groups and promotes accountability. Transparent grievance processes and continuous improvement ensure a supportive, sustainable workplace where employees thrive with dignity, aligning with global standards and fostering a culture of fairness and respect.

Bridging Talent and Opportunity

The University's Career Day 2024 connected 80 local companies with graduates, offering job interviews, skill-building insights, and paid training opportunities. Organized by the Employment and Alumni Affairs Unit, Practical Training Center, and DAI, the event fostered meaningful interactions between graduates and employers, creating pathways for recruitment and professional growth.

111
PUBLICATIONS IN SCOPUS (2019-2023)

5.53
FWCI (2019-2023)

201-300
THE IMPACT RANKING 2024

12%
STUDENTS TAKING WORK PLACEMENTS

90%
EMPLOYEES ON SECURE CONTRACTS

Empowering a Thriving Workforce

The Employees' Union advocates for equality, fair labor practices, and collective rights, representing all staff, including women and international members. Through initiatives in professional development, research support, and health and social insurance, the Union fosters collaboration and inclusivity. By enhancing employee well-being, it strengthens the workplace culture while aligning with the University's vision for sustainable development and impactful community engagement.

BUILD RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, PROMOTE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIALIZATION AND FOSTER INNOVATION

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

151
PUBLICATIONS IN SCOPUS (2019-2023)

401-600
THE IMPACT RANKING 2024

42
UNIVERSITY SPIN-OFFS

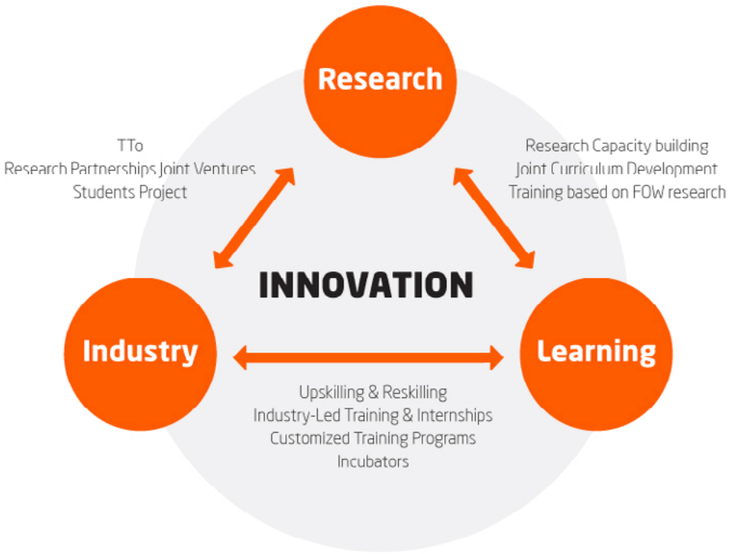
9
UNIVERSITY STARTUPS

9
UNIVERSITY STARTUPS

39
PROJECTS PARTICIPATED IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONTESTS

10
INNOVATION-DRIVEN PROJECTS

2.14
FWCI (2019-2023)



INNOPARK INNOVATION MODEL

Shaping the Future of Innovation in Palestine

An-Najah Innovation Park (INNOPARK) is a vibrant hub for creativity, collaboration, and entrepreneurship. Bridging academia and industry, it empowers talent, drives innovative solutions, and strengthens economic sectors. Offering incubation programs, accelerators, and research centers, INNOPARK addresses societal challenges, fosters sustainable development, and prevents brain drain. With cutting-edge technology and a commitment to global innovation leadership, it nurtures a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem in Palestine.

+40
EXPERTS ENGAGED IN VARIOUS INITIATIVES

212
AI TRAINEES

120
STUDENTS TRAINED FOR HIRE

Innovating Through Collaboration

The Technology Transfer Office (TTO) bridges academia and industry by collaborating with Chambers of Industry and the Federation of Industries to align research with technological needs. Engaging with networks across Arab, regional, European, and American universities, TTO fosters idea exchange and drives joint projects. This dynamic approach promotes innovation, applied research, and global partnerships, positioning the university as a leader in technological advancement and collaboration.

+1400
TRAINEES ACROSS PROGRAMS

78
TRAINING PROGRAMS

Leading Innovation on a Global Stage

An-Najah National University proudly represents the Arab region, Middle East, and North Africa as a GUNi member for 2023-2026. Selected from 40 universities in 23 countries, An-Najah stands out for its innovative strategies in education, research, and global citizenship. Committed to quality and internationalization, the university drives development plans, global partnerships, and innovation programs, cementing its leadership in academic excellence and international representation.

Innovating Excellence in Booking Solutions

Tayseer, a groundbreaking venture from An-Najah National University, earned the Best Student Product Award at Injaz Palestine 2024. Developed at An-Najah Innovation Park, Tayseer transforms appointment scheduling in sectors like healthcare with its advanced electronic booking system. This success celebrates the ingenuity of An-Najah students and underscores the university's dedication to fostering innovation, empowering talent, and driving sustainable progress.

30
INCUBATED PROJECTS

15
INDUSTRY AGREEMENTS TO ENHANCE COLLABORATION

4
CONTRACTS FOR PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

"Climate Futures Exchange" Competition

An-Najah students triumphed in the "Climate Futures Exchange" competition, securing the top three spots in collaboration with Arizona State University and the Stevens Initiative. Their innovative designs for sustainable, climate-resilient kindergartens in Nablus showcase cutting-edge energy efficiency and environmental solutions. This achievement underscores An-Najah's dedication to academic excellence, sustainability, and global collaboration, empowering students to shape a greener, more innovative future.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES

Advancing Human Rights, Democracy, and Peace

83
PUBLICATIONS IN SCOPUS (2019-2023)

6.25
FWCI (2019-2023

101-200
THE IMPACT RANKING 2024

As part of the UNESCO UNITWIN Program, the UNESCO Chair at An-Najah National University champions education and research in human rights and democracy. By fostering partnerships with global and local institutions, it empowers communities through impactful initiatives. Integrating global expertise with local needs, the Chair positions itself as a leader in promoting democracy, equality, and sustainable development, building a more just and inclusive society in Palestine and beyond.

Empowering Inclusion

The Disability Support Office fosters an inclusive campus where individuals with disabilities thrive academically and socially. By providing tailored solutions, removing barriers, and promoting equity, it creates a supportive, accessible environment for all. Committed to breaking down discrimination and championing diversity, the office empowers students, faculty, and staff to reach their full potential, redefining the standards for inclusivity and opportunity in higher education.

Harassment and Anti-Discrimination Policy

This policy upholds a zero-tolerance stance on harassment and discrimination, ensuring a safe, inclusive, and respectful community. By celebrating diversity and protecting human rights, it guarantees swift, fair resolution of complaints through transparent, confidential processes while preventing retaliation. Committed to equality and dignity for all, the policy cultivates a supportive environment where every individual can thrive securely and confidently.

Fostering Inclusion in Action

Tailored mentorship, counseling, and peer networks empower students, faculty, and staff from underrepresented groups. Scholarships, targeted recruitment, and global partnerships create opportunities for women, individuals with disabilities, and marginalized communities, fostering diversity in STEM and beyond. Through collaboration with institutions and NGOs, these initiatives ensure equitable access, professional growth, and a supportive environment that celebrates inclusion, drives innovation, and expands opportunities for all.

364
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

52
STAFF WITH DISABILITY

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

MAKE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE

Preserving Palestine's Cultural Legacy

A cornerstone of preserving intangible cultural heritage, An-Najah's Museum of Palestinian Popular Heritage safeguards Palestine's traditions, folklore, and artifacts for future generations. This initiative, supported by dedicated resources, serves as a living archive of Palestinian civilization, protecting it from extinction and theft. Beyond preservation, the museum enriches education, enabling students to contribute through field research and exhibitions. By engaging the broader community, it fosters a deep connection to Palestinian culture, ensuring its continuity and resilience in the modern era.

Shaping the Future, Honoring the Past

Addressing rapid urbanization in Palestine, the Urban and Regional Planning Unit drives sustainable development while preserving cultural heritage. From restoring landmarks like Al-Qasem Palace to innovative urban planning, it blends tradition with modernity. Through technical expertise, community collaboration, and transformative projects, the unit creates inclusive spaces that honor history and meet future urban needs, ensuring vibrant and sustainable progress for generations to come.

Preserving Heritage Through Music

Since 1985, the An-Najah Choir has celebrated Palestine's rich musical traditions, fostering cultural pride and student talent. Directed by the Department of Musicology, it performs at national and international events, serving as a cultural ambassador and promoting global artistic collaboration. Through captivating performances and creative initiatives, the choir strengthens the bond between Palestinian heritage and the world, inspiring audiences with its vibrant expression of identity.

Educational Programs

- BS Planning Engineering and City Technology
- MS Urban & Regional Planning Engineering
- MS Highway & Transport Engineering
- MS Disaster Risk Management
- MS Structural Engineering

185
PUBLICATIONS IN SCOPUS (2019-2023)

1.83
FWCI (2019-2023)

201-300
THE IMPACT RANKING 2024

31
HOUSING REHABILITATION AND RENOVATION

Promoting Eco-Friendly Commuting

Sustainable commuting is at the heart of efforts to create an eco-friendly campus. Walkable infrastructure, shaded paths, and disability-friendly ramps make walking a primary mode of transit. Free shuttle buses and electric vehicles reduce emissions, while bike parking and planned cycling infrastructure encourage non-motorized travel. By setting measurable targets—like cutting private vehicle use by 50% by 2030—the campus ensures progress is tracked. These initiatives underscore a strong commitment to a greener, more sustainable future.

Tomorrow City Project

Tomorrow's Cities leads a global effort to reduce disaster risk for marginalized communities through proactive, risk-informed urban planning. Shifting from reactive crisis management to people-centered, pro-poor strategies, it addresses the urgent challenges posed by unprecedented urbanization, inequality, and climate change. With 95% of urban growth occurring in developing countries and 70% of the world's population forecast to live in cities by 2050, this vision is critical for fostering sustainable, inclusive, and resilient urban futures worldwide.

ENSURE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION PATTERNS

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Ethical Sourcing for a Greener Future

The Sustainable Food Policy champions sustainability by prioritizing environmentally responsible and ethically sourced food. Supporting local economies and fair labor practices, it ensures meat, poultry, vegetables, seafood, and dairy are sustainably produced. Initiatives include waste reduction, biodegradable packaging, and sustainable farming methods. Through education and continuous monitoring, it nurtures a campus culture of environmental stewardship, reducing carbon footprints and fostering a more sustainable food system.

Waste Disposal Policy

Minimizing waste, promoting recycling, and embracing a circular economy are at the heart of this initiative. By prioritizing material reuse, reducing single-use plastics, and adopting eco-friendly disposal practices, it exceeds environmental standards. Comprehensive training, innovative strategies, and efficient monitoring drive effective waste management across campus, fostering a culture of sustainability and aligning efforts with long-term environmental goals for a cleaner, more sustainable future.

Minimizing Plastic for a Sustainable Future

Reducing disposable items is a key step toward minimizing environmental impact. Actions like eliminating single-use plastics, adopting digital alternatives, and encouraging reusable options foster eco-conscious practices. With refill stations, sustainable dining solutions, and responsible procurement, this initiative promotes a culture of sustainability. Through education, collaboration, and innovation, it drives measurable progress in waste reduction and strengthens the campus's role as a leader in environmental stewardship.

Sustainable Purchasing

The Ethical and Sustainable Purchasing Policy ensures transparent, ethical, and eco-conscious procurement. By balancing value for money with social and environmental priorities, it promotes fair competition and supports local and minority-owned businesses. This approach optimizes resources, fosters innovation, and upholds high ethical standards, reinforcing the university's dedication to sustainability, accountability, and responsible stewardship in every transaction.

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2.49

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Turning Waste into Resources

The Faculty of Agriculture champions eco-friendly waste management by converting organic waste into valuable resources. Animal manure is exchanged with compost through local partnerships, enriching crops like olives and vegetables. Dead animals are safely buried to prevent pathogens, while plant residues are composted or repurposed as animal feed. These innovative practices showcase a commitment to sustainability, enhancing agriculture and environmental stewardship through resource efficiency and waste transformation.

Cultivating Environmental Stewardship

Established in 2012 by dedicated biology students, the Ecology Friends Association promotes environmental stewardship through education, action, and collaboration. Focused on biodiversity conservation, reducing climate pollution, and sustainable practices, it empowers students and partners with community organizations to create a greener Palestine. By inspiring sustainable behavior and addressing global challenges, the association drives collective responsibility for a healthier, more sustainable future.

The Student Association for SDGs

Aspiring to lead sustainable development efforts, the association fosters awareness and collective action within the university and beyond. By cultivating a culture of social responsibility, it implements impactful projects aligned with the SDGs, empowering students and the community with learning opportunities. Through strategic collaborations with public and private sectors, the association promotes initiatives that support environmental, social, and economic sustainability, creating meaningful change and a lasting positive impact on society.

Food Waste reduction behavior on campus

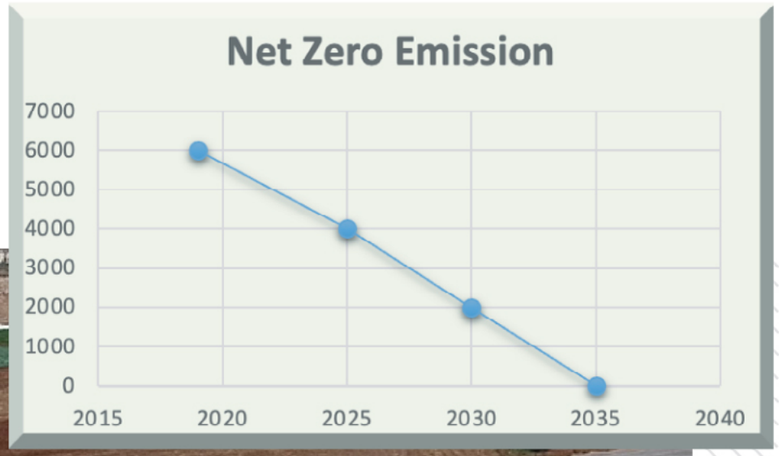
This campus initiative tackles food waste through awareness campaigns, waste audits, portion control, and surplus food redistribution. By promoting mindful consumption and responsible waste management, it reduces environmental impact while fostering a culture of sustainability. These efforts position the campus as a leader in resource efficiency and food waste reduction, inspiring students, staff, and vendors to adopt eco-friendly practices for a greener future.

13 CLIMATE ACTION

TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS

NET ZERO BY 2035

NET-ZERO EMISSIONS BY 2035



"Plant Your Sapling": Growing a Greener Nablus

The "Plant Your Sapling" initiative is transforming Nablus through a city-wide tree-planting campaign, expanding green spaces in parks, institutions, and residential areas. By engaging students and the community, it fosters environmental sustainability and enhances quality of life. Targeting areas with water access ensures proper care and growth, paving the way for a healthier, greener, and more vibrant future for the city.

Educational Programs

- PhD in Sustainable Energy Technology
- MS in Water & Environmental Engineering
- MS in Clean Energy Conservation Engineering
- BS in Energy & Environmental Engineering

Leading Climate Action Through the SAGE Center

The SAGE Center leads efforts to combat climate change impacts through regional collaboration and innovative solutions. Partnering with governments, NGOs, and local authorities, it supports early warning systems, risk monitoring, and climate adaptation strategies. As a hub for research and capacity building, the center fosters resilience, tackles environmental challenges, and strengthens sustainable development, positioning itself as a key player in addressing global and regional climate crises.

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1.45

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30%

GREEN AREA

Path to Zero Carbon

The Climate Action Plan sets a bold course toward carbon neutrality by 2050, aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20% by 2030, source 30% of energy from renewables, and cut water use by 25%. With solar energy, sustainable transport, waste reduction, and community partnerships, it integrates education, research, and innovation, positioning itself as a leader in sustainability and resilience.

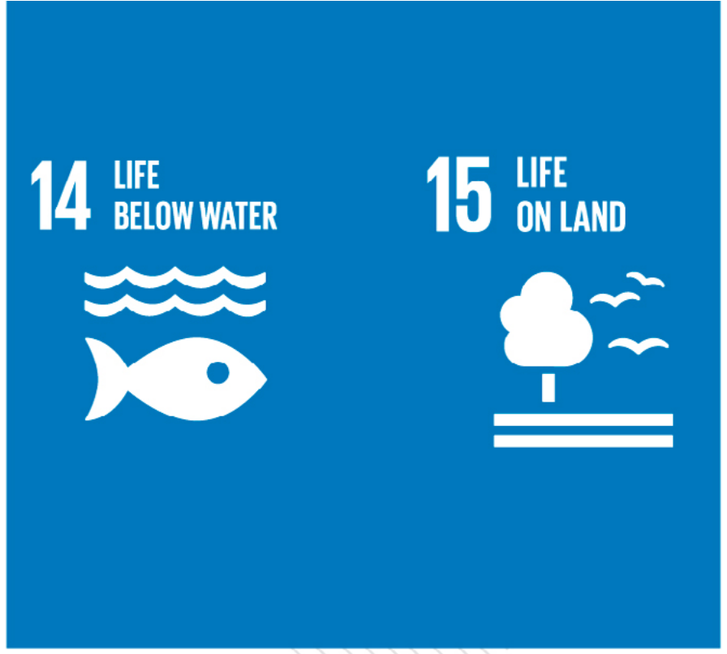
Smart Agriculture for Climate Resilience

This innovative initiative, in collaboration with the Meteorological Department, leverages advanced weather data to empower farmers with real-time guidance. Backed by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and FAO, it enhances food security and sustainability by mitigating climate risks. With a state-of-the-art farm and meteorological station, the project drives smart agricultural practices, enabling farmers to adapt, innovate, and thrive in the face of climate challenges.

Pioneering Environmental and Climate Justice

The Environmental and Climate Justice Program (ECJP), in partnership with MA'AN Development Center, tackles pressing environmental challenges in Palestine. This initiative empowers communities, raises awareness, and implements climate adaptation strategies for vulnerable populations. Supported by the Swedish Consulate, "We Effect," and PAIC, it unites resources to drive sustainable development and build resilience against climate change, fostering a more just and equitable future for Palestine.

CONSERVE AND SUSTAINABLY USE THE OCEANS, SEAS AND MARINE RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



PROTECT, RESTORE AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE USE OF TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS, SUSTAINABLY MANAGE FORESTS, COMBAT DESERTIFICATION, AND HALT AND REVERSE LAND DEGRADATION AND HALT BIODIVERSITY LOSS

Preserving Nature, Inspiring Action

The Biodiversity Research Unit leads efforts in conserving Palestine's natural heritage through innovative research, education, and collaboration. From biodiversity assessments to preserving genetic diversity and traditional knowledge, it highlights the ecological and economic potential of local flora. With programs like the Flora Palestine website, workshops, and community outreach, the unit fosters awareness and sustainable practices, positioning itself as a regional leader in biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.

Championing Ecosystem conservation

Diverse facilities promote biodiversity and sustainable agriculture, including greenhouses, livestock farms, aquaculture areas, and an equine farm. A botanical garden and herbarium preserve native plants, while an apiary supports bees and honey production. The Stuffed Animal Exhibition educates on wildlife preservation. These initiatives exemplify a commitment to sustainability, fostering innovation and awareness in ecosystem conservation.

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Preserving Palestine's Biodiversity

ANNU's Herbarium and Botanical Garden are at the forefront of conserving Palestine's native flora and biodiversity. Serving as a vital repository, they protect genetic resources essential for ecological balance and sustainable development. The botanical garden doubles as a living laboratory, fostering education, research, and public engagement. Through these efforts, An-Najah raises awareness and supports scientific initiatives for sustainable environmental stewardship.

Commitment to Environmental Conservation

ANNU's Environmental Conservation Policy reflects its dedication to sustainability and global environmental stewardship. Aligned with its Strategic Plan, the policy drives biodiversity protection, renewable energy adoption, waste reduction, and sustainable resource use. By integrating environmental principles into campus development, fostering interdisciplinary research, and engaging the community, An-Najah leads efforts to raise awareness and contribute meaningfully to global sustainability goals.

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Nanotechnology for Aquatic Ecosystems

An-Najah's Center of Excellence in Materials Science and Nanotechnology (CEMSAN) leads cutting-edge research in water sustainability. By developing advanced photocatalytic materials like TiO2 and ZnO, enhanced through innovative techniques, the center creates efficient solutions to degrade pollutants in aquatic ecosystems. With groundbreaking approaches such as laser-assisted synthesis, CEMSAN drives eco-friendly technologies, reinforcing its commitment to safeguarding water resources and addressing global environmental challenges.

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

111
PUBLICATIONS IN SCOPUS (2019-2023)

26.91
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50
THE IMPACT RANKING 2024

PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL AND BUILD EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS AT ALL LEVELS

Academic and Research Freedom

An-Najah National University is dedicated to preserving academic and research freedom as pillars of higher education. We empower faculty, researchers, and students to teach, explore, and innovate without fear, fostering intellectual independence and public discourse. Guided by inclusivity, ethical practice, and equitable access to resources, our policy ensures diverse perspectives thrive, safeguarding the pursuit and dissemination of knowledge to inspire societal progress and address global challenges.

Advancing Human Rights and Democracy

Through the UNESCO UNITWIN Program, An-Najah National University's UNESCO Chair on Human Rights and Democracy champions education, research, and community empowerment. By fostering global and local partnerships, the Chair drives impactful initiatives that promote democracy, equality, and sustainable development. Integrating global expertise with local needs, it solidifies An-Najah's role as a leader in human rights education and a catalyst for positive change in Palestine and beyond.

Worker Rights Policy

ANNU upholds ethical labor practices, ensuring fair treatment and dignity for all workers, including outsourced staff. The policy mandates equitable conditions, fair wages, and non-discrimination, aligning with national and international labor standards. Through strict due diligence, robust contracts, and continuous monitoring, An Najah exemplifies social responsibility and reinforces sustainable labor practices across all operations.

Educational Program

- BA in Law
- BA in Law & International Relation
- BA in Political Science
- MS in of Investment and Finance Laws
- MS in Governance and Anti-Corruption Studies
- MS in Public Law
- MS in Private Law
- MS in Criminal Law
- MS in International law and Human Rights
- MS in Intellectual Property and Innovation Management
- PhD in Public Law
- PhD in Private Law

An-Najah Triumphs in International Arbitration

ANNU's Faculty of Law and Political Science claimed first place in the prestigious International Commercial Arbitration Competition by the Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration. Competing against 134 teams from 27 countries, the team excelled in real-world arbitration simulations, culminating in victory over King Saud University. This achievement underscores An-Najah's excellence in legal education and its role in preparing global leaders in arbitration.

Promoting Justice and Legal Awareness

An-Najah Legal Clinic empowers society by raising legal awareness, protecting human rights, and promoting social justice. Under expert supervision, law students organize impactful legal awareness campaigns with civil society organizations and provide free legal services to marginalized communities, ensuring access to justice for the needy. By combining theory with practice, the clinic trains future legal professionals, integrating them into the community while strengthening the justice system through dedicated and ethical legal support.

Empowering Voices, Building Futures

The Student Union at An-Najah National University champions student representation and engagement, creating an inclusive, vibrant campus community. It amplifies student voices, advocates for their rights, and enriches campus life through services, cultural events, and clubs. Promoting social awareness and activism, the union fosters a strong sense of belonging while driving collaboration with university leadership to enhance student resources and facilities.

STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

746
PUBLICATIONS IN SCOPUS (2019 2023)

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NTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL SIGNED AGREEMENTS IN 2023-2024

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JOINT & DUAL PROGRAM

58.2%
INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION

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ASPHER The Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region

Community of Mediterranean Universities

IAESTE

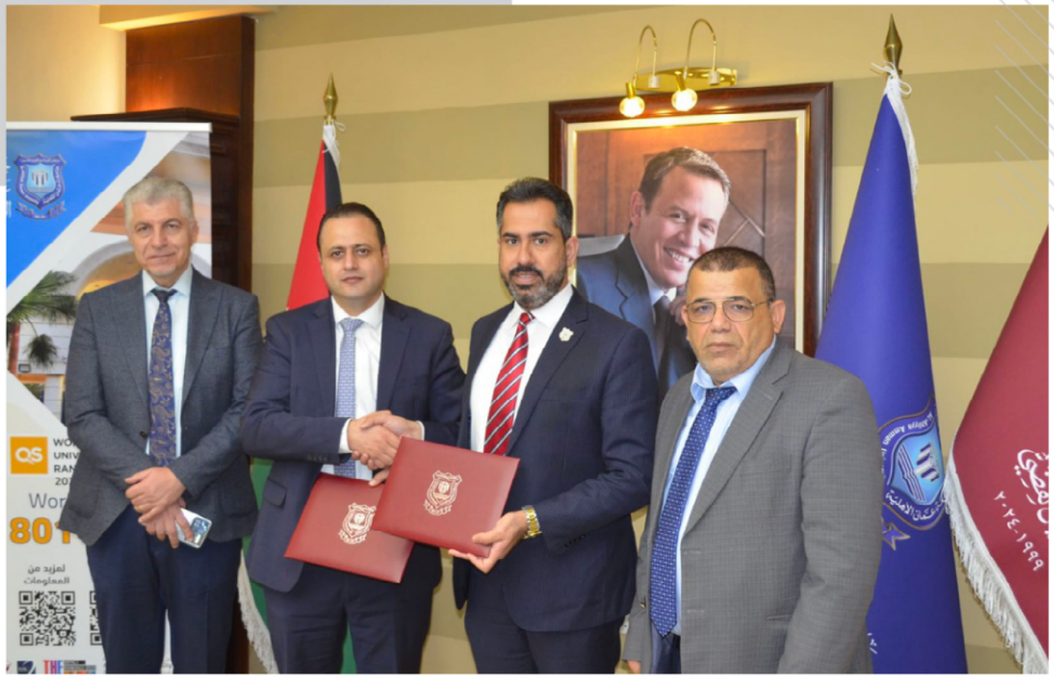
اتحاد الجامعات العربية

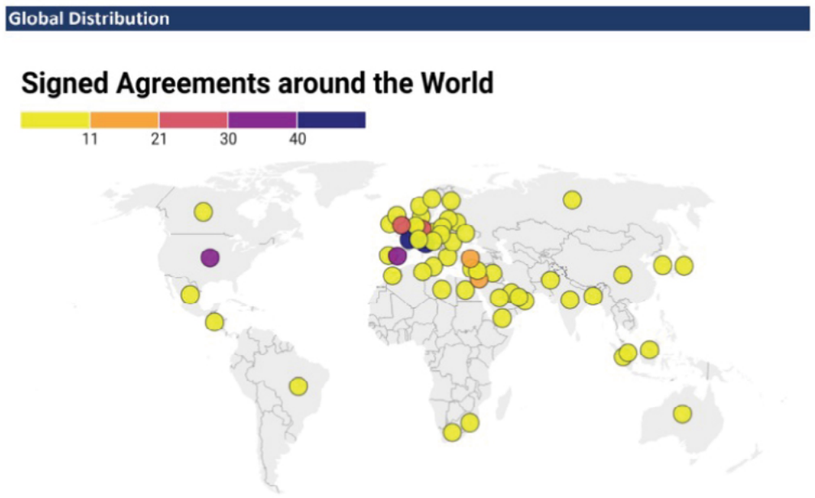
ITU

AUF

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL of OPHTHALMOLOGY

Region totals	Collaborating Institutions	Co-authored publications
Worldwide	2590	2097
Africa	259	776
Asia Pacific	648	712
Europe	773	1035
Middle East	390	1375
North America	423	622
South America	97	387





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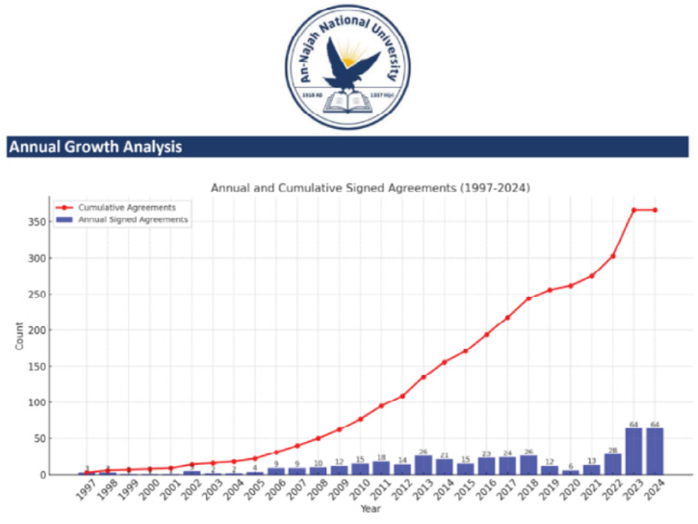

An-Najah's Prestigious Memberships

ANNU actively participates in prestigious international organizations, including IAU, AArU, FUIW, CMU, IAESTE, ITU, ASPHER, ACS, ICO, AUF, and UNIMED, promoting academic exchange, research collaboration, and global recognition.

Dr. Kherieh Rassas serves as President of UNIMED, enhancing ANNU's leadership in the Mediterranean region, while Dr. Abdulnaser Zaid, as President of An-Najah, represents the university on the Board of Arab Universities (2024–2027), advancing sustainable development. These roles highlight ANNU's dedication to global collaboration and addressing shared challenges.

Connecting Globally

The Office of International Relations at ANNU connects the university globally through partnerships with institutions across Europe, Latin America, Asia, MENA, and Jordan. By fostering collaborations, it drives higher education reform, promotes knowledge exchange, and strengthens An-Najah's global presence.

Driving Global Collaboration and Education Reform

ANNU's International Grants and Projects Center leads initiatives addressing climate change, democracy, and education reform. Through the Erasmus+ BASE project, involving 17 global institutions, it aligns science education with Bologna standards, enhances teaching methods, and reforms higher education to boost employability in STEM fields. The center reflects ANNU's dedication to global collaboration and sustainable academic progress.

Connecting Minds Across Borders

An-Najah's Virtual Exchange Program creates a global classroom experience, linking students from diverse countries to collaborate and engage in intercultural dialogues. Through team-based projects and facilitated discussions, the program bridges cultures, enhances global competence, and offers transformative learning opportunities without the need for travel.

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