

Welcome Note from the Academic Vice President



Dr. Mona Suri
Academic Vice President

Dear Students and RUW Staff,
I take this opportunity to congratulate each one of you on the successful achievement of the College of Art & Design (CAD). The College has received Full Confidence for the Programme within-College-Review from Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA) in the following four Programmes:

- Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design
- Master of Design Management

I would like to thank our President, Prof. Mazin Jumaah, for his vision, leadership and guidance and acknowledge the Dean of CAD, Dr. Janon Kadhim, all the faculty members, staff and students of CAD, Director QAAU, Mr. Parsa Zogaji and members of the Unit, Registrar, Mr. Sami Dagash and members of his team, and all the RUW academic and administrative staff for their hard work and perseverance. Further I would like to specially thank all the College Advisory Committee members, alumnae and employers for their support and presence. This is a collective achievement of Team RUW. The three Programmes from College of Business and Financial Science have already received full confidence twice. Hence this accomplishment is the attestation of the fact that RUW is a place where women excel. Another milestone that I would like to mention is the Launch of West Virginia University Civil Engineering Programme from this academic year at RUW. We are indeed proud to partner with West Virginia University (WVU) and hosting their Civil Engineering programme. RUW and WVU started work on this historic initiative of the launch of the WVU Civil Engineering programme in Bahrain Campus in 2015. RUW Board of Trustees, WVU Board of Governors and Presidents from both universities provided the vision to take this strategic partnership to new heights. The important considerations are that WVU Civil Engineering Curriculum will be followed and their degree will be awarded. It's a 4-year degree programme with an additional Foundation Semester. It is my great pleasure to welcome the new students to RUW, the first private university in Kingdom of Bahrain to be accredited by Higher Education Council. You have joined a university with strong reputation for academic Excellence with outstanding students, staff and alumni. At RUW we are working effectively to collaborate with our regional and international partners to add to our reputation. I wish you all a wonderful year ahead and look forward to meeting you personally during the semester.

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Academic Programmes Offered at RUW

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- Centre for General Studies
 - English for Academic Success

College of Art and Design

- Edexcel Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design
- Bachelor in Architectural Design
- Master of Design Management
- Master of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting

College of Business and Financial Sciences

- Bachelor of Business in Banking & Finance
- Bachelor of Business in Human Resource Management
- Bachelor of Business in International Business
- Bachelor of Business in Marketing

College of Law

- Bachelor of Law

College of Engineering

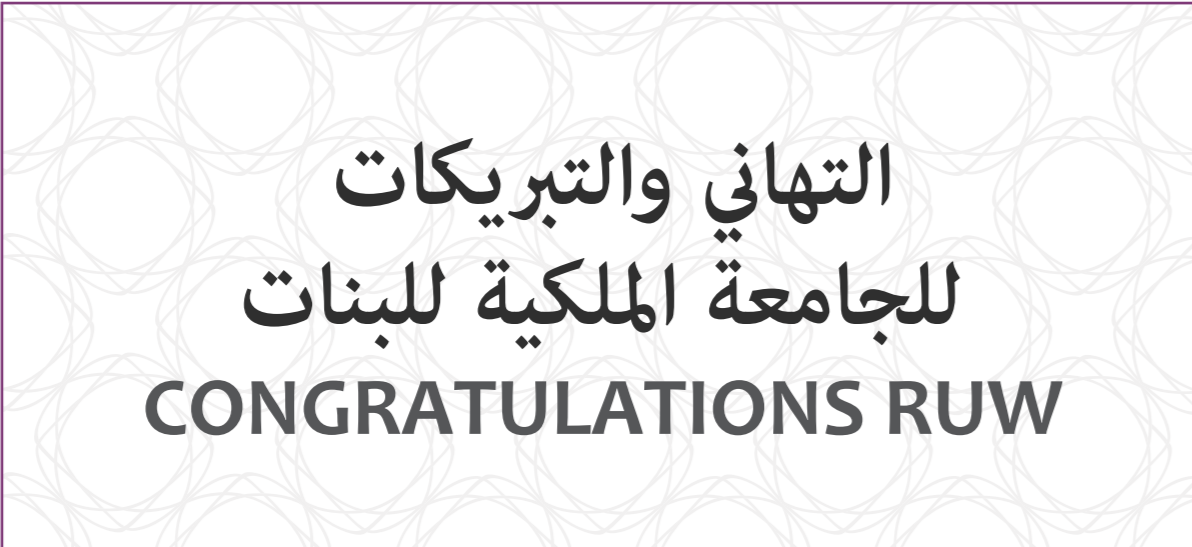
- B.Sc. Civil Engineering (West Virginia University programme hosted by RUW)

RUW Mission

To offer our students a rewarding and challenging multi-cultural learning environment that cultivates strong, well-rounded personalities, encourages leadership, and builds character, social consciousness and community. To realize our commitment to teaching, learning, research and service through the activities of all members of the University community.

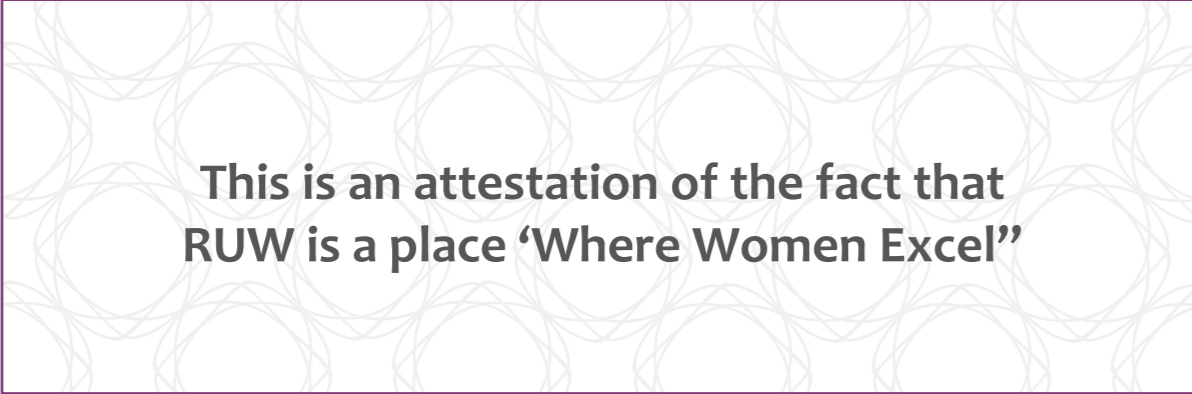
RUW Vision

"The Royal University for Women will become the regional leader in academic excellence for women. Programmes and practices that meet international standards will prepare our graduates to become leaders who are engaged members of their society demonstrating initiative & life-long habits of learning and individual development. The RUW graduate will be creative, confident and forward thinking."



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The Opening Ceremony of West Virginia University Civil Engineering Degree Programme in Bahrain



His Excellency Dr. Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi, Minister of Education and Chairman of the Higher Education Council, delegated Dr. Mona Al Balooshi, Assistant Secretary General of Evaluation & Accreditation, and as per Higher Education Council's approval for hosting West Virginia University Civil Engineering degree programme by Royal University for Women in the Kingdom of Bahrain, to patronize the inaugural opening ceremony was held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at the University's campus in West Riffa. At the event, Mr. Fahad Al Zamil, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Royal University for Women and Prof. Mazin Jumaah, President of Royal University for Women welcomed the high level visiting delegation from West Virginia University, expressing their pride for being part of a promising collaboration and hopes to engage in further collaborations.

Mr. William Wilmoth, Chairman of the West Virginia University Board of Governors then welcomed students, wishing them success in their academic endeavors. He added that the West Virginia University degree programme in Civil Engineering hosted by Royal University for Women is a testament to the international reach of WVU and commitment to the partnerships in the Kingdom of Bahrain. He explained that it is a step towards a broader plan to provide world-class educational services to all students and to help them become well-rounded, mature, leading individuals who can excel academically and develop socially.

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The students were also addressed by Dr. Gordon Gee, West Virginia University President who encouraged them to seize this opportunity to gain expertise from the visiting professors and reiterated West Virginia University's dedication to fostering the ideal atmosphere in education. He added that the launch of the degree is an integral part of West Virginia University's plan to provide world-class educational services to all students, to help them realize their potential and gain the necessary knowledge and skills to further their personal and professional careers.

The degree program, the first to be offered by West Virginia University in the Middle East started accepting applicants for the fall semester during the summer with students enrolling for academic year 2017/2018. Students enrolled in the program are registered as West Virginia University students and are eligible to earn a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. As part of the opening ceremony, His Excellency Mr. William Roebuck, US Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain acknowledged the efforts of both West Virginia University and Royal University for Women towards achieving this remarkable milestone. He then congratulated the students on joining the West Virginia University family, and stressed on the potential of such programs for collaboration and exchanging of ideas and practices.

The West Virginia University degree program in Bahrain hosted by Royal University for Women is offered in newly constructed facilities and classrooms with state-of-the-art laboratory equipment as well as benefiting from courses and labs instructed by faculty affiliated to West Virginia University. The West Virginia University program is co-educational and all students admitted to the program will enroll in a preparatory foundation semester in English and Mathematics. In addition, career support services are available to assist with job placement upon graduation.

Royal University for Women welcomes His Highness Shaikh Khalifa Bin Ali Al Khalifa, Southern Governor



His Highness Shaikh Khalifa Bin Ali Al Khalifa, Southern Governor, visited the Royal University for Women and received a warm welcome from members of the Board of Trustees, Academics and students at its campus premises in West Riffa. The Royal University for Women welcomed His Highness's visit with a number of activities and celebrations, including a traditional ardhā performance, a presentation on the programs on offer at the university, as well as a briefing on the achievements of the university and the newly launched degree programs. The event witnessed a high number of students and families as well as the attendance of His Excellency Dr. Abdulghani Al Shuwaikh, the Secretary General of the Higher Education Council.

The visit of His Highness started with a meet and greet with board members, academics and students, followed by a presentation by Prof. Mazin Jumaah in the presence of His Highness Shaikh Khalifa Bin Ali Al Khalifa, Southern Governor, briefing the audience on the establishment of the Royal University for Women the mission and vision on the university, the degrees and programs on offer, the partnerships and collaborations with international institutions, as well as the strides RUW has undertaken in empowering women and achieving accreditation and offering the highest quality of education and opportunities for RUW students and graduates to excel. Prof. Mazin Jumaah also pointed out the recognition from the GCC countries and the composition of the RUW student body from different nationalities all striving together to achieve excellence and distinction. Prof. Mazin presented the 12 academic programs on offer at Royal University for Women whether at a foundation, bachelors or masters level, stating that Royal University for Women currently has 802 graduates with a high number of distinguished alumni.

West Virginia University Launches GCC Alumni Chapter



On October 20th, 2017, the Royal University for Women proudly hosted the launch of West Virginia University's GCC Alumni Chapter. An esteemed delegation from West Virginia University attended the event, as well as several faculty members from the Royal University for Women. Additionally, over 100 guests from the GCC region attended the event, traveling from their home countries of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE, and Oman. Guests enjoyed a spread of traditional Arabic food and drinks, and also got a glimpse into the local Bahraini culture through a musical performance called Aardha. Speeches were made by WVU President, Dr. Gordon Gee, WVU Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. William Wilmoth, WVU Dean of Engineering, Dr. Gene Cilent, RUW Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Fahd Al Zamil, President of WVU Alumni Association, Mr. Sean Frisbee, President of the WVU GCC Alumni Chapter, Mr. Mohammed Alkhalid, and Director of the WVU-RUW Global Portal, Ms. Aysha Murad. The event was MC'ed by Dr. David Stewart, Vice President of International Student Affairs at WVU and member of the Board of Trustees for RUW.

Alumna of the Month



Background Information

Name: Nayla Ramadhan

Graduation Year: 2017

Professional Occupation: A Trainee Lawyer at Alghunaim Law firm

Involvement at RUW:

- Graduated from the College of Law with the degree of Bachelor of Law.
- College of Law Representative for the year of 2016-2017.

Ms. Nayla Ramadhan

Her Words:

"My four educational years at RUW are the most valuable years that changed me as a person and made me identify the path of my future career, I had acquired extensive knowledge, skills and experience in the field of Law. I do believe that our college of law is not like any other college of law in Bahrain, as our college first of all serve the need of having lawyers with perfect legal English language as it offers 70% of the curriculum in English, which we can't find it in any other University in the region. Furthermore, the college was always keen to improve and develop the student's skills and abilities by engaging them through variety of activities either internally inside the university or even outside the campus to conferences, workshops and competitions for the need of socializing, gaining practical experience and developing the student skills. This care and support made me confident enough to face the outside world and know the needs of the market. In the year of 2015-2016 I was elected to participate in the "Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot" and the "Pre Vis Moot Middle East" and won the "Best Individual Oralist Award". This award in particular opened the doors of several job opportunities to me, and made me accept my first job offer joining "Almoayed Chambers" directly after my graduation which is considered to be the top International law firm in the Kingdom. After that I had another job offer and joined "Alghunaim law firm". I am currently now solely holding a separate department in the firm that deals with all the foreigner clients, banks and companies inside and outside Bahrain. The serious responsibilities I am holding made me thank and cherish every step and every pressure I went through during my educational journey. For me, this is just the beginning, I will finish my Masters and PHD to hopefully return back to my other home and family "RUW" and "COL" not as a student but as a professor."

NOTE - Dear Student, you will shine somewhere, Just keep looking for that place and don't give up.

Achievements:

- Winning the best individual Oralist award in the 6th Willem C. Vis Middle East International Commercial Arbitration Pre-Moot (2016).
- Participated as a coordinator of the RUW team in the 24th Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot Competition (2016-2017).
- Elected to be the College of Law representative (2016-2017).

RUW College of Law Alumnae admitted at Oxford University, UK

Royal University for Women is proud of its 2017 Bachelor of Law graduate Ms. Reem El Assad who gained admission into Oxford University's pre masters course in Diplomacy. Ms. Reem is well into her studies in the course and reflects back on her time at Royal University for Women by thanking her professors, fellow students and the university as a whole for a memorable experience and all the support and guidance she received during her years at RUW. The current Oxford University student has stated that all is going well with her studies and encouraged Royal University for Women students to follow her route and to do their best during their studies as it will pay off in the future. Royal University for Women is proud of all our alumnae, especially the driven, ambitious, and high achieving graduates that go on to achieve personal and professional success.

President Gee meets RUW and WVU Students



As per his request, President Gee, West Virginia University President, met students and faculty members for a lively question and answer session during his visit to Bahrain. It was also an opportunity to interact with the students of the WVU Civil Engineering Programme Bahrain Campus. President Gee stressed the quality of the partnership between RUW and WVU and its achievements, and presented a video about the WVU. President Gee answered various questions about career choices, achievement, challenges and family life. Dr. Gee's career as a university president expands over 30 years, which make him the longest serving University president in the United States and one of America's most prominent higher education leaders.

President Gee led WVU until 1985 when he went on to presidencies at the University of Colorado (1985-90), Brown University (1998-2000) and Vanderbilt University (2001-07). He served as president of The Ohio State University from 1990-97 and again from 2007-13 to finally return to West Virginia University. Born in Vernal, Utah, Dr. Gee graduated from the University of Utah with an honors degree in history and earned his J.D. and Ed.D. degrees from Columbia University. Wherever he served, President Gee has built a special relationship with the students and the community.

CAD participates in World Skills Competition, Abu Dhabi



From 11 to 20 October 2017, Ms Shaikha Alabbasi took part in the World Skills competition which was held in Abu Dhabi. This competition is a skills power-hub that works together with educators, policy makers, industry and other organisations to redefine the value and improve the attractiveness of skills. Over and above her college work, Ms Shaikha had to be familiarised with most printing methods and technology. World Skills provides members access to an international knowledge base where ideas and best practices are exchanged. It also provides access to a network of resources and tools for young skilled professionals to build on their success and inspire future generations of skilled workers to discover the relevance and importance of skills. It makes RUW proud to have participated as University in this world competition. Ms Shaikha Alabbasi spoke of her experience: "The experience I had in the World skills Competition was unforgettable, from the reception we had until the closing ceremony. The people I met and the friends I made, the experts who inspired and helped me, the challenges I had to go through. I am grateful for all of that."

With the participation of thirty teams representing universities from across the world; International Moot Court Competition Launches at RUW



The 8th Annual Middle East Vis Pre-Moot Regional Arbitration Program was held at Royal University for Women during October 12th to October 14th as the program served as a training and preparation for the international 25th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and the regional 15th Vis Middle East Moot. Working in collaboration with the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR-AAA), Mena Chambers (MCB), the Center for International Legal Education of the University of Pittsburgh (CILE), and supported by the United States Embassy the university welcomed teams from thirteen universities from across the Middle East region and further on with teams from Europe and Asia.

The 8th Annual Middle East Vis Pre-Moot Regional Arbitration Program launched in high spirits on October 12th with an opening ceremony that included remarks by Prof. Mazin Jumaah, President of Royal University for Women who welcomed the teams and wished the teams the best of luck in their training, reiterating the commitment of the Royal University for Women ideas to host such initiatives and the goal of the university to link academic studies with training and reflect real life work situation which the pre-moot achieves in an excellent manner. The opening ceremony also witnessed the advice and guidance of Prof. Ronald Brand the, the driving force behind the creation of the University of Pittsburgh's Center for International Legal Education (CILE) and who alongside the CLDP have introduced the Pre Moot Competition to the Middle East for over 10 years now.

Faculty of the Month

Ms. Amy M. Owen-Alkhalidi, Lecturer, Center for General Studies



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Ms. Amy Owen is a lecturer for the Centre of General Studies at RUW. She is a graduate from West Virginia University, located in the United States of America, and has degrees in International Relations with focus on the Middle-East and North Africa, as well as in TESOL and Linguistics. During her time as an undergraduate, Ms. Amy Owen served as an intern for the Intensive English Program of WVU, teaching international students English, American culture, and study skills before they enter the university as full-time students. She also served as an undergraduate TA for Arabic literature and language courses for two years in the Arabic Studies Program at WVU. After completing her first degree in 2015, she was offered an Arabic teaching assistantship, and was given a scholarship for her graduate studies in the Department of World Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics at WVU. Ms. Amy Owen completed her graduate studies in 2017 and was awarded with the "Outstanding GTA Award" upon graduating. This award is given to one graduate assistant in the college per year for distinguished performance in graduate courses, as well as in teaching.

Dr. Elizabeth M Samuel, Assistant Professor, College of Business and Financial Sciences, achieved the HEA Fellowship



Dr. Elizabeth M Samuel

During the last Academic year, Dr. Elizabeth attended the Professional Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education program conducted by Higher Education Academy, British professional institutions promoting excellences in teaching and learning, and having attended a workshop series, Dr. Elizabeth M Samuel, Assistant professor at College of Business and Financial Sciences, Royal University for Women, submitted all the required documents to HEA and achieved the status of HEA Fellow in recognition of attainment against the UK Professional Standard Framework for teaching and learning support in higher education. Congratulations.

RUW participates in the Higher Education Academy Annual Conference, UK



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Dr. Mona Suri, Academic Vice President, presented the research paper (joint research with Mr. Parsa Zoqaqi) entitled "Embedding Employability in Higher Education: RUW Perspective" at the Higher Education Academy Annual Conference "Generation TEF: Teaching in the Spotlight" in July 2017, UK.

CBFS hosts a Guest Lecture on Leadership by Mr. Abdulkarim Bucheery, Chairman of the Bahrain Bourse and former CEO of BKK



CBFS as part of its leadership experience sharing initiatives, hosted a guest lecture by Mr. Abdulkarim Ahmed Bucheery, Chairman of the Bahrain Bourse and former CEO of BKK on 10th October 2017. Mr. Bucheery spoke on his life's journey from working as a construction hand to heading one of the largest bank in Bahrain. Mr. Bucheery's through various anecdotes drawn from his personal life spoke about how he converted challenges to opportunities and how he gained learning from various problems he faced. Mr. Bucheery took the audience through the various trials and tribulations he faced in his professional life reiterating the role played by sincerity, hard-work, commitment, patience, decisiveness and passion in molding his personality.

CAD Viva Presentations



The College of Art & Design, Post graduate studies program, held a series of Vivas for the Master of Design Management and Master of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting. Three Viva's were held during the period October 5-8, 2017. The Viva panels, as per RUW regulations were formed of an external examiner, internal examiner and supervisor. External Examiner from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and from the University of Bahrain, RUW and the College of Art & Design continue their quest for excellence, ensuring research work is done as per requirements and regulations. Also, as per CAD's mission, the topics addressed by students are highly related to local Bahrain and regional issues. This is to enhance RUW's role to build a strong relationship with the industry and to help solve community related issues. The panels that took place during this period are: (1) Ms. Hessa Salem Ajaj Ahmed Ajaj, Master of Design Management, Thesis Title: The Impact of Design Management on Corporate Identity Perception "The case study of Bahraini Restaurants", Supervisor: Dr. Nehal Elnaggar. (2) Ms. Khadija Saeed, Master of Design Management, Thesis Title: Employability of Woman in Art and Design in the Kingdom of Bahrain: Opportunities and challenges, Supervisor: Dr. Janon A.W. Kadhim. (3) Ms. Manal Mohammed Ahmed Alsatat, Master of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting, Thesis title: "The Role of Community Issues in the Kingdom of Bahrain in Guiding Contemporary Bahraini Art 2006-2016", Supervisor: Dr. Nessesree Elmeley

College of Law students and staff meets Dr. Gordon Gee, WVU President



On October 17, The College of Law hosted a question and answer session with Dr. Gordon Gee, WVU President, during the visit to RUW. The law students were very interactive asking questions regarding the programs and internships available at WVU.

College of Law hosts Alumna Guest Speaker

In preparation for the 25th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and the 8th Middle East Pre-Moot, the College hosted one alumna as guest speaker during the class time of the International Commercial Arbitration course – Law 488 on October 9, 2017. Since she has been member of the Vis Moot team in the past two editions of the competition, and she is currently co-coaching the RUW Vis Moot team, she shared her experience and provided suggestions to the new team members. During the lecture, Ms. Amina discussed with the class the main points of the dispute involved in the current edition of the competition, and gave feedback on the major legal issues by reviewing a draft of the outlines for Claimant Memorandum.

Charity Bake Sale

On October 17, Student Council, RUW Volunteers held a Bake Sale in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. The proceed of the event will be handed over to a Charity Organization.

Breast Cancer Awareness Lecture

On October 22, Office of Student Affairs organized an Early Detection Lecture by DR. Naila Nisar, Consultant General ob-Gyn at Royal Bahrain Hospital. The lecture was followed by free Blood Pressure and Sugar check. The lecture provided insight into the detection and prevention of breast cancer. The event was well organized and was successful.

Personal Development Workshop: Self Development 7 Skills

On October 24, 2017 Office of Student Affairs organized Personal Development workshop 'Self Development 7 Skills' by Ms. Thawra Ebrahim Rashid Khalifa Al Dhaen-former trainer at InJaz and CEO at Bahrain Food Bank. The workshop was designed to help students achieve success by gaining a better understanding of what motivates them and how to access their core drivers. 18 Students attended the event.