

Salahaddin University - Hawler (www.SU.edu.krd) is located in the capital of Kurdistan Region of Iraq, Erbil (Hawler in Kurdish), and is one of the oldest and largest institutions of higher learning in Kurdistan Region.

Salahaddin University was established in 1968 and was originally based in Sulaimaniyah, before being transferred to Erbil in 1981 for political reasons. Subsequently, the name was also changed to Salahaddin, in honor of the great Kurdish leader Salahaddin Al-Ayubi.

Initially, the university included seven colleges: Science, Agriculture, Engineering, Administration, Arts, Education, and Medicine. Later, in 1985, the College of Law and Politics was added to the University's programmes while the College of Dentistry was added in 1995.

The total number of colleges became 22 in 2004, then decreased to 18 in 2005 when the Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, and Pharmacy became part of Hawler Medical University. And decreased to 13 in 2010 when the four colleges in Soran district became a part of Soran University.

Finally decreased to 12 in 2012 were the two colleges of Education combined.

The University is a member of the International Association of Universities and grants various academic degrees and certificates to qualified individuals, including Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.), Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.Sc.), and Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.).

The diplomas and certificates awarded by SUH are internationally recognized.

Staff structure (as of April 2012):

• Professors:	77
• Assistant Professors:	314
• Lecturers:	497
• Assistant Lecturers:	1047
• Research Assistants:	400
• Non-Academic Staff:	3600
• Recruited/Temporary Staff:	20



Vision & Mission

SUH is a public university and is fully funded by the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG). It is a centralized university, run under the authority of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research -KRG.

Vision:

To be a world-class teaching university, leader in the pursuit of knowledge, research and skills development, and to network people worldwide for the purpose of academic excellence and mutual achievement.

Mission:

- Provide an innovative educational platform which will allow SUH to become a world class university.
- Improve research centers for developing staff and student skills.
- Develop industry leaders by providing excellent learning programmes and experiences to graduates, post-graduates and professionals.

- Build up extensive learning centers using the latest technology.
- Advance knowledge to develop the country economically.
- Develop an academic reputation that stakeholders, faculty and staff can be proud of.
- Decentralize the administrative work of the university to enable SUH faculty staff to pursue the mission statement adopted by the university.



Key Objectives

To raise the level of study at SU to international standards, we work hard to achieve the following.

- SUH to open its doors to pupils all over the world regardless of their educational and cultural backgrounds.
- Plans to have suitable tuition fees according to the financial capability of the community and the discipline the student wants to study.
- Encourage academic professors all over the world to apply for work at SUH as teachers and researchers.
- Permit the existing university faculties to go abroad for post doctorate experience and sabbaticals.
- Encourage the university faculties to participate in international conferences and meetings, by submitting research papers.

- Establishing academic and scientific cooperation with universities around the world.
- Implementing the already signed agreements and understandings with different universities.
- Sending top ranking graduates abroad to complete their higher studies within internationally recognized universities.
- Attract companies, research institutions and the private sector to invest in SU.



SUH is an outstanding academic centre in the region.

System of Study at SU

The system of study at Salahaddin University follows the law of Higher Education in the Kurdistan region, issued by the Ministry of Higher Education and approved by Kurdish Parliament in 2009. Accordingly, study at SUH is free for both undergraduate and postgraduate studies (no tuition fees).

Undergraduate studies:

Undergraduate studies last four academic years (October to June). B.Sc. and B.A. degrees are awarded to students in 70 different disciplines.

Master degree studies:

This takes two full years. The first year includes two 15 week semesters and then one full year of research and writing a thesis (dissertation). At the end, the student must pass an oral examination with overall marks not less than 70%.

Ph.D. degrees studies:

Study at SU leading to Ph.D. degrees in different fields and specializations are completed via two systems.

- **Old system:** This takes three academic years. The first year includes two 15 weeks semesters followed by a comprehensive examination, and then two full years of research and writing a thesis.
- **New system:** This system is set to be implemented at the beginning of the academic year 2011-2012. With this system, Ph.D. studies take four years and each student must have two supervisors; one from SU (local supervisor) and the second from an internationally recognized university abroad (international supervisor).

The student then spends the first 18 months with the international supervisor in their centre of excellence, carrying out a literature review and experimental laboratory work related to their research. After that the student returns to SUH to continue the study with the local supervisor.

It is worth mentioning that this new system of study is fully funded by the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG). This new system is officially recognized as a **Split-Site Ph.D. Program**.

Number of students (as of June 2015):

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| • Undergraduate: | 21947 |
| • Masters: | 500 |
| • Ph.D.: | 200 |



Language of Study

At SU, both undergraduate and postgraduate studies are taught in Kurdish, English and Arabic.

- Scientific Colleges: Engineering, pure sciences and applied sciences are all taught in English language, with all textbooks and journals also in English.
- Humanities colleges: Arts, Fine Arts, Physical Education etc. are taught in both Kurdish and Arabic. The textbooks and periodicals are available in either language.



Colleges

Salahaddin University has 15 colleges with a total of 70 departments (disciplines).

- College of Engineering; Civil, Architecture, Software, Electrical, Mechanics, Dam & water resources, and Survey Departments.

- College of Science; Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Geology, and Environmental Science Departments.
- College of Law and Political Science; Law and Political Science Departments.
- College of Languages; Kurdish, Arabic, English, French, German, Turkish and Persian language Departments.
- College of Education; Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science, Kurdish, Arabic, English, Education and Psychology Departments.
- College of Arts; Geography, History, Psychology, Media, Philosophy, Archeology, Sociology, and Social Work Departments.
- College of Basic Education; General science, Mathematics, Social Sciences, English, Kurdish and Kindergarten Departments.
- College of Management and Economics; Economics, Statistics, Accounting, Management, Finance & Banking Departments.
- College of Agricultural; Animal Production, Plant Production, Plant Protection, Field Crops, Soil & Water, and Forestry Departments.
- College of Physical Education; Theoretical studies, Individual sports, and Group Sports.
- College of Islamic Science; Shareaa, Islam, and Fundamentals of Religions Departments.
- College of Fine Arts; Cinema, Theater, Music and Painting Departments.
- College of Education at Shaqlawa; Kurdish, English, Physics and Biology.
- College of Education at Makhmoor: Kurdish and Arabic.
- College of Basic Education Evening attendance; General science, Mathematics, Social Sciences, English, Kurdish

International Relations Office

The Directorate of International Relations operates under full supervision of the president of Salahaddin University Dr. Ahmed Anwar Dezaye (ahmeddezaye@su.edu.iq) and directed by Dr. Mohammed Azeed Saeed (mohammed.aziz@su.edu.krd).

In principle, Office of International Relations at Salahaddin University (SU) has three departments:



Department of Scholarships: This department puts forward in cooperation with all the colleges linked to Salahaddin university plans of scholarships to send graduated students abroad to study in different fields of science leading to the degrees of master and Ph.D.

The plans are mainly based on the need of the colleges to the qualified academic university teachers and researchers, especially in those fields in which higher studies in local universities are not possible.

The graduated students are usually sent to the English speaking countries. Salahaddin University also sends students to non - English speaking countries like France, Germany and Russia according to our need and special scientific agreements between KRG and these countries.



The department of scholarships is also looks after the students who studies abroad, follows up the progress of their study to provide the students all the necessities.

Department of Delegation and Protocols: This department is responsible for all international and local delegations visiting Salahaddin University, receiving delegations, making required arrangements for meetings, discussions the main issues of the delegations. Preparation of the memorandum of understanding/agreements and communications with local and worldwide universities and scientific research centers, for exchanging ideas and establishing bilateral scientific and cultural relations all over the world are the main duty of the office of academic relations.



Department of Delegation and International Conferences: This department is mainly concerned with SUH delegations traveling abroad to participate in international conferences, Sabbatical leave and post doctorate research works at the world's international standards universities. The administration procedures and archiving their documentations is the major duty of this department.

Language Centre - A Bridge for your Success

Talk to Kurdistan:

This is a self-funding centre at SU which was founded in 2004. It offers training courses for Kurdish, English, Arabic and other languages, translation, academic writing and other capacity building skills.

This supplements student's studies and enhances the skills of both undergraduate and postgraduate students. It also offers foreigners living in Kurdistan an opportunity to undertake Kurdish language courses (both preliminary and advance) in order to enable them to improve communication with the local people and understand the history and culture of the Kurds.



Training courses are also opened to those who wish carry out TOEFL and IELTS tests with the cooperation both the British and US consulates in Erbil. The courses are primarily for university staff, as well as others. The language centre intends to promote the linguistic awareness of participants and enhance their skills. It aims to create a bridge for people to reach the outside world, in order to develop business both inside and outside the country.

University Libraries

SU has a main central library located on Kirkuk Street, near to the College of Science. The central library is open Saturday to Thursday from 09:00 to 15:30.

The central library offers to the readers local and international books, text books, scientific journals and periodicals issued since 1960 in Kurdish, English and Arabic. The library catalogue covers all humanitarian and scientific disciplines.



The colleges also have their own libraries containing books and Journals relevant to the college's disciplines. It is estimated that the university has over 2 million books in the libraries combined.

Every year in April, SU central library organizes an international book exhibition lasting a week. Over 50 International publishers and book sellers participate in the exhibition each year to show their latest and up to date

publications to the readers in the region. During the exhibition, the central library opens doors to the public.

Avicenna virtual Campus

Salahaddin University-Erbil with full cooperation of UNESCO has established the **AVICENNA VIRTUAL CAMPUS (AVC)** as a network of e-learning Center. The center was officially opened by the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Kurdistan Region on December 3rd, 2012. The objectives are to meet the need for the academic staff holding a PhD degree with an overseas experience. The opportunity of establishing domestic and overseas research partnerships, strategic cooperation between universities, research support for international visits, opportunity to improve English language skills and to become a part of the long-term university collaboration network.



Internationalization of Salahaddin University

According to the law of higher Education in Kurdistan Region, study at SU is free for both undergraduate and postgraduate students (no tuition fees). Only pupils that graduate from high schools located with Kurdistan Region are entitled to apply to SU. The pupils must prove they are Iraqi nationals.



The internationalization of the university can be achieved only by allowing students from all over the world to apply for study at SU, and create opportunities for international university professors to teach and research at SUH.

SUH Cultural Centre

The Cultural Centre was established in 2002, with the building constructed by UNESCO. This centre is used for holding scientific conferences and is also suitable for giving seminars and holding meetings. The centre can also be used for social events and celebrations for different occasions.



The SU Cultural Centre has both medium and large conference halls, and a restaurant which prepares delicious Kurdish food upon request. It is located just in front of the College of Engineering on Kirkuk Street, and is open daily from 09:00 to 24:00.

The career Center

Salahaddin University-Erbil Career Center is the first in Kurdistan region to be opened. The Career Center was formally established in February 2012 and since it has made great progress in turning its mission into a reality. The mission of the Career Center is to better serve the regional and national economy by linking the growing private, nonprofit and government sectors to the university, and help prepare students to align their competencies and capabilities with suitable employment opportunities. Salahaddin University Career Center provides an array of comprehensive services and collaborates with academic departments to help students succeed in their pursuit of academic and career goals. Students are provided with the opportunity to have career planning sessions, work experience prior to graduation and assistance with the development of employment opportunities. These include internships, training courses, studying abroad opportunities and finding full-time and part-time employment.



Areas of Research

The excellent profile of SU is made up of engineering and pure and applied sciences with major research in the areas of:

- Renewable energy - electricity generation from solar and wind power
- Electronic materials
- Environmental Engineering/Sciences
- Semiconductors & Nanotechnology
- Geological/chemical research on petroleum
- Agriculture crops, modern irrigation systems, plastic houses
- Climate change, Desertification and Global Warming
- Economy, Finance & Banking
- Applied Mathematics & Information Technology
- History, Archeology of Kurdistan & Gender Studies
- Human & Women Rights



Music Band

The College of Fine Arts band has a reputation as the most outstanding band in Kurdistan region, of which SU is most proud. The team consists of undergraduate students using both traditional Kurdish and instruments and also foreign influences. The band is fully supervised and run by SU teaching staff. The band plays at both SUH and external events.



SUH Radio Broadcasting

The aim is to educate students about science and technology as well as the daily events and activities at SU to everyone in the region. SUH Radio broadcasts every day from 08:30 to 14:00 on FM band 91.0Hz in different languages.



Degree Congregation Ceremony

Every year a bout 4000 undergraduate students from some 70 disciplines graduate from SU.



Traditionally, the degree certificates are awarded in a ceremony held at the SUH stadium on July 1st each year. It is a spectacular celebration.

Students Exchange - First step for internationalization SU

Bridges of Understanding and promote good relationship in creating the "Youth Talk", dialogue, and discussions between Kurdistan and International Universities. The program harnesses the power of digital technology through a unique, interactive platform to engage young people with their peers across the world in an open dialogue about issues that affect both cultures, learning from each other and forming lasting bonds of friendship and mutual respect. Develop positive attitudes toward research and learning activities and provide an opportunity to learn about Kurdish culture, language and its people (Student Cultural Exchange)



Women Rights and the University

Women's rights in Kurdish society are organized by law. The role of women in decision making in the Kurdish government and the impact of women's work on their social life are the major concerns in research areas at SUH, under the DeIPHE program sponsored by the British Council.



Students Dormitories

Over 80% of undergraduate students live in dormitories free of charge.



The dormitories are up to date modern compounds supplied with all student's necessities.

International students visiting SU for a short period are also accommodated in the dormitories free of charge.



We also take care of Students and university staff members. Health treatment at the university health centre is free of charge.



The City of Hawler (Erbil)

Salahaddin University–Erbil (SU) is located in the city of Hawler (Erbil). The geographical location of the city is 36.2°N Latitude, 44.0°E Longitude and 420 meters above mean sea level.

Hawler is the fourth largest city in Iraq after Baghdad, Basra and Mosul. The city lies eighty kilometers east of Mosul, and is the capital of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

Life in Hawler can be dated back to at least 6000 BC, and it is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. At the heart of the city is the ancient Citadel of Hawler. The city has been under the rule of many regional powers since that time, including the Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Arabs, and Ottomans.

The city's archaeological museum houses a large collection of pre-Islamic artifacts, and is a centre for archaeological projects in the area.



The climate of Hawler (Erbil) follows the Mediterranean climate, and is affected by cyclones and anticyclones developing on the Mediterranean Sea basin during the winter and summer months, respectively. It has been classified as a semi-Arid continental climate that is cold and wet in winter, and hot and dry in summer. Spring and autumn are short seasons but pleasant. Long term average annual rainfall is over 400mm. The rainy season usually starts in mid October and lasts until late May. December and January are the coldest, whilst July and August months are the hottest



Months	Rainfall (mm)	Max.Temp. °C	Min.Temp. °C
January	80	13.3	4.1
February	77	14.9	5.0
March	76	19.6	8.6
April	54	23.9	12.7
May	21	32.2	17.3
June	0	38.5	23.4
July	0	42.2	26.6
August	0	42.0	26.2
September	0	37.5	21.8
October	13	20.6	11.8
November	40	14.3	6.5
December	72	8.8	3.8



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