

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

University of Wollongong in Dubai, UAE



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IN DUBAI



The University of Wollongong in Dubai (UOWD) is arguably Australia's most successful off-shore higher education facility and was the first private western university in the United Arab Emirates.

Established by the University of Wollongong in Australia in 1993, UOWD has grown to become one of the most prestigious private universities in the UAE, with a long-standing reputation for academic excellence, graduate employability and exceptional student experience.

UOWD's diverse student population of more than 115 nationalities promotes cultural, ethical and social development. We aim to develop graduates who are creative and critical thinkers, able to challenge and cross boundaries.

The University has more than 400 staff and over 4000 students enrolled in more than 25 accredited undergraduate, masters and PhD courses. UOWD offers courses in Business, Finance, Computer Science, Engineering, International Studies, and Media & Communications at its campus in Dubai's Knowledge Park. In addition, UOWD's Language Studies Centre (LSC) offers a wide range of general and pre-tertiary language courses and communication development programs.

UOWD is a world leader, held in high regard by its students, alumni and the business, government and community sectors. We integrate teaching, research, community and business linkages at global and regional levels to value-add economically, socially and culturally.

From the beginning, UOWD has looked for ways to contribute to the UAE's ambitious nation-building agenda and has worked to deliver innovative, high-quality courses. We have grown as Dubai has grown.

Accreditation

All academic programs at UOWD are accredited by the UAE Ministry for Higher Education and Scientific Research. UOWD also holds an academic authorisation from the Dubai Knowledge and Human Development Authority.

In addition, all UOWD programs are quality assured by the University of Wollongong in Australia, which is registered with the Tertiary Education and Quality Standards Agency, the national regulator of the higher education sector in Australia.

As a dual-accredited institution, UOWD students are able to receive either UAE or Australian qualifications.

UOWD delivers an academic curriculum and teaching practices that reflect the quality and standards of the University of Wollongong in Australia, which is among the top two per cent of universities worldwide, one of the top 25 best modern universities globally and among the world's top one per cent of institutions for graduate employment outcomes, according to the international Graduate Employer Survey (2017 QS World University Rankings).

This local and international recognition allows graduates to pursue further education and/or employment opportunities in the public and private sectors in the UAE and around the world.

Future direction

UOWD tailors programs to meet local requirements and the needs of business and industry. We see opportunities to do so much more in Dubai and these opportunities have been identified through the strong links we have developed locally through engagement at all levels with the Dubai and Emirates' governments, industry and communities.

Our plans for the future include:

- To grow UOWD's reputation as a premium and distinguished university
- To introduce new and innovative programs in direct response to the needs of the local community
- To further develop our research capacity and contribution to the UAE's knowledge priorities

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai aims to transform Dubai into the "Capital of Islamic Economy" and the UOWD Faculty of Business has introduced a new specialisation in Islamic Banking for Master of Applied Finance students which strives to support this growth industry.

Diversity in research

The UOWD vision is to promote a culture of research, innovation and collaboration to bring sustainable benefits to business and society.

The Simulation and Smart Systems (S3) Research Centre has been established by the University's Faculty of Engineering and Information Sciences to support simulation-based research in a diverse range of fields including health, education, urban planning, sustainability, engineering and computing.

There are three main research groups within the centre, each focusing on the application of technology to address lifestyle challenges that are particularly relevant to the UAE, such as healthcare, transportation, energy use and security systems.

There are more than 25 students enrolled in UOWD's DBA/PhD programs, with many students engaged in research related to governmental organisations within the UAE and Gulf Corporation Council. The University recorded its first DBA/PhD graduate in 2016.

Community engagement

UOWD has more than 8600 alumni. The fully-rounded education provided by the University has accelerated the careers of many UOWD alumni, who now occupy high-profile positions in public and private sector organisations both locally and across the globe.

There is an intrinsic link between UOWD and the business and government communities. Our executive training courses and knowledge exchange programs offer the opportunity for business professionals to collaborate directly with the University to achieve their goals.

UOWD currently maintains partnerships with a range of businesses including Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA), Dubai Police, Dubai Municipality and UAE Defence/Military.

The University is also dedicated to engaging with the local community, which helps draw support and inspiration from wider society while contributing to the development of Dubai.

UOWD has teamed up with Dubai Business Women Council for the first study of its kind in the region which will contribute to public policy initiatives aimed to heighten career leadership development opportunities among women in the UAE.

Another community partnership UOWD is involved in is supporting STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) development in schools. Activities range from consulting and offering advice on curriculum development for teaching programming to running competitions that challenge students' knowledge, creativity and teamwork.



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Her Excellency Shaima Al Zarooni, (Master of International Business, 2007) is Director of Special Initiatives in the Office of HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein and was bestowed the 2015 UOWD Alumni Award for Social Impact.

Her Excellency said: "It is proof that the opportunity that was given to me to study at UOWD enabled me to use the skills I learnt for a great cause. I am privileged that the university empowered me to explore new opportunities and helped me to make a difference."

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