



Admission Guide 2026

Undergraduate Programs

Academic Year 2026 - 2027

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Foreword

King Saud University continues to fulfill its role as a leading academic institution contributing to knowledge creation and human capital development. This commitment is further reinforced by Royal Decree No. (9589), dated 9/2/1444 AH, approving the Foundational Statute of King Saud University. In alignment with the goals of Saudi Vision 2030, the University strives to enhance its operational efficiency and strengthen its standing among distinguished universities both regionally and globally.

Since its establishment in 1377 AH as the first university in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, King Saud University has remained at the forefront of educational institutions leading the advancement of science and research, and contributing to the preparation of nationally competent graduates capable of competing at regional and international levels.

Driven by the University's belief in the importance of the admissions stage as the starting point of a student's academic journey, the University has been committed to developing its admissions policies and procedures in ways that uphold the principles of fairness, transparency, and equal opportunity, while raising the quality of its incoming students.

Within this framework, the University's admissions system has undergone a significant qualitative transformation, transitioning from admission through common first-year tracks to direct admission into undergraduate degree programs. This shift serves to clarify students' academic pathways from the very beginning of their university studies, attract high-achieving students, and enhance the University's competitiveness and appeal.

Furthermore, admission to the University through the National Unified Admissions Platform — as part of the broader integration framework among Saudi universities — will streamline the application process for students and enable them to explore their university options with greater clarity and ease.

The Deanship of Admissions and Registration is pleased to present the Admissions Guide for Undergraduate Programs for the academic year 2026/2027. This guide outlines the general admissions requirements, available degree programs, applicant selection criteria, and the procedural regulations governing the admissions process.

We ask Allah to grant our students success in choosing their programs of study, and that this academic year mark the beginning of a distinguished scholarly journey that contributes to building their futures and serving their nation.

Dean of Admission and Registration Affairs
Prof. Nasser bin Ibrahim bin Turki

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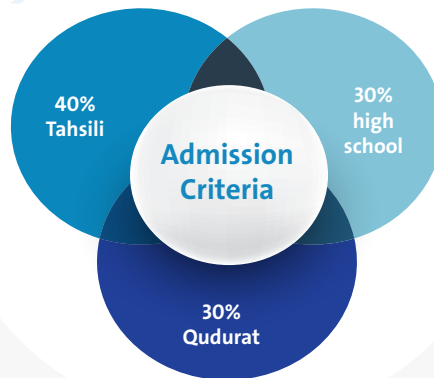
for undergraduates

General Admission Requirements for New Students (2026/2027)

- The applicant must be a Saudi national, born to a Saudi mother, or the mother of Saudi children.
- The applicant must hold a high school diploma or its equivalent from within or outside Saudi Arabia. Certificates issued outside the Kingdom must be accredited by the Ministry of Education.
- No more than two years (the current year and the one prior) must have elapsed since obtaining the high school diploma for applicants to the College of Medicine, and no more than five years for applicants to all other bachelor's degree programs.
- The applicant must obtain valid scores issued by the National Center for Assessment (Qiyas) for both the General Aptitude Test (Qudurat) and the Achievement Test (Tahsili), in accordance with the applicable admission criteria.
- The applicant must be medically fit and capable of fulfilling the academic program requirements.
- Applicants to health colleges (Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Prince Sultan College for Emergency Medical Services, Applied Medical Sciences, and Nursing) must have no disabilities.
- Students who previously withdrew, had their enrollment suspended, or dropped out from the university must have completed four academic semesters (or two academic years for annual-system students) before reapplying, counted from the semester or academic year following the academic action.
- The applicant must successfully pass the personal interview for admission to the Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry, and the written test for admission to the College of Architecture and Planning.
- The applicant must not have been dismissed from King Saud University or any other university or academic institution for disciplinary or academic reasons.
- The applicant must not currently be enrolled at another university inside or outside Saudi Arabia.
- Students with disabilities who are exempt from National Center for Assessment tests — in accordance with disabilities approved by the Academic Council — may be admitted to available programs in humanities colleges, based on the type of disability.
- The applicant must not have previously obtained a bachelor's degree.

Direct Admission

Bachelor Degree Programs



Admission is granted directly to the program with the completion of the Common First Year courses for the College.

Academic Excellence

Academic Programs



Academic Excellence Programs



.Information Technology



.Electrical Engineering
.Mechanical Engineering
.Industrial Engineering
.Computer Engineering



.Medicine and Surgery
.Computer Science
.Software Engineering
.Information Systems



- The applicant must achieve a minimum admission score of 95% for the Medicine and Surgery program, and no less than 90% for all other programs, in accordance with the admission criteria approved by the Academic Council (30% high school GPA + 30% General Aptitude Test (Qudurat) + 40% Achievement Test (Tahsili)).



- Students must achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 4.50 out of 5.00 in the first-year courses, as specified in the approved study plan, to continue in the Medicine and Surgery program.



- Students must achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 4.00 out of 5.00 in the first-year courses, as specified in the approved study plan, to continue in other excellence programs.



- Students who do not meet the above requirements will be transferred to another program based on their performance indicators

Benefits of Admission in the Academic Excellence Programs

- Priority consideration for the Distinguished and Talented Students Program in the Talented, Distinguished and Mentoring tracks, including all exclusive benefits and enrichment opportunities offered through these initiatives.
- Priority consideration for student engagement opportunities.
- Priority consideration for on-campus housing and related parking facilities for students from outside Riyadh, subject to availability.

Applications to the programs is via the University Admission Portal UAP.SA

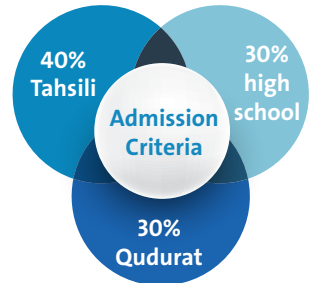
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Health Colleges

Highschool tracks (general, computer science & engineering, health and life or equivalent)

Students are admitted directly into the program, while completing the First Common Year courses for Health Colleges.



Medicine

-Medicine and Surgery

Personal interview

Pharmacy

-Doctor of Pharmacy

Dentistry

-General Dentistry

Personal interview

Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz for Emergency Medical Services

-Science in Emergency Medical Services

Nursing

-Nursing

-Science in Midwifery

Applied Medical Sciences

- Biomedical Engineering
- Clinical Laboratory Sciences
- Radiological Sciences
- Dental Hygiene
- Dental Technology

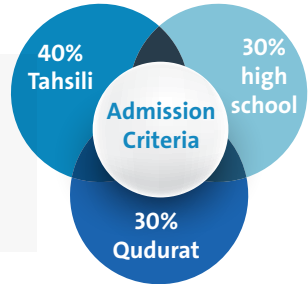
- Clinical Nutrition
- Rehabilitation Speech-Hearing
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Respiratory Therapy

- Community Health Sciences - Health Education
- Optometry Doctor
- Prosthetics and Orthotics

Science Colleges

Highschool tracks (general, computer science & engineering, health and life) or equivalent

Students are admitted directly into the program, while completing the First Common Year courses for Science Colleges.



Sciences

- Actuarial and Financial Mathematics
 - Biochemistry
 - Botany
 - Chemistry
 - Mathematics
 - Microbiology
 - Physics
 - Statistics
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- Geology
 - Geophysics
 - Operations Research
 - Zoology

Engineering

- Civil Engineering
- Surveying Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering

Computer and Information Sciences

- Computer Science
 - Information Systems
 - Software Engineering
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- Computer Engineering
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- Information Technology

Architecture and Planning

- Architecture and Building Science
- Planning and Urban Design

Admission Test

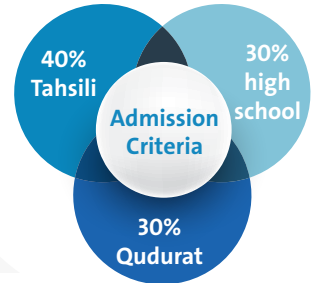
Food and Agricultural Sciences

- Agricultural Engineering
- Applied Economics
- Animal Production
- Food Science & Human Nutrition
- Plant Production Sciences
- Plant Protection

College of Business Administration

Highschool tracks (general, computer science & engineering, health and life, business administration) or equivalent

Students are admitted directly into the program, while completing the First Common Year courses for the College of Business Administration.



Business Administration



-Economics
-Accounting

-Finance
-Marketing

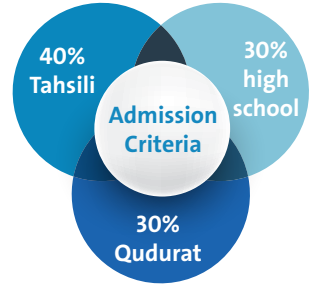
-Management Information Systems
-Management

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Humanities Colleges

Highschool tracks (general, computer science & engineering, health and life, business administration, shariah) or equivalent

Students are admitted directly into the program, while completing the First Common Year courses for Humanities Colleges.



Humanities and Social Sciences

- Information Science
- Mass Communication
- Arabic Language
- History
- Geography
- Social Studies-Sociology
- Social Studies-Social Work

Education

- Quranic Studies
- Psychologist
- Sharia
- Pre-Primary Education

Law and Political Science

- Laws
- Political Science

Language Sciences

- English Language and Translation
- English Language and Literature
- French Language and Translation
- Chinese Language and Translation
- Spanish Language and Translation
- Japanese Language and Translation

Tourism and Archaeology

- Heritage Resources Management and Tour Guidance
- Tourism and Hotel Management
- Archaeology

Sport Sciences and Physical Activity

- Sport Sciences and Physical Activity

Arts

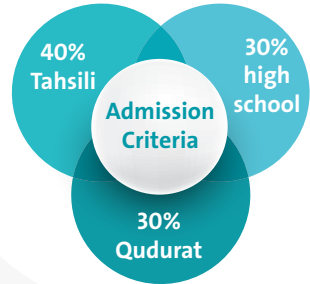
- Visual Arts
- Graphic Design
- Arts in Theater
- Cinematic Arts

Applied Engineering (Muzahmia)

Highschool tracks (general, computer science & engineering, health and life or equivalent)



- Applied Electrical Engineering
- Applied Mechanical Engineering

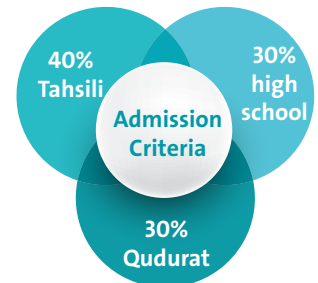


Applied Computer Sciences (Muzahmia)

Highschool tracks (general, computer science & engineering, health and life or equivalent)

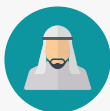


- Applied Computer Sciences
- Applied Information Systems

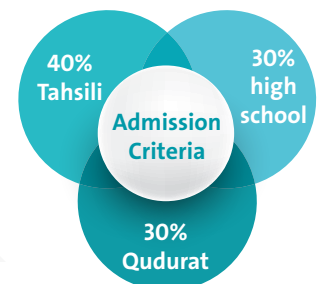


Applied Business Administration (Muzahmia)

Highschool tracks (general, computer science & engineering, health and life, business administration) or equivalent



- Applied Finance
- Applied Marketing



Fee-based Diploma Programs (Intermediate, Associate)

The College of Applied Studies offers fee-based intermediate and associate diplomas; further information can be found at the following portal:



<https://darpc.ksu.edu.sa>

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Frequently Asked Questions About Admission

- **Are students who obtained their high school certificates From inside or outside the Kingdom required to take Qiyas tests?**
All Saudi students applying for admission who hold a high school certificate in any track (General, Computer Science and Engineering, Health and Life Sciences, Business Administration, or Sharia) or its equivalent—whether from inside or outside the Kingdom—must take the General Aptitude Test and the Achievement Test, as both are part of the admission criteria for all bachelor's degree programs at the university.
- **Can non-Saudi students be admitted?**
The University attracts distinguished international students of non-Saudi residents with valid legal residency in Saudi Arabia by offering limited scholarship seats in certain programs, in accordance with the regulations governing such admissions in Saudi universities. More details are available on the Study in Saudi Arabia platform: studyinsaudi.sa/en
The University also offers an electronic admission portal for fee-based bachelor's programs, featuring a diverse range of academic programs across health, scientific, and business colleges. Admission is determined based on the approved admission criteria set by the National Unified Admission Platform.
More information is available through the Electronic Admission Portal: ksu.sa/ouzdc
- **What happens if a student does not achieve the required GPA in Academic Excellence Programs after completing the first common year?**
If the student does not achieve the required cumulative GPA specified in the Admission Guide for the academic year 2026/2027, they will be transferred to another academic program based on their academic indicators.
- **What is the difference between admission to Academic Excellence Programs and other academic programs?**
Applying to Academic Excellence Programs is reserved for academically distinguished students and is subject to specific conditions and regulations, as outlined below:
Medicine and Surgery Program for Academically Distinguished Students:
Applicants must obtain a weighted score of at least 95% to apply. To continue in the program, the student must achieve a cumulative GPA of at least (4.5 out of 5) in the first-year courses as per the program's plan.
Engineering and Computer Science Programs for Academically Distinguished Students:
Applicants must obtain a weighted score of at least 90% to apply. To continue in the program, the student must achieve a cumulative GPA of at least (4 out of 5) in the first-year courses as per the program's plan.
- **Is priority in admission given to students who obtained their high school certificate this year?**
No priority is given based on the year of obtaining the high school certificate, provided that applicants comply with the maximum allowable period since graduation as specified in the general admission requirements.
- **Are students from the Business Administration track allowed to enroll in scientific or health colleges?**
Students from the Business Administration track are not allowed to enroll in scientific or health colleges. They are only eligible for admission to Business Administration programs and humanities colleges.
- **Is the application process paper-based or electronic?**
The application process is fully electronic and does not require submitting documents, except for certain cases where applicants may be asked to provide original documents, such as Non-Saudi students with Saudi mothers Or Students who obtained high school certificates from international schools or from outside the Kingdom.

For More Information



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