



HASHEMITE UNIVERSITY

Sustainable Development Goals



GOAL 16: PEACE AND JUSTICE STRONG INSTITUTIONS

The Hashemite University has completed many milestones in regard to peace, justice and strong institutions. Starting with peace, the university offers an undergraduate course in international strategic relations and a Master's course in peaceful international dispute resolutions. In these courses, the students learn about international relations and the tools available for the international community to cooperate and peacefully solve their issues. These courses are taught by published and quoted lecturers who have written impactful papers on the subjects of peace and dispute resolution.

As for justice and strong institutions, the Hashemite University is bound by the national laws and regulations that were carefully designed to ensure justice, equity and stakeholders' participation in decision-making. This can be demonstrated by a brief look at these regulations starting from Law of Jordanian Universities No. 18 for the year 2018¹. The law states that the highest governing body of the university is the board of trustees. The board members are to be selected, by law, from certain categories that ensure the representation of many stakeholders. This board must have three members from the field of commerce and industry. These members are normally appointed from the elected members of the local commerce and industry Chambers.

The university also recognizes another important governing body called the University Council. This council includes, within its members, at least one elected faculty member from each of the faculties.

Article 15 from the Law of Jordanian Universities No.18 for the year 2018 states that this council holds the following responsibilities;

- A. Working to improve the services that the university provides in the fields of education, scientific research, training and public service
- B. Studying the annual development plan and approving it
- C. Discussing the university's draft regulations and approving them
- D. Discussing the university's budget
- E. Approving the university's performance reports
- F. Any other responsibilities presented by the president.

The university also recognizes a Student Union. The union is elected in accordance with the Hashemite University Students Union regulations². Article 3 of the regulation states that the union is entrusted with many responsibilities that include supporting the students in the University and holding social activities for them. Moreover, the law in article 14 states that the University Council, mentioned above, must include two members from the local community. This shows that the university has a public policy that identifies local stakeholders by including them in this important council.

¹https://hu.edu.jo/regulations/PDFDisplay2.aspx?p_website=93000000&p_type=85001&P_flag=1&p_group_no=1&p_item=2&SEQ=5

²https://hu.edu.jo/regulations/PDFDisplay2.aspx?p_website=93000000&p_type=85001&P_flag=1&p_group_no=2&p_item=3&SEQ=55



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The university also adopts a legally binding policy regarding the freedom of research. Article 21 from the Faculty of the Hashemite University regulation no151 for the year 2003³ states that; the faculty member in the university have absolute freedom in thinking, speaking, publishing and exchanging opinions in relation to teaching, researching, and other activities in the university within the limits of the law and the university principles. This article is public and applies to all faculty members disregarding their academic level.

The university is a part of an agreement with the Municipality of Zarqa that aims at providing later with training programs, trainers, and training facilities. The university is also a party in an agreement with the Industry Chamber of Zarqa, a government institution that plays an important role in creating industry policies that aim at providing them with assistance in research and expert advice⁴.

The University is a part of an agreement with the National Center for Research and Development that aims at facilitating cooperation in the research in the following fields, scientific capabilities, energy, and biotechnology, the research of the Jordanian rural areas, water, and food. Moreover, the University is a party in an agreement with Greater Amman Municipality that aims at researching “reorganizing the reactions to long-term displacement”⁵.

The University has always served as a neutral and safe platform for discussing various issues. For example, many conferences were held to discuss important issues like food security and digital safety. Last year, important issues like; gender, women's rights, integrity, fighting corruption, and the Covid-19 pandemic, were the subject of many meetings, discussions and conferences⁶.

³https://hu.edu.jo/regulations/PDFDisplay2.aspx?p_website=93000000&p_type=85001&P_flag=1&p_gro_up_no=2&p_item=1&SEQ=1

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