

## Awareness Campaign about the Graduate's Attributes at IAU

### **What are the attributes of graduates?**

Graduate attributes are the skills, abilities, values, principles, and competence to prepare a prospective graduate and their value and significance has been accepted by the university community and stakeholders. Thus, these qualities must be strengthened for graduates by academic programs. On their educational path, graduates must have and develop these qualities and use them after completing their education.

### **What is the purpose of identifying the Attributes of graduates?**

The identification of the graduate attributes project seeks to strengthen graduates' excellence by helping to develop learning outcomes and prepare graduates for the future. This project is in line with the university's strategic objectives and local trends (Saudi Vision 2030), the standards of the National Center for Academic Accreditation and Assessment, the institutional accreditation requirements, and the best international higher education practices.

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### The Importance of the Identification of Graduates Attributes

- Contributing to the achievement of the Saudi Vision 2030, particularly concerning education development, the quality of the achievements of universities, and the qualification of human capital.
- Fulfillment of Imam Abdulrahman Bin Faisal University's vision of national and international leadership and excellence, quality teaching, social responsibility, and the consolidation of university values.
- Fulfillment of the institutional accreditation requirements and the provisions of the National Center for Academic Accreditation and Assessment.
- Alignment of learning outcomes with local, national, and global labor market requirements
- Alignment and development of the university curricula to achieve the needs of development and the labor market.
- Alignment and enhancement of university curricula to meet development and labor market requirements.
- Strengthening the quality practices of faculty members to achieve the intended outcomes relevant to the graduates' attributes.
- Providing students with indicators of their progress in acquiring the graduate's attributes to qualify for their future career.

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### Phases of Identifying the Graduates Attributes

1. Analyzing the current situation and develop a roadmap for the project.

2. Identifying the main attributes suggested by different primary sources:

- The Saudi vision 2030.
- 21st-century skills.
- Imam Abdulrahman Bin Faisal University's strategic plan.
- Correlations of sources, national and international practices.
- The graduate attributes, according to the National Institutional Accreditation and Evaluation Center's recommendations.
- Reports and studies on the labor market.
- Graduates' attributes according to the Ministry of Education.

3. Engaging the university and stakeholder in the determination of the relevance and significance of the graduate attributes at

Imam Abdulrahman Bin Faisal University.

- Heads of the University Department.
  - Academic leadership.
  - The faculty members.
  - Students. - Graduates. - Stakeholders.
4. Analyzing outcomes and confine the graduate's attributes, according to parameters of significance and appropriateness, of Imam Abdulrahman Bin Faisal University.
5. Building focus groups on the final graduates' attributes with the input of the university community.
6. Proposing the key graduate attributes of the Permanent Committee for Academic Plans and mechanisms at the University Agency for Academic Affairs.
7. Approving of the graduates' attributes by the University Council.