

TAHA HUSSEIN DISABILITY SERVICE CENTER ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY



VISION:

TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE, ACCESSIBLE, AND SUSTAINED UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

MISSION

DEVELOP AN ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE DISABILITY SERVICE CENTRE TO BE A UNIQUE REFERENCE IN KNOWLEDGE, CULTURE, AND SOCIAL INTEGRITY; AIMING TO BUILD A PERSON THAT IS ABLE TO SURVIVE AND INTERACT POSITIVELY WITH COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE IN THE UNIVERSITY ALONG WITH CIVIL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITIES.

VALUES

TRUST- TEAM WORK – LEADERSHIP – COMMITMENT – FOCUS ON TARGET INDIVIDUAL

ABOUT THE CENTER

In 1976, a disability service center was established in Faculty of Arts/Alexandria University to provide their services exclusively to blind students of the faculty. In 2018 Alexandria University, AMIDEAST and Helm Institution for Consulting Inclusive Solutions formalized their cooperation on the establishment of a university disability center through the Higher Education Initiative Public University Scholarships program, and with a mutual desire to support Egyptian students' quality higher education. In 2019 and based on this protocol of cooperation, Alexandria University council decided to renovate and construct the blind service center to become "Taha Hussein Disability Service Center" which provides its services to ALL Alexandria University students with all types of disabilities across the whole university campus.

CENTER VENUE

The center is located at the Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University

Address: El-Gaish Rd, Al-Shatby Bab Sharqi, Alexandria Governorate.

CENTER GOALS

- Expand the campus resources to a reasonable extent for students with disabilities on the basis of ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION
- Provide EQUAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES for students with disabilities through working on ASSISTIVE & ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY and ACCOMMODATION
- Help students with disabilities to overcome the social challenges and developing confidence, and live the life they deserve.
- Create a positive and inclusive university community

• Spread disability awareness inside and outside the university campus.







• Work on students' empowerment.





CENTRE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Ensure the equal access to university education with no discrimination
- Afford and track accessibility (learning programs Buildings)
- Provide assistive technology (equipment, and software)
- Give academic support (center staff, volunteers)
- Apply accommodations (lectures, testing)
- Raise disability awareness
- Develop the skills of students with disability through participating and embracing the benefits of the university (Training-Activities)
- Protect the Rights and responsibilities of students with disability in the light of the Egyptian Disability Law number 10, year (2018).

STAFF AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CENTER

Taha Hussein Disability Service Centre is composed of 23 staff members, and 10 departments, each one provides a specific service distributed across four floors:

- Management (the executive director and the vice executive director)
- Social governmental Service (1 social worker)
- Students affairs (2 Disability services coordinators)
- Braille (5 Braille printers), (3 Alternative format specialists)



- Audio library (one accessible noise isolated Voice and Recording Studio), (3 sound and editing engendering specialists)
- Social work (2 social workers)
- Activities (Sport- Arts) (1 art director)
- Inclusion and Marketing (1 marketing specialist, 1 inclusion specialist)
- Post graduate services (1 coordinator)
- Library (3 librarians)



• Information Technology (7 computer labs), (2 Assistive technology specialist and 2 Accessible technology specialist)



TARGET POPULATION



CENTRE SERVICES

- Adjust and apply the admission procedures for students with disabilities
- Produce Alternate formats: processes and procedures for producing alternate format for students with vision, physical, motor, learning and mental disabilities
- Providing accessible PDF
- Providing accessible Microsoft Word
- Braille services
- Providing the academic materials in Audio versions
- Intake services
- Accessible Testing services
- Determine social case managements and life coaching sessions.
- Afford volunteering to help students in achieving their academic requirements.

• Train students and staff on equipment and software









CENTRE ACHIEVEMENTS

- In 24/7/2019: the establishment of the center board of directors.
- In 28-7-2019: the approval of the center staff members' professional hierarchy.
- An interactive database for 1061 students with disabilities was built.
- In Cooperation with AMIDEAST, the center was equipped with various devices, assistive tools and software for students with disabilities.





• The physical accessibility codes were adopted in constructing the center building.







- Establishment of a committee for the whole university physical accessibility consultation in cooperation with Faculty of Engineering.
- Establishment of a committee to asses, edit and modify the accessibility of university websites, systems, and applications in cooperation with University Information Technology Center.
- Tracking of educational academic platforms to ensure accessibility.
- Establishment and announcement of the policy and list of provided accommodations.

- Formulate the accommodation requests for the academic years 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 (lectures accommodation – note taker accommodation, testing)
- Activate the academic advisor contribution in six faculties.
- Make the initiative of changing the exam format to students with disabilities and obtained the university council approval to change it from subjective to objective for the academic years 2019-2020 & 2020-2021.
- Develop an accessible e- exam system for blind students in cooperation with the measurement and assessment university center (under trial)
- Advocate for students with disabilities rights student admission policies, and got the university council agreement of accepting a blind student in Faculty of Engineering for the first time in Alexandria University history in the academic year 2019-2020.
- In 27/11/2019: the establishment of a sub disability service center in faculty of commerce.
- Achieve many partnerships with Egyptian ministries and Alexandrian NGO's; for example, in a share with "Nozha Rotary Club" we built a voice and audio studio following the sound isolation criteria in order to turn the written lectures and books into audio material for blind and students with intellectual disabilities.









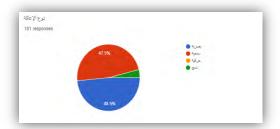






• During the pandemic of COVID - 19 in the academic year 2020-2021, we accomplished a questionnaire of students with disabilities to select the type of exam format they want to accommodate.





• Establish a center Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/TahaHussein.Center2019

• Create a team of talented students with disabilities in all aspects of art, and sponsored them to publish their novels in three governmental newspapers.







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• Participate in "THE ROAD TO ACCESSIBLE HIGHER EDUCATION IN EGYPT" conference in March 2021



• First Cultural Salon held in September 2021







Alexandria University offers Social and Medical services to rural populations in villages that are in extreme need in coordination with NGOs.

The committee of community Development and Environmental development at Alexandria University are reviewing the social and medical convoys for serving most villages in need.



The Council for Community Service and Environmental Development headed by Dr. Ashraf Al-Ghandour, Vice President of Alexandria University, will present during its meeting, today 9/21/2022, the report submitted by Dr. Manal Fouda, Executive Director of the Unit for Combating Violence against Women, on the unit's activity and the most important activities in which it participated, such as the convoy Community outreach to the Abis 7.



The Council reviewed the report submitted by Dr. Wafaa El-Sahly, rapporteur and coordinator of medical convoys at Alexandria University, about the university's organization of a medical convoy to

King Mariout to serve 11 villages with the participation of some civil society institutions and NGOS, the National Council for Women, the Volunteer Life Foundation and a team "For You" at the Faculty of Medicine. The total number of cases that were diagnosed reached 775, as well as a report on the Apis 7 convoy that reached a total number of 603 cases. It was reported that some cases were transferred to university hospitals to complete health care for them.



Alexandria University Scholarship Strategy

Antecedents

- Alexandria University <u>believes</u> that a vibrant future for Egypt's knowledge economy and communities requires more bachelor's degrees, and that every student in Egypt should have the chance to succeed in college. increase opportunities for low-income and underrepresented students by removing barriers to college degrees.
- Alexandria university <u>understands</u> that scholarships could provide a better future for low-income students for the benefit of our community and country.
- Alexandria University <u>is convinced</u> that scholarships are important and are powerful tools that can leverage better students' outcomes.
- Alexandria University <u>recognizes</u> its role in supporting low-income students particularly those of high scores results that are underrepresented in higher education.

Objectives:

Over the last twenty years Alexandria University has provided scholarship to thousands of students from Egypt and from African countries and provided opportunities for them to attend and succeed. Scholarships are primarily based on academic merit reward students who have excelled in high school.

Goals of this strategy are directed to:

- providing opportunities for low-income and underrepresented students by removing barriers to college degrees supporting successful transition from high school students to higher education and possible postgraduate education and facilitate university attainments.
- combating barriers and challenges facing students that are beyond their control
- Making the best possible investments in our students, our state, and our future.

Selection

The strategy is competitively- based, and rely on various criteria set according to the university experience and balanced with demands of a large swaths of university candidates. Such Criteria include:

- a. The final score students
- b. A detailed social study of each students application,
- c. Students that have martyr's parent
- d. Students from remote areas in Egypt.

Finally, Alexandria University will continue to serve its students and those interested in fueling their success for a better future.

Web Site: www.pua.edu.eg



Health Care for Students and Staff



Alexandria University provides its students with integrated preventive and curative services free of charge, and a comprehensive medical examination is conducted for all new students to ensure their health and that there are no health obstacles preventing them from joining the quality of study in the colleges they were nominated for admission to.

The outpatient clinics in the various faculties of the university provide health services to students, and cases that require more care are transferred to the University Students Hospital. Within the framework of developing therapeutic services for university students, faculty members and employees, the Students' Hospital has been developed to become one of the lofty medical edifices in the city of Alexandria. The hospital contains more than 200 beds, multiple operating rooms, an intensive care unit, a physiotherapy unit equipped with the latest machines and capabilities, in addition to an integrated laboratory where all laboratory analyzes are performed using the latest methods and devices.

1) University employees

The university provides medical care to its employees through:

Therapeutic unit in the comprehensive clinic in the theoretical complex and university students hospital for participants in the university's therapeutic insurance system The employee or worker who wishes to enjoy the medical service must submit to the administrative affairs of the college with the fee payment voucher and a photocopy to extract the health card that gives him the right to medical care.

2) Students:

Alexandria University provides medical services to its students during the study period in the following places at the university by providing free treatment in:

- Alexandria University Students Hospital: where the service is provided to students 24 hours, whether in the internal department, the external department, or the reception department.
- Specialized comprehensive clinic in Sutter, and work begins at eight o'clock in the morning. The clinic serves all Alexandria University students in all faculties, where it has all specialties such as: internal medicine general surgery urology plastic surgery eyes dermatology ear, nose and throat psychological and neurological orthopedics heart brain and neurosurgery surgery Radiology blood vessels chest surgery dentistry endocrinology physiotherapy CT scan department laboratory for diagnostic analyzes and ultrasound.
- There are also medical clinics to serve students in the various faculties, and work begins at eight in the morning, as follows:
- A medical clinic to serve the medical complex, located in the College of Dentistry building.
- A medical clinic in the university city in Margham and work for it for 24 hours.
- A medical clinic in the university city for students in Smouha and work in it for 24 hours.
- A medical clinic in the university city for female students in Smouha and work in it for 24 hours.

The General Administration of Medical Affairs provides medical and preventive care to all its students, starting with signing a medical examination for new students, dispensing treatment for free, and ending with surgical operations if necessary.

The student who wishes to enjoy the medical service, must submit to the Comprehensive Clinic in Soter (in the Theoretical Complex) the fee payment voucher and two (2) photographs to obtain the health card that entitles him to medical care and renew this card annually.

The medical service that is not available in the treatment units and the University Students Hospital is provided in university hospitals and specialized medical centers inside and outside Alexandria.

Telephones of the General Administration of Medical Affairs: University Student Hospital 4222798 – 4222638 Comprehensive Clinic Sutter 4835243

University Hospitals of Alexandria University

- Colleges medical clinics
- College of Science
- College education quality
- Faculty of Nursing
- College of Physical Education for Boys
- college of Law
- College of Engineering



Registration of Students for Scholarships form the Nile Basin Countries

Alexandria University announces scholarships for students from Nile Basin countries to obtain master's and doctoral degrees from Alexandria University for academic year 2020/2021 on a



competitive basis. (for a PhD), note that the scholarships cover tuition expenses only, provided that the student bears the expenses of travel, accommodation, living and health insurance.

Applicants must fill out the application forms and upload copies of their educational certificate and a medical certificate free of HIV. For more details and registration, please log on to the website:

www.nbs.alexu.edu.eg

Master Students from developing and underdeveloped countries

Females	Males	Country
41	283	العراق
4	16	عمان
73	79	ليبيا
3	14	سوريا
	4	فلسطين
6	11	السودان
4	24	اليمن
	1	الجزائر
1	3	الأردن
	1	الكونغو
	8	جنوب السودان
3	4	أو غندا
	1	باكستان
	1	مالي

Master Students from developing and under developed countries

PhD	Master	Diploma	Faculty	
13	21	-	Literature	
51	2	-	Commerce	
-	150	214	Law	
-	-	-	Science	
8	25	-	Medicineالطب	
-	1	-	Pharmacy	
6	23	-	Engineering	
25	24	-	Agriculture	
2	7	-	Institute of Public Health	
9	1	9	Education	
1	51	-	Dentistry	
7	26	-	Medical research institute	
-	4	-	Veterinary medicine	
2	17	-	Institute of Graduate Studies and research	
-	-	-	Tourism and hotel	
3	20	-	Fine arts	
7	11	-	Physical education -Boys	
46	40	-	Physical education -Girls	
13	10	-	Saba Pacha Agriculture	
10	5	-	Nursing	
2	6	-	Specific education	
2	-	4	Kindergarten	
-	-	-	Social and political science	

Facilities Provided

- Support of students in need
- Providing the best guidance service for international students
- Providing all kinds of support to international students (scientific health moral social academic administrative)
- Providing information on all study programs in the faculties of the university
- Facilitating and following up the registration, registration and graduation procedures for students within the university faculties
- Spreading the culture of the importance of caring for international students within the university's faculties and among faculty members and administrators
- Helping students solve academic, social and health problems

• Inform students of their right to participate in student activities

Taha Hussein Centre for students with special needs

Vision

Planning and implementing of strategies to serve students with special needs a to ensure sustainability and funding through best use of resources and encouraging talents inside the university premises with collaboration with social families



Mission

Development of the content become the light house of cultural, social and services And inclusion of students with special needs to be able to face their challenges

The university has established a collaboration protocol; with AMIDEAST centre and the Dream Agency for education and training to establish this centre for students of special needs

The centre includes 105 students form different faculties of Alexandria University and 12 volunteer ,and 4 assistant staff from each faculty. Education material recorded on videos have been prepared to help students to understand their curricula

Honoring the Taha Hussein Center, Alexandria University, on the sidelines of the Second Inclusive Higher Education Conference, which was organized by the Ministry of Higher Education in cooperation with AMIDEAST and the Helm Foundation for Training and Consultations, on Saturday in Cairo, coinciding with the celebration of the International Day of People of Determination.

Dr. Ayman Ashour, Deputy Minister of Higher Education, on behalf of the Minister of Higher Education, thanked Dr. Abdel Aziz Qanswa, President of Alexandria University, in appreciation of the services and support provided by the center to Alexandria University students of determination since the signing of the cooperation agreement between Alexandria University, Helm Foundation and AMIDEAST for the development of the center In 2018, until the official opening of the center, to become one of the largest disability services centers in Egyptian universities. He also expressed his gratitude for all the decisions and policies that support the rights of students of determination at Alexandria University. Ashour Dr. Mona Al Moataz Billah, Executive Director of the Center Taha Hussein, the honor and excellence shield in appreciation from the Ministry for the efforts of the Center.

Participated in the honor Ms. Konsi Dermody, and Dr. Dina Mohsen from AMIDEAST, and Mr. Ramez Maher from the Helm Foundation.



ON Thursday, the 27th of October 27, 2022, under the auspices of Professor Dr. Abdelaziz Konsowa, the Taha Hussein Center for Students with Disabilities at Alexandria University hosted Parliament Member Hoda Abdelsattar, a designated member of the House of Representatives for the Coordination of Youth Parties and Politicians (member of the Social Solidarity Committee), to discuss the problems and challenges facing the center's students and their parents.

Dr. Mahmoud Farag, vice president of the center, indicated that it aims to integrate students of determination and disabilities into civil society as they are part of the community, pointing out that the center promotes the services provided to students and the various events held to facilitate their integration into the Alexandrian society.

He explained that the center serves Alexandria University's both

Taha Hussein Center Hosts PM Hoda Abdelsattar to Discuss Problems of Students with Disabilities



undergraduate and postgraduate students with disabilities, as it includes more than 1,600 deaf, with speech disability, physically-disabled, and visually-impaired students, among other integration students. During the meeting, Dr. Farag highlighted the services and facilities provided to the students through 9 different departments, such as the Student Affairs

Department, which handles all student admissions and paperwork, another department that converts lectures and textbooks into Braille language, as well as the Audio Library Department, which converts printed books to audio recordings, the Arts Department which includes a theatre group of visually-impaired, deaf, and mental disability students, and the Library department, which includes books in history, Islamic studies among various other fields.

Ms. Hoda Abdelsattar stressed during the meeting that the House of Representatives seeks to improve the conditions of students with disabilities, develop radical solutions to their problems, raise their skills and integrate them into society through many activities and training programs. She also pointed out the importance of raising social awareness on how to interact with people with disabilities, in order to avoid exposing them to psychological problems. The PM held an open dialogue with the students' parents to discuss their requests and needs.



University Dorms

University Dorms are the important castles and edifices at the University of Alexandria, where it serves a group of students who are expatriate students, equivalent to 7000 students annually.

The importance of this sector is due to the fact that it operates 24 hours a day and throughout the year, as it takes full care of expatriate students, providing them with accommodation and subsistence, in addition to recreational programs and targeted social, sports and cultural activities prepared by the competent authorities in university Dorms. Thus, the effective role of the services sector at the university is achieved in the care and support of the educational process.

Branches:

- Semoha Branch for boys
- Semoha Branch for girls
- Shatby Branch for girls
- Saba Pacha branch for boys
- Merghem Branch for boys

Regulations of and organizing accommodation in university Dorms

- To be a regular student at the university at the first university level and transferred to the upper division.
- Not be a resident of Alexandria Governorate.
- Not have been subjected to a criminal or disciplinary penalty from the
 university or college from the penalties stipulated in Article (126) of
 the Executive Regulations of the Universities Organizing Law in item
 (5) and thereafter, or from the university dorms throughout his study
 at the university and his residence in the university cities.
- Nnot be entitled to previous residence fees for university cities or any other entitlements.

The establishment of university Dorms:

The foundation stone was laid for the university Dorms of Smouha students, "and it was dedicated at the time to students", and the city was for students in Shatby in 1954. The official opening and residence in the city of Smouha students was in January 1958, and the students of Shatby in December 1958. As for the new city of Smouha, which is designated for students' residence now, it was opened in 1975.