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**Professional Diploma in
" Public Policy and Child Rights "**



The Hashemite University



Queen Rania Faculty for Childhood





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The Hashemite University policies and strategies assure the cooperation between the university and the local, Arab and international universities, for achieving the highest quality of teaching and learning. Initiating a University Diploma program on **Public Policy and Child Rights at the Hashemite University** can lay the foundation for sustainability of building institutional capacity in the higher education system in Jordan to promote child's rights.

What is the Diploma in Public Policy & Child Rights (DPPCR)?

Starting Spring of the 2010-2011 academic year, two universities in Jordan (The Hashemite University & The University of Jordan), and two in Egypt (Cairo University & Assiut University) will be offering advanced professional graduate diploma titled: **Diploma in Public Policy & Child Rights (DPPCR)**. This Degree is offered through cooperation between the Higher Education institutions in Jordan, Egypt and the European Union (The United Kingdom, Germany, and the Netherlands).

Diploma in Public Policy & Child Rights (DPPCR) is hosted by the Queen Rania Faculty for Childhood at The Hashemite University / Jordan, and is based on the United Nations "Convention on the Rights of the Child". The Diploma has been established in response to the need for relevant and appropriate child-friendly legislation, policies, budgets, and programmes that are developed to respect, protect and fulfill the rights of all children in Jordan.

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Who is it meant for?

DPPCR is targeted at policy makers, service providers, researchers, students, civil servants, journalists, activists and other people working with and for children. It aims at building students' knowledge and skills needed to make legislation, policies, budget and programmes that will enable students to become strong advocates for child rights.

What makes the DPPCR special?

This Diploma is different from other diplomas offered in various ways. It will:

- Teach courses that are interdisciplinary in nature and include fields such as economics, political science, public policy, law, sociology, psychology, social welfare, and education.
- Host guest lecturers from the Middle East & North Africa (MENA), and the European partner countries.
- Adopt an approach to continuously improve the course content in a participatory manner between students, instructors and the European partners;
- Combine rigorous class interactions with field research, and bridge the gap between research and practice.
- Use blended learning and new technologies such as video-conferencing.

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- Offer top students an opportunity to attend a free summer internship in Europe so they can interact with peers in similar programmes and work on joint research projects;
- Offer students the chance to network with different stakeholders in the field of children's rights, health, and development cooperation in the MENA region and beyond.
- Will allow students to transfer completed credits to European Universities through the ECTS system.

How is this accredited?

This diploma is set for one academic year divided into two semesters.

Four courses will be taught during each semester. Students are required to complete eight courses (24 credit hours) in order to graduate. Part of the graduation requirements is the submission of an honour thesis at the end of the academic year.

It will also be possible for students to transfer these certified credits to partner European universities.

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What is the Curriculum?

The curriculum is composed of the following 8 courses:

1. Growing up in the Arab World
2. Children's Rights and the Law
3. Public Finance and Social Budgeting
4. Children in a Changing Economy
5. Improving Services for Children (Case Studies).
6. Researching Children
7. Monitoring and Evaluation of Child Policy
8. Advocacy for Child Rights

What are the costs?

The tuition fees amounts to 1000JD (30 JD per credit hour) for the eight courses offered for completing the Diploma.

Scholarships are available to students. An academic committee will be in charge of deciding the percentage of tuition reduction.

What are the admission requirements?

- 1) A Bachelor's degree from any Faculty recognized in Jordan, or its equivalent in other countries.
- 2) In the case of being employed, the student should be nominated by the employer to guarantee that the student is allowed the time required.

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- to participate in the programme.
- 3) Passing an English Exam according to the instructional plan of the diploma.
 - 4) Priority will be given to those employed in the field of public policy, children's NGOs, and the media.

How to Apply?

To apply, please visit:
Queen Rania Faculty for Childhood
The Hashemite University. Zarqa- Jordan

Job Opportunities:

DPPCR provides many Job opportunities for its gradulators. For instance, they can work in the following fields:

- Human rights, children's right and child help organizations.
- National and International NGOs.
- International organizations (e.g. EU, UNICEF, UNESCO)
- Ministries of Social Development, Education, Health, Judicial; and relevant public administrations.

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They will be able to conduct

- Research and training related to childhood and public policy and child rights.
- Internationally and intercultural oriented learning.
- Master and PhD studies.

Project Partners

Local Partners:

1. Hashemite University (<http://www.hu.edu.jo/>).
2. University of Jordan (<http://www.ju.edu.jo/>)
3. UNICEF Jordan (<http://www.unicef.org/jordan/>).

Arab Partners:

1. Cairo University: Faculty of Economics and Political Science (<http://www.feps.eun.eg/>)
2. Assiut University (<http://www.aun.edu.eg/>).
3. UNICEF Egypt (<http://www.unicef.org/egypt>)

European Partners:

Germany:

1. Free University of Berlin (<http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/>)

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2. International Academy for Innovative Pedagogy, Psychology and Economics (INA) (<http://www.ina.fu-berlin.de/english/index.html>).

United Kingdom:

1. Bristol University (<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/>)
2. Research in Practice (<http://www.rip.org.uk/>).

The Netherlands:

1. Maastricht University (<http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/>)
2. Erasmus University Rotterdam (International Institute for Social Studies) (<http://www.eur.nl/english/>).

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