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LANGUAGE AND ACADEMIC SKILLS AND E-LEARNING RESOURCES (LASER)

Get your Bachelor Degree or your Professional Certificate by studying online!

The Language and Academic Skills and e-Learning Resources (LASER) Project is financed by the European Union.

The LASER Project aims to provide:

- Language and academic skills to students in Jordan and Lebanon
- Support for accredited online higher education courses for those who have achieved well academically
- Opportunities for students who have had to stop their studies because of the war or for other reasons
- Students with access to Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), in Arabic and in English.

You can apply to study for your Bachelor Degree, Diploma or Professional Certification online if:

- You are a Syrian refugee or a disadvantaged Jordanian
- You have finished secondary school but have not been able to study further
- You started university but have not been able to complete your studies
- You are aged between 18 and 30 years at the time of registration for the courses
- You are committed to further study and are prepared to work hard for it
- You want to study for an accredited degree or a professional certification
- You want to learn new knowledge, information and skills.
- You are persistent, dedicated and want to work hard and to learn
- You respect different cultures and want to meet students from around the world.

The LASER Project provides two different online study options for students:

1. The Open University in the United Kingdom
2. The Amity University, in India, which is provided by TAGI-UNI.

Q: Who can apply?

R: If you answered yes, to some of the points above, you can apply to be part of the LASER Project.

Q: Who will pay for my online Bachelor degree, Diploma or my Professional Certificate?

R: The online courses are being sponsored by the European Union. This means that you do not have to pay to study. The cost of telecommunications outside your Learning Centre, your transport, food and accommodation will not be covered.

Q: Where do I go to access these courses?

R: You will go to one of the managed Learning Centers that have been set up for the LASER Project. These Learning Centers are equipped with computers and the internet and you will be able to study from there.

Q: What is the language of teaching and communication?

R: The courses will all be in English.

Q: Will I receive any type of Certificate when I finish the course?

R: The Open University and Amity University will provide a certificate for the modules that you complete. A diploma or a degree will only be awarded when you have finished the modules needed to be awarded a Bachelor Degree or a diploma.

From our experience, distance learning is as demanding - and sometimes even more demanding than traditional university courses. The courses also prepare learners well for life in the 21st Century where computer skills, communication skills, problem solving skills and team work are important.

Q: How long do I need to study for?

R: The Bachelor degree takes three (3) years to complete if you can study full time. The Diploma course takes two years of full time study. The Professional Certificates take from 6 to 9 months to finish.

The LASER project runs from July 2015 to July 2018. After this each case will be looked at individually to see how much more time the student needs to complete his or her degree. **We recommend that after 2016, students choose Diplomas or Professional Certificates which can be completed within project duration.**

Q: If I don't finish a full degree, can I still get an award?

R: The Open University (OU) modules are valued according to credits. A student gets a certain number of credits when he or she completes a module and passes all the exams or tests. For example, most modules are worth 30 or 60 credits, though the value of a module depends on the amount of material and the level of study. Some full time students will be able to complete 120 credits in a year. Many other students study more slowly and take a longer time to get a full degree.

- An OU undergraduate degree requires 300 credits.
- An OU honors degree requires 360 credits.

Credits can be used to transfer to a different course or a different university. The Open University credits are recognised in Europe and in other countries, though some universities will want to see how your credits fit in with their courses, before they recognise or 'accredit' them.

Q: Can I continue to study, if I need to go to work, or to move?

R: You will need to tell us when you start work or move to a different location. We can then help you to find a way to continue with your studies. For instance, if you are studying full time, you may want to study part-time instead.

Q: I have never studied online. How will I do this?

R: The Open University and Amity University students are taught using the newest online learning technology. This makes it easier to learn on the computer, though it may take some time to get used to it. The technology will even allow you to check your course through your mobile phone. The study information will be given to you in different formats – from online videos to e-books.

Tutors from the university will be available online to help you with your learning, and you can also get help from your facilitator in the learning centre. This person will be able to help you with technical

problems, help you plan your study and talk to you about anything else you are facing. Although this person is not a teacher, he or she will be able to help you solve most of the technical problems you may have.

Q: When will the courses begin?

R: The Bachelor degrees and Diplomas start twice a year, around February and October. The Professional Certificates have different start dates, depending on the type of certificate. You will be told the exact start dates for each course once you have been accepted for the course of study.

Q: How do I know I have been accepted for the course?

R: After you have sent in your registration form and supporting documents, the selection process will begin. There are two stages to the process:

Stage 1. The British Council will check your registration form and supporting documents, including your English test results. Based on these, they will decide whether you should apply for The Open University or for Amity University (managed by TAGI-UNI).

To join The Open University, you will need an Aptis test result of B2 or an IELTS score of 5 or above.

If your Aptis score is B1 or your IELTS score is less than 5, you will be asked if you would like to study through Amity University. Or you could find ways to improve your English before you apply again for the Open University.

To join the Amity University, you will need an APTIS score of B1 or an IELTS score of less than 5.

Stage 2. Your application will be sent to the university you have applied for. The Open University and Amity University go through the usual process of checking your application and accepting or not accepting, your enrolment into the chosen course. You will be informed as soon as a decision is made about your application.

Q: How can I register?

R: To register you will need to:

- ✓ Take an Aptis or an IELTS test to confirm your English language level. Your English teacher should be able to tell you more about this.
- ✓ Show an identity document. This could be a passport, a UNHCR card or your MOI Card. Other types of identity will be checked on a case-by-case basis.
- ✓ Bring a copy of your high school certificates and any certificates that you got from your university if you studied before
- ✓ Show any certificates of professional experience (if you have these).
- ✓ Fill out the registration Form.
- ✓ Write a 500-word essay saying why you want to take the course you have chosen.

All registration forms, with the supporting documents mentioned above, should be either handed to your teacher or sent by e-mail to:

euhighereducation@britishcouncil.org.jo

Q: Can I contact LASER Team?

Please contact us if you would like to have more information about your studies. This is an important step that requires commitment and a willingness to learn, sometimes under difficult conditions. We are here to help you! You can contact us at: euhighereducation@britishcouncil.org.jo .

Accredited Online Higher Education

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2. The Amity University, in India, which is provided by TAGI-UNI.

The quality and structure of the courses and modules provided are of the full responsibility of The Open University and TAGI-UNI/Amity University.

If you are interested in studying for a degree or a diploma you can find a full list of courses available below.

The Open University (OU) (<http://www.open.ac.uk/>)

The Open University (OU) is the largest academic institution in the UK and a world leader in flexible distance learning. Since it began in 1969, the OU has taught more than 1.8 million students and has about 200,000 students studying at one time, including more than 15,000 from overseas.

Over 70% of OU students are in full-time or part-time employment and fit their studies around work. The Open University is a world leader in open learning and is among the best 500 hundred academic universities in the world (2014).

The LASER Project offers the following Open University Bachelor Degrees

- **Bachelor (BA) of Law (360 credits, 3 Years, Full Time)**

Studying law is stimulating in its own right, and it's also a smart career move. If you want to practice law professionally, a law degree is the first step – but it's also a great asset for many other careers.

- **Bachelor of Science (BSc) Psychology and Law (360 credits, 3 Years, Full Time)**

Why do people harm others? What role does the law play in regulating justice within a society? In this stimulating combination of psychology and law, you will tackle fascinating questions like these, and gain an understanding of how we think, behave and interact with each other, as well as the legal awareness needed to understand and apply the law.

- **Bachelor of Science (BSc) Environmental Science (360 credits, 3 Years, Full Time)**

This course combines aspects of biology, ecology, geography, chemistry, technology and social science to help you understand the whole picture. You'll develop the scientific knowledge and techniques needed to understand environmental patterns and processes, investigate ecosystems, and to address local and global environmental issues. You'll also investigate how environmental science relates to society.

- **Bachelor (BA) Environmental Studies (360 credits, 3 Years, Full Time)**

This interdisciplinary degree explores the social, political, economic, scientific and technological issues at the heart of contemporary environmental debates such as climate change, air pollution, waste management, genetically modified food, over-fishing, renewable fuels, sustainability, and global trade.

- **Bachelor of Science (BSc) Natural Science (360 credits, 3 Years, Full Time)**

You can choose a broad study route where you select modules in areas of interest to you or a specialist route in biology, chemistry, Earth sciences, environmental science, physics, or astronomy and planetary science. Your choice of specialism will be included in the name of your degree, for example, BSc (Honors) Natural Sciences (Chemistry).

- **Bachelor of Science (BSc) Healthcare and Health Science (360 credits, 3 Years, Full Time)**

The combination of healthcare and health science topics will equip you with a broad understanding which applies to a range of debates about the provision of healthcare, as well as enabling you to evaluate the relationship between scientific and social understandings about the promotion of health.

- **Bachelor (BA) / Bachelor of Science (BSc) Open Degree (360 credits, 3 Years, Full Time)**

The BA/BSc (Honors) Open is a more flexible degree program, allowing more choice in the subjects studied, offering two main pathways: Sciences and Mathematics; and Arts and Social Sciences.

If you don't want to take a degree, you can study for a diploma or a certificate course through The Open University.

The following Diplomas of Higher Education are offered through the LASER Project

- **Criminology and Psychology (240 credits, 2 Year, Full Time)**

How and why do different societies define specific acts as 'crimes' and certain people as 'criminals'? Why do less equal societies have more crime? What is happening when a person tells a lie? This qualification explores questions like these about how people behave and examines how governments determine what they will and won't tolerate.

- **Environmental Studies (240 credits, 2 Year, Full Time)**

Climate change, biodiversity loss, resource depletion: environmental issues are posing challenges to people and ecosystems across the planet. This interdisciplinary diploma combines the social and natural sciences to provide you with both knowledge of the societal (social, political, economic, cultural and ethical) and the biophysical (geological, physical, ecological) dimensions of such issues, and understanding of why recognising the connections between these different dimensions is so important if the environmental challenges we face are to be effectively addressed.

- **Natural Sciences (240 credits, 2 Year, Full Time)**

Science underpins everything we do – from mixing paint to predicting weather or performing microsurgery. If you're curious about the world we live in, or thinking about a science degree, this diploma is ideal. You'll explore aspects of biology, chemistry, Earth sciences, environmental sciences, physics, astronomy and planetary science – while developing critical thinking, data analysis and problem solving skills. The diploma is a valuable qualification in its own right, or you can use it as a stepping stone to a degree.

- **Psychology (240 credits, 2 Year, Full Time)**

If you're interested in psychology and would like to develop skills and knowledge relevant to a wide range of careers, this diploma is for you. You'll explore how psychologists use evidence to contribute to debates on ageing, crime, education, employment, forensic science, mental health and relationships; and choose options to suit your particular interests.

- **Psychology and Law (240 credits, 2 Year, Full Time)**

If you're fascinated by the legal system and how we think, act and interact with each other, this diploma is for you. You'll tackle fascinating questions such as why people do harm to others, and what role law plays in regulating justice within a society. You'll explore how psychologists use evidence to contribute to debates on love, sexuality, artificial intelligence, superstition, psychic phenomena, conspiracy theories and psychopathy; and focus on two important aspects of law.

The following Certificate Qualifications are offered through the LASER Project

- **Certificate in Health Sciences (Level 1, 60 credits, 1 Year, Full Time)**

You'll explore the science, psychology and social issues underlying the management of health and disease, while developing communication, computer and numeracy skills. Topics

include infectious disease; pain; alcohol; screening for breast cancer; chronic lung disease; trauma and accidents; and visual impairment.

- **Certificate in Astronomy and Planetary Science (Level 2, 60 credits, 1 Year, Full Time)**

This certificate will provide you with a good basic introduction to astronomy and planetary science, and equip you with the skills for further study. You'll investigate the stars and their life cycles; the structure of planets and their atmospheres; galaxies and quasars; space exploration; planetary processes; and the origin and evolution of the Universe – including how it might continue to evolve in the future.

- **Professional Certificate in Management (Level 3, 70 credits, 1 year, Part Time).**

Students would need to evidence the necessary preparedness to study a level 3 module.

If you're new to management, or you need to develop your managerial abilities and understanding, this certificate course is for you. It provides a broad-based, practical introduction to the key ideas, techniques and competencies needed to manage effectively and productively in all functional areas of modern organizations.

The Amity University, through TAGI-UNI (<http://www.tagiuni.com/>)

TAGI-UNI, has a vision of “world-class education as a human right” by making accredited educational programs accessible to everyone, everywhere”, TAGI-UNI is a Jordanian organization that partners with a network of universities internationally, to deliver comprehensive education to a global student body.

The LASER Project offers the following Amity University/ TAGI-UNI Bachelor Degrees

- **Bachelor in Computer Applications (33 Modules, 3 Years, Full Time). This program is tablet enabled**

This degree is fast becoming a vital part of all industries. With the increasing use of information technology and communication systems, this domain is poised for rapid growth. If you have the skills to use the principles of computer application to solve problems related to the interface of technology and business, you can expect a lucrative career in this field.
- **Bachelor of Business Administration (24 Modules, 3 Years, Full Time)**

This degree is a bachelor's degree in commerce and business administration. The BBA program includes general business courses and advanced courses for specific.
- **Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (34 Modules, 3 Years, Full Time) (Shortened BSIT or B.Sc IT)**

A Bachelor's degree awarded for an undergraduate program in the Information technology field. The degree is usually vital in order to enter the Information technology industry. This degree is mainly focused on subjects such as software, networking, and databases. The program tends to emphasis on the mathematical and theoretical basics of computing rather than highlighting definite technologies. Student with an information technology education is able to execute technology tasks relating to the processing, storing, and communication of information between computers, mobile phones, and other electronic devices.
- **Bachelor of Computer Applications (29 Modules, 3 Years, Full Time)**

This degree is fast becoming a vital part of all industries. With the increasing use of information technology and communication systems, this domain is poised for rapid growth. If you have the skills to use the principles of computer application to solve problems related to the interface of technology and business, you can expect a lucrative career in this field.
- **Bachelor of Commerce (Finance & Investment Analysis): (34 Modules, 3 Years, Full Time)**

A Finance specific program, (abbreviated as B. Com (FIA)). Most management programmes in a developing country are industry specific. Finance is one such area, which also happens to be an important subject, especially in today's global scenario of investment decisions, financial analysis. The rationale behind this course is to introduce students the subject financial investment and prepares them to take up either a profession or higher studies in Finance.
- **Bachelor of Commerce (21 Modules, 3 Years, Full Time)**

The Bachelor of Commerce is a career-oriented degree which provides a foundation in all aspects of commerce. Studying General Commerce prepares graduates for a wide range of careers in the business world. The program at Amity prepares the individual for the modern financial and accounting field. Some of the career options include business management, business development, accounting, marketing and advertising, banking, management consulting, economic analysis, financial planning, foreign affairs, fund management, international business and trade analysis, government administration, policy formulation, portfolio management in the private and public sectors.
- **Bachelor of Business Administration (Retail Management) (24 Modules, 3 Years, Full Time)**

Specialized program in the field of commerce and retailing. Its mission is to train skilled managers in the retail sector, capable of joining any retail chain, in food, non-food and focused sectors. It trains you to become an effective retail manager and to work as a department manager, store manager, or area manager. You can also set up your own company or take over a small sized commercial unit.

- **Bachelor of Arts (Tourism Administration) (25 Modules, 3 Years, Full Time)**

This program is one of the largest industries in the world. The main objective of the course is to familiarize students with the basic concept of travel and tourism, terminology and how it evolved over a period of time and reached to the modern stage. The course aims to enhance the knowledge of students in various areas related to tourism and how it affects the destination. The course will further explore the selected issues that currently influence the tourism industry both locally and globally.
- **Bachelor of Art Journalism and Mass Communication (23 Modules, 3 Years, Full Time)**

Students will be introduced to the basic aspects of human communication and especially mass communication. Mass Media industries have developed in unprecedented ways and they have been discussed systematically by thinkers so that we can make sense of how they influence the society and vice versa. While in other subjects, students will learn about contemporary forms, in this course they will be also be introduced to the traditional modes of communication in India. With this basic grounding in place, students will be able to evaluate mass media within a wider context. They will be taught by using various teaching aids such as case studies, practical exercises, class presentations, screenings, and reading groups.
- **Bachelor of Arts (English) (18 Modules, 3 Years, Full Time)**

The English undergraduate on Amity's prestigious BA program, a learner will develop expertise in analysing literary texts across the whole range of English literature, from medieval to modern; and you will explore a wide range of theoretical approaches, from historicism to post colonialism and digital culture. The learner will be supported in the learning endeavour by our excellent research and teaching staff those who teach in the regular mode and whose specialisms reach from the literature of the pre medieval period to the literature and culture of the digital age. This innovative course offers you an exciting core programme in English Literature, as well as the option to explore pathways and specialisms in Creative Writing, English Language, Drama and Shakespeare.
- **Bachelor of Arts in Economics (22 Modules, 3 Years, Full Time)**

The course aims at familiarizing the students with Economic Theories; Concepts of models so that they can apply economic theories and models in the execution of managerial problems & functions. It will throw light on the economic history which will subsequently help the students to understand the trend of economic growth & development. The main objective of the course is to provide a deeper knowledge on some specific field of Microeconomics such as game theory, factor pricing, oligopoly & welfare. The objective of this course is to familiarize the students with various statistical tools which can help them in analysis and interpretation of business data. This course will provide students with hands-on experience to promote the use of statistical thinking and techniques to apply them to make educated decisions whenever there is variation in business data. Therefore, it is a course in statistical thinking via a data-oriented approach.

If you don't want to study for a degree, you can do a diploma or a certificate course through Amity University. You can choose from the following, offered through the LASER Project

- **Diploma in Information Technology (6 month)**

A comprehensive six-month (one semester) program providing broad-based understanding of a wide range of theoretical concepts and functional areas in IT. From basic mathematics, data structure using C, and IT & computer systems to software engineering – the course covers important concepts, practices, and trends in the subject area.

- **Diploma in Forex Management (6 month)**
A comprehensive six-month (one semester) program providing broad-based understanding of a wide range of theoretical concepts and functional areas in money and foreign exchange markets. From data communication & computer network, e-commerce, financial services, and forex banking to international finance & forex management and treasury management – the course covers important concepts, practices, and trends in the subject area.
- **Diploma in Business Management (6 month)**
A comprehensive six-month (one semester) program providing broad-based understanding of a wide range of theoretical concepts and functional areas in business management. From accounting for managers, managerial economics, marketing management, and principles & practices of management to quantitative techniques in management and strategic management – the course covers important concepts, practices, and trends in the subject area.
- **Diploma in Advertising & Brand Management (6 month)**
A comprehensive six-month (one semester) program providing broad-based understanding of a wide range of theoretical concepts and functional areas in advertising and brand management. From advertising & marketing practices, advertising concepts & principles, brand management, and consumer behavior to principles of marketing and research methodology – the course covers important concepts, practices, and trends in the subject area.

The following Certificate Qualifications are offered through the LASER Project

- **Certificate WEB APP Programming (ANDROID) (6 month)**
Our Certified Android App Developer course ensures that you become a professional android app developer. Designed to propel your application development career, this course takes you through the basic as well as advanced concepts in Android app development. You will acquire necessary skillsets and experience for professional Android application development by building top trending applications within the course.
- **Certificate Quality Management (Six Sigma – Green Belt) (6 month)**
Certified Six Sigma Green Belt, a popular business management strategy is widely used across industries towards quality and process improvement. Certification training program is aligned with ASQ Body of Knowledge. Six Sigma is a set of techniques and tools which seeks to focus on customer requirements through minimizing variability in manufacturing and improving process quality. Six sigma's emphasis is on improving the capability of a process rather than controlling product quality.
- **Certificate Project Management (CAPM) (6 month)**
Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM®) certification is a valuable entry-level certification for project managers offered by the Project Management Institute. A CAPM® certification displays commitment to the profession of project management. It ensures that the certified individual has the fundamental knowledge of project management and its associated processes.
- **Certificate IT Security Management (6 month)**

A carefully designed six-month (one semester) program spread over 4 modules providing broad overview of Cyber Security. From hacking, cracking, and hardware tools for hacking & cracking to software usage for ethical hacking – the course covers important concepts, practices, and trends in the subject area.

- **Certificate Financial Management (6 month)**

This training program Finance for Non-Financial professionals is ideal for managers to enhance their skills in the current competitive business environment. The program is designed to provide necessary knowledge to understand: Fundamental financial concepts, Financial documents, Managing budgets, Analyzing financial performance.

- **Certificate Digital Marketing (6 month)**

Digital Marketing Certified Associate (DMCA) is designed to ensure that you are a complete Digital Marketer. You will learn digital marketing and be industry ready to qualify for high quality digital marketing team, or execute your own digital marketing campaigns. You will acquire requisite skillsets in digital marketing, as well as gain work experience in executing effective campaigns via implementation of real-life projects.

- **Certificate Cloud Computing (COMPTIA +) (6 month)**

The CompTIA Cloud+ certification, is an internationally recognized validation of the knowledge required by an individual working in cloud environments. This program will certify an individual's capability of understanding all the cloud related terminologies and the level of implementation. It will also certify that the individual understands the application of different strategies depending on the situation, the aspects of IT security in cloud, and the best practices to implement in the cloud.

- **Certificate in Advertising & Marketing (6 month)**

A carefully designed six-month (one semester) program providing broad overview of Advertising and Marketing. Addressing different concepts, principles, and practices in advertising and marketing, the course provides a broad understanding of the two subject areas. The program provides a comprehensive framework for understanding a wide range of theoretical concepts and functional areas.

- **Certificate Big Data Analytics (6 month)**

Big Data and Hadoop Administrator Certification Training equips you to take up Hadoop Administrator responsibilities in provisioning, installing, configuring, monitoring, maintaining and securing Hadoop and Hadoop Eco system components. Training is designed to ensure that you are job ready for the role of Hadoop Administrator with implementation of real life Hadoop Administration industry projects spanned across 3 months.