

The University of Isfahan follows the trend set by a number of historic universities and schools in the city of Isfahan such as the universities of Al-e Bouyeh, Bu Ali Sina (Avicenna), Saheb Ibn Ebad, Seljuk's Nezamieh, as well as those in the Safavid era (1501-1732) such as Chahar-Bagh, Sadr and Khajou.

Founded in 1950, the university is located in south Isfahan, on the foothills of Mount Saffeh. It grants academic courses at all levels (bachelor, master and doctorate) in a variety of subjects.

The decision to establish the university was rooted in an idea developed by a number of doctors at Amin Hospital in 1939. Finally, the hospital's board of directors approved a plan to establish Isfahan Higher Medical Institute in 1946.

In September of the same year, an ad signed by lecturer Dr. Jelveh, then caretaker of Isfahan Province Health and Medical Treatment Department, was published in local newspapers calling on prospective students to enroll in the new institute.

The first classes were held at Sadi High School (now Soureh Institute). Many more students enrolled in subsequent years. Therefore, the institute had to find a larger campus to accommodate the growing number of new students.

On October 29, 1950, the first series of classes was held at the University of Isfahan. Other colleges such as the Medical University, the newly established College of Medicine and Literature College on Shahzadeh Ebrahim Street also joined Isfahan University and relocated themselves in the main campus in subsequent years.

The university later offered programs in human sciences, engineering and medical sciences. Related programs of medical sciences were then separated from the University of Isfahan and became an independent university in 1985.

The University of Isfahan has nine dormitories, accommodating 6,000 male and female students. Students can purchase everything they want at subsidized rates in the dormitories.

The university has six conference halls, one theater hall, an information center, Intranet with 512 kb speed per second, central computer site that offers training courses, library with a huge number of books on all subjects plus historic, cultural documents, 100 modern labs for research and training etc.

During 2001-2006, its faculty members wrote or translated 270 books, 1,336 articles for national science magazines, 520 articles for international science magazines, 1,220 articles for national scientific seminars and conferences, as well as 426 articles for international scientific seminars and conferences.

Since 2002, some 373 articles have been approved and printed just in the ISI magazine. The university also continues to publish six scientific research magazines covering different sciences plus the Islamic Revolution Magazine. Its students are active members of 33 scientific societies and have so far published 110 student bulletins.

The University of Isfahan is one of the most active universities in the country in terms of international affairs. So far, it has inked MoUs on scientific and international cooperation with many countries including Germany, Italy, France, Russia, Spain, Romania, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Sweden etc.

It also maintains continuous communication with many creditable universities across the globe. In this respect, Isfahan University has subscription with well over 480 foreign magazines and newspapers for study and research at its libraries.

The University of Isfahan is proud of the fact that every year at least one of its lecturers is selected as a top academic lecturer in the country with well over five

students as top students. Over the past few years, the university has ranked first, second or third at the student science Olympiads.

Colleges And Courses

College of Literature and Humanities

College of Literature and Humanities is one of the most modern colleges in the country. It has well over 2,200 students studying for PhD, MSc and BSc, 89 faculty members, two departments of geography and Persian language and literature, six departments of religious studies, geography, Persian language and literature, humanities, history and philosophy.

In light of its modern academic facilities, computers, labs, conference halls and libraries, the University of Isfahan is now one of the most modern and well-equipped academic centers in the country.

Many lecturers and students have their own specialized websites and there are also other facilities such as vocational training office for blind students, language

College of Business Administration and Economics

After 26 year, the college offers PhD, MSc and BSc courses in economics, management, accounting, law and political sciences. At the moment, it has 2,660 students and 81 scientific board members.

College of Educational Sciences and Psychology

The college offers PhD, MSc and BSc courses in educational sciences, psychology, consultation and library and information. It has 1,642 students and 43 scientific board members.

Technical and Engineering College

Technical and Engineering College has been established recently within the University of Isfahan. Founded in 1988, it now offers PhD, MSc and BSc courses in computer engineering (hardware and software), topography engineering, chemistry engineering, medical engineering, electrical and electronic engineering, Information Technology (IT), construction and civil engineering.

BSc programs are in software, intelligence, robotics, computer architecture in computer engineering, and biotechnology in chemistry engineering. The college also offers PhD programs in Information Technology.

Khowsansar College of Mathematics and Computer

Prospective students will have to pass the national university entrance exams to qualify for a BSc degree in mathematics, statistics and computer at Khowsansar College of Mathematics and Computer. It is important to point out that the college's faculty members are selected by the University of Isfahan.

Entrepreneurship Center

The Entrepreneurship Center is a new offering at Isfahan University. It aims to train and help students to start new organizations, particularly new businesses generally in response to identified opportunities.

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labs, water and soil labs, Geographical Information System (GIS), topography workshops, civil planning, Grand Literature Library, Sa'eb Conference Hall and many other seminar and conference halls.

College of Physical Education and Sport Sciences

The college currently has one department named Physical Education and Sport Sciences in which students can study for MSc and BSc degrees.

The college has football pitches, indoor/outdoor swimming pools, salons for bodybuilding and exercise, as well as salons and sporting arenas within the main dormitory.

College of Foreign Languages

At present, the college offers courses in foreign languages and literature such as in English, French, German, Armenian and Arabic.

Medical College

The college offers PhD, MSc and BSc courses in statistics, geology, biology, chemistry and physics.

Courses offered at the center include Nano technology and science, IT, translation, journalism, medical engineering, robotics, toys, advertising and marketing.

The final service offered by the center is to introduce successful students who have a business idea to the centers that will help them implement their projects.

These are either private or state-owned centers. Private centers are companies and institutes (such as cooperatives and NGOs) that have signed a cooperation agreement with the Entrepreneurship Center. They usually work together with the students in order to implement their business ideas under direct supervision of the Entrepreneurship Center.

They establish new businesses with the students and share profits as per the agreement. It is understood that the majority of these private companies and institutes are among the most successful entrepreneurs in the city and province of Isfahan.

Cultural Centers and Leisure Facilities

The University of Isfahan has 26,000 square meters of sporting facilities that include two football pitches, two indoor and outdoor swimming pools, two indoor sporting arenas, bodybuilding gymnasium, six private salons and ten out-

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door sporting areas. Green space for every student is around 58 square meters of the current 10.80 million square meters of land. Those interested in using these facilities can get 50 percent discount and those who reside in dormitories can apply for special loans.

Development Projects

The University of Isfahan is determined to offer its students broader and better educational programs and services. To this end, it plans to construct new buildings for its Technical and Engineering College, College of Educational Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics College, Business Administration and Economics College, as well as student hotel, giant sporting arena, seven gardens, self-service center etc.

