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WAED

King Abdul-Aziz University

To attract and care high school exceptional and talented male and female students

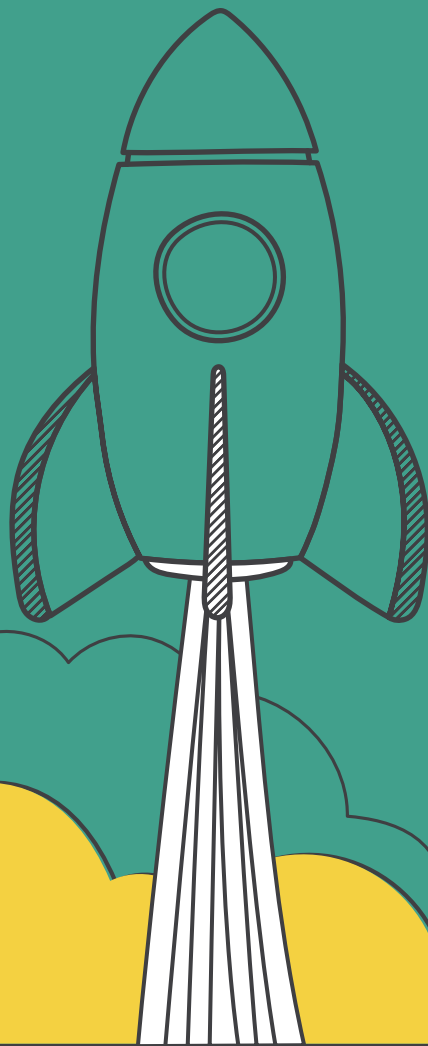
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What is Waed Program?



Waed program aims to attract exceptional and talented high school students to join King Abdul-Aziz University through providing academic acceleration tracks and direct placement in faculties, and reducing university years for the target classes through equaling study courses studied by the student before joining the university as per academic standards followed in the university. the program, in its current version, includes both of advanced placement track, and the dual-study track with special criteria for each track. In addition to the continuous care and supervision of male and female students in other fields through appropriate enrichment programs. King Abdul-Aziz University provides special care to the accepted male and female students with academic, scientific and research support through specialized curricular and extracurricular enrichment programs during the study period to enhance their energies within an institutional framework characterized by fairness and transparency and keeping pace with national and international standards. Waed program achieves the strategic objectives of KAU to enhance teaching, learning and educational services besides developing a stimulating environment at university to supports excellence, creativity and innovation.

Waed Program, KAU

Enhancement of the Talented Position and Constructive Investment of their Abilities





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HE KAU President
**Prof. Dr. Abdulrahman Obaid
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KAU President's Message

Recently, education in Saudi Arabia has recently witnessed a comprehensive development. The Saudi directions and ambitious Vision 2030 had a great effect on bringing about a qualitative leap in education at its various stages, especially higher education. The number of universities has increased significantly. In addition, the focus has increased on the qualitative future disciplines that the labor market needs and are in line with the development plans that our beloved country is witnessing. Accordingly, King Abdul-Aziz University has worked on continuous development in its curricula and educational plans making great steps in that domain. KAU has achieved alignment with Saudi Vision 2030 in the fields of scientific research and educational development, and making a qualitative leap in the univer-

sity's strategic plans to ensure the graduation of national competencies able to complete in local and international labor market. So that KAU has become among the best international universities, and achieved advanced positions in various classifications.

As KAU seeks seriously to maintain this distinction and its keenness to contribute effectively to the renaissance and development of our beloved country with the help of the distinguished sons and daughters of the nation, KAU paid most of its attention to the talented and exceptional category of high school students. Based on the peculiarity of this category who are a national wealth that must be invested by designing special methods and mechanisms to attract and sponsor it, through incentives and grants offered to talented and exceptional high school male and female students.

We hope that Waed Program will contribute to attract the best talented and outstanding male and female students, who will be the best representatives of KAU and Saudi Arabia with their knowledge, creativity and work.

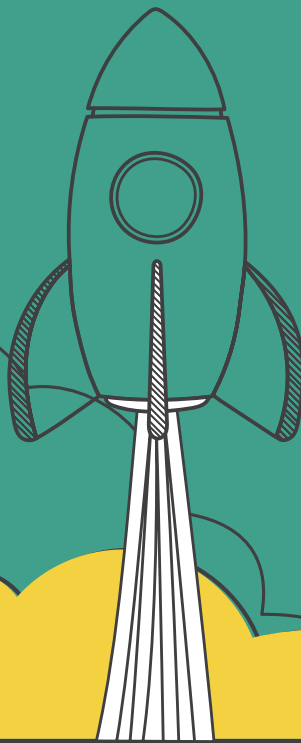


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First: Objectives of Dual Enrollment Track

Enabling the exceptional and talented male and female students of all high schools; public, private and international, to invest talent and shorten a university academic year.

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Second: Objectives of Advanced Placement Track

Enabling the talented and outstanding male and female students in international high schools to enhance local talent with international standards.

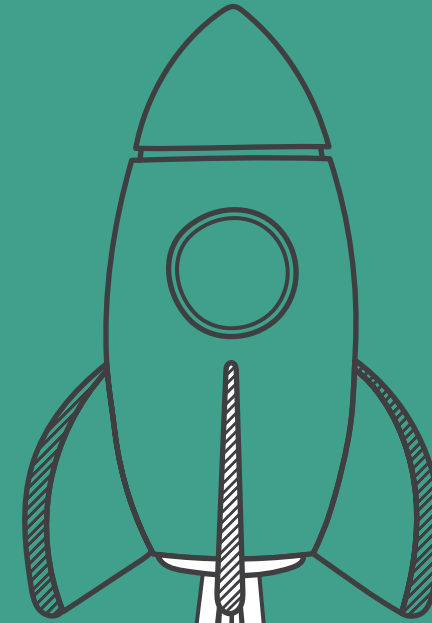
Enabling other high school students to benefit from the track if they achieve the required grades in the standardized tests (AP Tests) provided by the US Colleges Council and shorten an academic year.

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Dual Enrollment Track

Dual enrollment is one of the tracks of Waed program to attract and nurture the gifted and talented at King Abdul-Aziz University. This track aims at academic acceleration by enabling outstanding and talented male and female students of high school, whether from public, talented, or international schools, to study the preparatory year courses at KAU; (Scientific Track or Health Track) and pass them - according to their talent and ability during their period of study at the secondary level with university students in the same description and requirements, according to the criteria established for this track. In case the male/female student is accepted at KAU and succeeds in the studied courses. The credit hours for these courses will be counted for them. The male/female student success in the dual-study track is an indication of their readiness for serious and distinguished university study.

Application Criteria in the Dual enrollment Track

To apply for this track, the following criteria must be met:



Student's GPA in high school

The student GPA must be at least 90% in the third grade of high school they completed study recently (first and second).



National Center for Assessment Talent & Creativity Test (Mawhiba)

The result of the last test (Mawhiba Test) administered by the National Center for Assessment with the highest (3%) of male and female students.



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General Amplitude Test Result

The male/female applicant for the program must pass one of the following general aptitude tests:

First Test

General Amplitude Test (GAT) administered by the National Center for Assessment or its equivalent in English language from the same center with 90 score at least.

Or

Second Test

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) with score 1200/1600 at least.

English Language Proficiency

Male and female students are allowed to enter the dual enrollment program based on English language certain standards. These standards are the same tests and conditions according to which students are exempted from studying English in the preparatory year.

The student applying for the track must pass the IELTS (Academic) English language test with a score of (5.5) or the TOEFL (iBT) test with a minimum score of (60) for the scientific and health tracks, while achieving the minimum level in each skill according to the requirements of the English Language Institute. (eli.kau.edu.sa)

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Important Notes

- 1 Male and female students are accepted into Waed Program based on the GPA of GAT and Mawhiba Test, .and according to the vacant seats at KAU. .
- 2 The student shall sign a pledge – with knowledge and agreement on the program’s terms and conditions - according to the electronic form on the admission portal.
- 3 A dual enrollment student is considered accepted at KAU after passing the courses (physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, and statistics) for the scientific track, and English language courses are added in the health track, provided that KAU admission requirements are met,. The admission requirements are the same mentioned on the Arabic website of the Deanship of Admission and registration at KAU (adm.kau.edu.sa), emphasizing that the student does not need to take an achievement test provided by the National Center for Assessment.

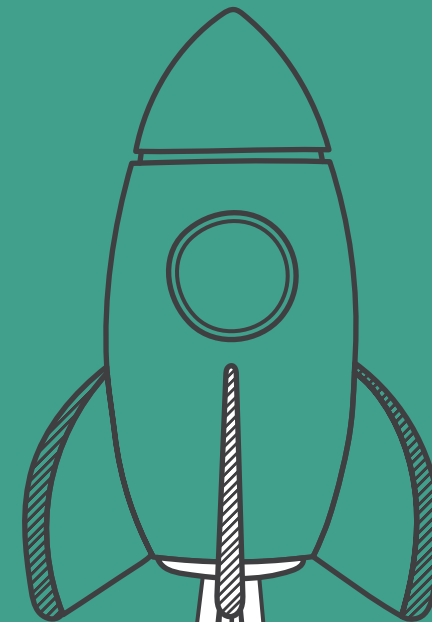
- 4 In case a dual enrollment student is accepted at KAU, the student will be compared to the same batch of the preparatory year who passed with his/ her in order to be placed in the scientific faculties based on their GPA in the courses mentioned in Note No. (3). They shall complete the rest of the preparatory year requirements after placement in their faculties.
- 5 The student is dismissed from the dual enrollment program if it is proven that he / she is not serious or capable of dual enrollment. Students must not obtain a failing grade (F) or a denied grade (DN). Furthermore, their grades in any subject should not be less than (C), and their semester or cumulative average should not be less than (4/5).
- 6 The dual enrollment student is given a certificate of completion of the courses, the same as the visiting student in case he did not complete studies at King Abdul-Aziz University.

For more inquires, visit: Waed@kau.edu.sa

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Advanced Placement Track

This track aims to attract outstanding students in high school by placing them directly in the faculties they desire without joining the preparatory year, and equaling the preparatory year courses with international standard equivalent tests. The student who fulfills the conditions shall complete the remaining preparatory year courses not equalized. This track is currently available to male and female students wishing to enroll in the faculties of engineering, medicine and dentistry.

Admission Criteria of Advanced Placement Track

The admission of this program requires to meet the admission criteria at KAU, as mentioned on the website of the Deanship of Admission and Registration, in addition to all of the following criteria:



Student GPA in the high school:

The student must pass the third grade of high school (or its equivalent according to the regulations of the Ministry of Education).



GAT Result

The student must pass one of the following two tests:

First Test

General Amplitude Test (GAT) administered by the National Center for Assessment or its equivalent in English language from the same center with 85 score at least.

Or

Second Test

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) with score 1200/1600 at least.



Academic Achievement Test

Students applying to faculty of medicine and faculty of dentistry must pass one of the following two tests in academic achievement:

First Test

Standard Achievement Admission Test (SAAT) or its equivalent in English administered by the National Center for Assessment with score of 85 as minimum.

Or

Second Test

two scientific courses of SAT II including the following courses: Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics in total marks (1400/1600)

When registering for international tests (SAT and SAT II) on the American Colleges Council website, students, must include the King Abdul-Aziz University code (7612) among the universities they want their test results to reach.





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English Language Proficiency

The student must pass one of the following two tests:

First Test

IELTS (Academic) with score (6/9) in minimum.

Or

Second Test

TOEFL (iBT) with score (80/120) in minimum.

When registering for international tests TOEFL iBT and IELTS, students, must include the King Abdul-Aziz University code (4594) among the universities they want their test results to reach.

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Passing Standard Tests

There are standard international tests for certain subjects that students of placement track applying to Waed Program have to pass in order to complete the placement requirements; two compulsory courses for the Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Dentistry and two different compulsory courses for the Faculty of Engineering. It is preferable for the students to take the largest number of elective courses to reduce the number of courses they have to study to complete the preparatory year requirements. Students of the advanced placement track in Waed must achieve the grades determined by the faculties in each of these types of tests. From any of the following tests, according to the courses and conditions for faculties placement, which are:

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams/Tests

Required score for each course: (35/) as minimum

Collegeboard.org
KAU Code: 7612

Or

International Baccalaureate (IB) High Level (HL) Exams

International Baccalaureate Tests provided by the International Baccalaureate

Only High Level (HL) Courses

Required score for each course: (47/) as minimum

ibo.org
KAU Code: 035397

Or

Cambridge International A Level

A Level only

Minimum Grade (C)

cambridgeinternational.org
KAU Code: ?????





First: General Conditions of Admission in the Advanced Placement Track

Students applying for the track must pass the third secondary year (or its equivalent as per Ministry of Education systems) and fulfill the following conditions:

Requirement	Minimum Score
Standardized Abilities Tests Take one of the following tests	
GAT (administered by the National Center for Assessment)	85
SAT (administered by the College Board – USA)	1200/ 1600
Standardized Achievement Tests (for Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Dentistry) Take one of the following tests	
SAAT-Science (administered by the National Center for Assessment)	85
Two SAT Subject Tests from the following Courses College Board – USA: Mathematics (Level 1 or 2), Biology (E or M), Chemistry, Physics	1400/1600 (sum of the two test scores)
English Proficiency Tests Take one of the following tests	
IELTS	6/ 9
TOEFL iBT	80/120

Second: Conditions for Advanced Placement Track in Faculties

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Take **one** of the following set of tests

Cambridge
A Level Tests

or

IB Tests

or

AP Tests

Requirement	Minimum Score
Cambridge A level Standardized Tests	
Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">MathematicsPhysics	C
Optional: Any of the following courses, the more the better <ul style="list-style-type: none">BiologyChemistryComputer Science	C

Requirement	Minimum Score
IB Standardized Tests	
Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">IB HL MathematicsIB HL Physics	4/ 7
Optional: Any of the following courses, the more the better <ul style="list-style-type: none">IB HL BiologyIB HL ChemistryIB HL Computer Science	4/ 7

Requirement	Minimum Score
AP Standardized Tests	
Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">AP Calculus ABAP Physics C: Mechanics	3 / 5
Optional: Any of the following courses, the more the better <ul style="list-style-type: none">AP BiologyAP ChemistryAP StatisticsAP Computer Science Principles	3/ 5





Conditions for Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Dentistry

Take **one** of the following set of tests

Cambridge A Level Tests		or	IB Tests		or	AP Tests	
Requirement	Minimum Grade		Requirement	Minimum Score		Requirement	Minimum Score
Cambridge A level Standardized Tests			IB Standardized Tests			AP Standardized Tests	
Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">BiologyChemistry	C		Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">IB HL BiologyIB HL Chemistry	4/7		Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none">AP BiologyAP Chemistry	3/5
Optional: Any of the following courses, the more the better <ul style="list-style-type: none">MathematicsPhysicsComputer Science	C		Optional: Any of the following courses, the more the better <ul style="list-style-type: none">IB HL PhysicsIB HL MathematicsIB HL Computer Science	4/7		Optional: Any of the following courses, the more the better <ul style="list-style-type: none">AP Calculus ABAP StatisticsAP Computer Science PrinciplesAP Physics 1	3/5

- Passing the personal interview in Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Dentistry

- Passing Dental Admission Test (DAT) in Faculty of Dentistry

Optional Additional Helping Points for admission in Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Dentistry

University Clinical Aptitude Test(UCAT)

UCAT tests mental and behavioral abilities, logical and critical thinking. It also includes a part to test behavior in different situations.



www.ucat.ac.uk

BioMedical Admission Test (BMAT)

MAT consists of three parts: a test of abilities and skills to solve problems and analyze data, a test of knowledge in science and mathematics and its applications, and the third part is an essay question to test good writing skills.



www.admissionstesting.org/for-institutions/about-our-tests/biomedical-admissions-test/





Pledges of Waed Program at King Abdul-Aziz University to
attract and care the exceptional and talented students





First: All students applying to advanced placement and dual enrollment tracks shall undertake the following:

1. Reading all university admission requirements announced on the admission portal of the Deanship of Admission and Registration “adm.kau.edu.sa” and declaring their knowledge.
2. Reading Waed Guide and the terms of admission announced on Waed introductory website “waed.kau.edu.sa” and declaring that they are fully understand its contents.
3. Acknowledgment that they know that admission to any of the Waed tracks will be conditional on matching the official documents submitted by the student on the admission portal of the Deanship of Admission and Registration, and their fulfillment of the admission requirements for the track chosen by the applicant.
4. Bearing the responsibility of registering in the preparatory year at King Abdulaziz University or any other university, in the event of failure to accept any of Waed tracks.
5. Active participation in extra-curricular activities, competitions, and internal and external forums for talented and talented male and female students.
6. Commitment to maintain a high level of academic performance while studying at the Faculty, as described in the track undertaking.

7. Undertaking to pursue the KAU study and examination regulations and its executive rules announced on the website of the Deanship of Admission and Registration “admission.kau.edu.sa” and to abide by what they stipulate.
8. Acknowledgment that they know that any violation of all public commitments to Waed program or one of its tracks or any other regulations of KAU exposes the student to presentation to the relevant committees to take the necessary action and enforce their decisions.
9. Undertaking to pursue and act according to (University Student Regulations: Rights and Responsibilities) announced on the University Agency for Development website (<https://bit.ly/3pBQyEo>)
10. Commitment to pursue and sign the course undertaking, and submit it to the Deanship of Admission and Registration along with other official documents on the admission portal.





Second: All students applying to advanced placement at Faculty of Medicine shall undertake the following:

1. They fully understand that a comparison will be made between male and female students applying for Waed program according to the approved criteria and based on the available seats at Faculty of Medicine.
2. Completing all subjects of the preparatory year for the health track, either by studying them at KAU, or by equaling with equivalent international standard tests approved by the faculty of Medicine.
3. Attending and pass the personal interview program (MMI).
4. They fully understand that the student will be placed directly in the Faculty of Medicine as a freshman, and they are not entitled to transfer to another health program only once.
5. Commitment to wearing the uniform in the Faculty of Medicine, the University Hospital and its facilities, and maintaining the general appearance that reflects a decent professional image that the student represents on the university campus.



Third: All students applying to advanced placement at Faculty of Dentistry within Waed Program shall undertake the following:

1. Commitment to wearing the uniform in the Faculty of Dentistry, the University Dental Hospital and their facilities, and maintaining the general appearance that reflects a decent professional image that the student represents on the university campus.
2. Commitment to attend and pass the electronic test of the Dental Admission Test (DAT).
3. Attending and pass the personal interview program (MMI).
4. They fully understand that admission is made directly to the Faculty of Dentistry as a new-comer, and that assignment is made after completing all the preparatory year courses for the health track required for the dentistry and dental surgery program.
5. They fully understand that a comparison will be made between male and female students applying for Waed program according to the approved criteria and based on the available seats at Faculty of Dentistry.
6. Acknowledgment that one of the conditions for the course is that the applicant must be medically fit.



Fourth: All students applying to advanced placement at Faculty of Engineering within Waed Program shall undertake the following:

1. Acknowledgment of the need to complete all the preparatory year subjects for the scientific track, either by studying them at KAU, or by equivalency with equal international standard tests approved by Faculty of Engineering.
2. They fully understand that the student will be placed directly in Faculty of Engineering as a freshman, and that they will be allocated later in the engineering program they desire, and they are not entitled to transfer to another program only once.
3. Participation in the engineering portal event announced by Faculty of Engineering.

Fifth: All students applying to Dual enrollment placement at Faculty within Waed Program shall undertake the following:

1. They are fully aware of the necessity to complete all preparatory year courses for the scientific track or health track, either by studying them at the university, or by equaling them with equivalent international standard tests approved by KAU.
2. They understand that students will be placed in the Scientific Faculty, after completing the preparatory year courses, based on the results of comparison with students of the same batch of the preparatory year that they passed with them in the same year based on the comparison system in the track.
3. They understand that if the student does not obtain the required grade for any of the terms of the faculty they wish to join later, they are not entitled to repeat the course only once to improve the grade.





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4. Maintaining a high level of academic performance while studying in the dual enrollment track, including:
 - The student's Total GPA is not to be less than (4/5) in all stages of study in the track.
 - The student's semester average must not be less than (4/5) in any semester.
 - The student's grade in any academic course must not be less than (C); if the grade is less than (C), then, they are only entitled to return the material once, otherwise they will be expelled from the track.
5. The fully understand that the student will be expelled from the track directly if he/ she obtain in any subject a failed grade (F) or a denied grade (DN), or in case of committing any ethical violations that contradict the regulations in force at KAU.



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