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Khalifa University Of Science and Technology
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“Khalifa University is providing me with the complex problem-solving skills, analytical thinking abilities, awareness of sustainability, and technical computing skills that I know will contribute to my successful future.”

Marios Papadovasilakis, PhD Student in Electrical and Computer Engineering

“At Khalifa University, I enjoy the stimulating experience of collaborating with a brilliant and diverse mix of professors and students every day, and I’m constantly encouraged to push boundaries, adopt new ways of thinking, and innovate.”

Ahmed Baobaid, BSc student in Industrial and Systems Engineering

“Khalifa University provides me with the perfect combination of deep technical skills through coursework and research, along with a breadth of knowledge through engaging campus activities and internships.”

Layla Dawood Adnan Dawood Almardoud, BSc Student in Biomedical Engineering
“Khalifa University is emerging as a research hub with strong links to industry and government. It is immensely rewarding and gratifying to be part of a research community representing the nation’s top talent that targets scientific excellence and stakeholder value creation.”

Dr. Nawaf Almoosa, Director of Emirates ICT Innovation Centre (EBTIC) and Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering

“Working on cutting edge health-related projects on issues that are important to the UAE, and being a mentor and teacher to the next generation of biomedical scientist, has been most rewarding. These opportunities provided by Khalifa University have enriched my research career as well as my personal life.”

Dr. Habiba Alsafar, Acting Associate Dean for Student Affairs, College of Medicine and Health Sciences, Associate Professor of Genetics and Molecular Biology, and Director of Center for Biotechnology

“The new KU and its research environment is like nothing else in the UAE – bringing together the broadest and deepest scientific expertise and best quality research facilities across a diverse set of disciplines.”

Dr. Steve Griffiths, Senior Vice President, Research and Development

“At Khalifa University, my students and I are partners as we learn together, brainstorm together, research together, fight together, excel and cheer together.”

Dr. Tiejun Zhang, Associate Professor of Mechanical and Materials Engineering
At Khalifa University of Science and Technology, we have so much to celebrate. The collaborative efforts of our diverse group of renowned faculty and top students have led us to be placed in the top 30 out of 417 Asian universities in the latest 2019 Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings. Year on year, as we climb higher in the global rankings, we continue to validate Khalifa University’s research capabilities, faculty expertise and modern cutting-edge facilities that encourage innovation.

We are committed to evolving with the UAE’s changing strategic needs, and as such, we deliver pioneering research and innovations in key areas of strategic relevance, including clean and renewable energy, water and environment, hydrocarbon exploration, artificial intelligence and robotics, healthcare, aerospace and advanced materials.

Throughout the years, I have witnessed the continuous dedication of KU’s faculty and staff to ensuring our graduates are fully equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the professional world. And I believe that our collaborative efforts have resulted in an improvement in the caliber of our students’ research outputs over the years.

Khalifa University is undoubtedly part of something unprecedented. As the top-ranked university in the country, we are at the forefront of the UAE’s knowledge economy transformation, pushing the boundaries of science, research and education, and producing the next generation of leaders who will guide and nurture the UAE towards its next phase of prosperity.

I am confident that we will continue the momentum and engagement that has enabled our success and recognition over the years, and continue to answer the call of the UAE leadership.
“Education is like a lantern which lights your way in a dark alley.”

Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, UAE Founding Father
Khalifa University of Science and Technology can trace its origins back to 1989, when Etisalat University College was established by the Emirates Telecommunications Corporation, the UAE’s telecommunication provider, in Sharjah, UAE, to develop a pipeline of human capital in the fields of engineering and applied sciences.

Eleven years later, the Petroleum Institute was established as an international educational and research center for the oil and gas industry. Funded by the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and its international partners, the Petroleum Institute graduated its first group of engineers in summer 2006 and witnessed the enrolment of the first female students in the fall of the same year.

In 2007, Khalifa University of Science, Technology and Research (KUSTAR) was established by Presidential decree to offer a broader range of engineering programs to the nation’s budding engineers. The same year, Etisalat University College was acquired by KUSTAR. Also in 2007, the Masdar Institute of Science and Technology was established by Presidential decree, as the region’s first research-intensive, graduate-level university focused on advanced energy and sustainable technologies.

In 2017, UAE President and Ruler of Abu Dhabi, His Highness Sheikh
Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, issued a decree to merge KUSTAR, Masdar Institute and Petroleum Institute under one university called the Khalifa University of Science and Technology.

Khalifa University is now a comprehensive research-intensive university with three colleges, three research institutes, 18 research centers, and 36 departments covering a broad range of disciplines in science, engineering, and medicine. It will continue to evolve with the UAE’s rapidly developing national goals and needs and nurture the innovation ecosystem required for the country’s targeted knowledge economy transformation.
KU at a Glance

The internationally top-ranked Khalifa University is the one university in the UAE with the research and academic programs that address the entire range of strategic, scientific and industrial challenges facing the UAE’s knowledge economy transformation and our rapidly evolving world.

Its world-class faculty and state-of-the-art research facilities provide an unparalleled learning experience to students from the UAE and around the world. The university brings together the best in science, engineering and medicine in the UAE, to offer specialized degrees that can take promising high school graduates all the way to top-rated doctorate degree holders.

Rankings

401 - 410  
Global Bracket  
QS World University Rankings

481 - 490  
Global Bracket  
QS World University Rankings

1st in UAE  
1st in UAE & MENA  
33rd overall top young universities  
QS Top 50 under 50

Top 300 Globally  
QS World University Rankings

Top 30 Asian Universities - THE Asia University Rankings

Top 200 Globally  
Times Higher Education Rankings by Subject

21st in ‘Petroleum Engineering’ in QS World University Rankings

2016  
2017  
2018  
2019  
2020  
2021
### Faculty

- **385** Faculty from over **40** Countries

- **8 : 1** Student to faculty ratio

### Students

Khalifa University is an international university, with enrolment from all over the world.

- **53+** Nationalities
- **40%** Male
- **60%** Female
- **5,000 +** Alumni

### Research Impact

- **18** Research Centers
- **167+** Issued Patents
- **9,000 +** Articles
- **3,795+** Conference papers
- **310+** Books and Book chapters
- **101,635+** Citations
- **10.1** Citations Per Publication
- **40%** of publications in top 10% of scientific journals (in 2019)

Ranked 1st in the UAE for three years in row (2016-2019) by the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2019
Khalifa University strives to be a catalyst to the growth of Abu Dhabi and the UAE’s rapidly developing knowledge economy, an education destination of choice, and a global leader among research intensive universities of the 21st century.

The University has identified the following strategic priorities:

- Prepare future leaders to an internationally recognized standard
- Produce world-class research with local relevance and international impact
- Enrich the national economy through innovation and research commercialization.
Partnerships
Khalifa University enjoys over 200 active relationships and strategic partnerships with a number of private, public and academic organizations from around the world. These partnerships provide academic opportunities, such as student exchanges, student sponsorships, and internship programs, and joint research opportunities, such as collaborations.

Collaborations with educational institutions include, but are not limited to: Georgia Tech, the University of Tokyo, the University of Western Australia, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Texas A&M University, Tsinghua University, and the University of Naples Federico II.

Partnerships with government and industry organizations include, but are not limited to: Alibaba Cloud, ADNOC, the International Atomic Energy Agency, Boeing, BP, Emirates Global Aluminum, Total, Yahsat and Etihad Airways.
RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

1. Agreement on a Joint Lab for Embodied Artificial Intelligence with the Università degli Studi di Milano / Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna

2. Twinning Agreements with King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals and King Abdulaziz University

3. Joint Research Collaboration with Tsinghua University

4. Established the Korea-UAE Joint Technical Center (KUST) and KU-KAIST Joint Research Center

5. Joint Research Collaboration with Moscow Power Engineering Institute (National Research University)

6. Collaboration with Mayo Clinic to support College of Medicine and Health Sciences

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

7. Boston University

8. Colorado School of Mines

9. Stanford University

10. University of California

11. University of Maryland

12. China University of Petroleum
Khalifa University brings together the best in science, engineering and medicine in the UAE, to offer specialized degrees that can take promising high school graduates all the way to top-rated doctorate degree holders.
The College of Engineering serves Abu Dhabi, the nation, and the world by providing students with an education underpinned by the principle of engineering with a purpose, to empower them to be leaders in discovering new knowledge as a catalyst for business innovation. In support of this, the College conducts cutting-edge fundamental, multidisciplinary and translational research in strategic areas such as information and communication technology, aerospace, transport and logistics, healthcare, and energy and the environment.

The College of Engineering comprises the following 9 Academic Departments:

- Department of Aerospace Engineering
- Department of Biomedical Engineering
- Department of Chemical Engineering
- Department of Civil Infrastructure and Environmental Engineering
- Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Department of Mechanical Engineering
- Department of Nuclear Engineering
- Department of Petroleum Engineering

The College of Engineering offers 10 Bachelor’s Degree Programs, 15 Master’s Degree Programs and a PhD Program in Engineering, with 11 concentrations.
College of Arts and Science

The College of Arts and Science works towards achieving a sustainable knowledge-based economy as outlined in Abu Dhabi Vision 2030, by advancing the discovery of new knowledge, its dissemination and exploitation. The College is a vibrant community of academic scholars, students and staff who are dedicated to science education and innovation for the ultimate benefit of society. It seeks to empower its students with a great sense of purposeful academic curiosity and appreciation of the social and environmental context within a rapidly changing world.

The College of Arts and Sciences comprises the following seven Academic Departments:

• Department of Chemistry
• Department of Earth Science
• Department of English
• Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
• Preparatory Program
• Department of Mathematics
• Department of Physics

The College of Arts and Sciences offers 6 Bachelor’s Degree Programs, 3 Master’s Degree Programs and 5 PhD Programs.
College of Medicine and Health Sciences

The newly established College of Medicine and Health Sciences at Khalifa University, the first medical college based in Abu Dhabi and the first four-year, post-baccalaureate MD program in the UAE, is responding to the challenge of developing world-class healthcare in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates and the region. The College of Medicine and Health Sciences currently offers one Doctor of Medicine (MD) program.

The College of Medicine and Health Sciences comprises 20 Academic Departments.

- Department of Anatomy and Cellular Biology
- Department of Anesthesiology
- Department of Emergency Medicine and Critical Care
- Department of Epidemiology and Public Health
- Department of Family Medicine
- Department of Immunology and Physiology
- Department of Medicine
- Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics
- Department of Neurology
- Department of Neurosurgery
- Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Department of Ophthalmology
- Department of Orthopedic Surgery
- Department of Pathology
- Department of Pediatrics
- Department of Pharmacology
- Department of Psychology and Behavioral Health
- Department of Radiology and Medical Imaging
- Department of Surgery
- Department of Urology
Undergraduate Education

Undergraduate degrees from Khalifa University of Science and Technology are designed to equip graduates with the necessary skills and knowledge that are highly sought-after in today’s job market. Khalifa University has granted over 3,200 bachelor’s degrees to qualifying undergraduate students.

Khalifa University offers 16 Bachelor’s degree programs, some of which list optional concentrations.

**UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM**

**College Of Engineering**

- Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering
  - Software Systems Concentration
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
  - Artificial Intelligence Concentration
  - Cybersecurity Concentration
- Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering

College Of Arts And Sciences
Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Geoscience
Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics and Statistics
Bachelor of Science in Physics
Bachelor of Science in Earth and Planetary Sciences
Bachelor of Science in Cell and Molecular Biology

Minors Offered By Khalifa University
Minor in Nuclear Engineering
Minor in Artificial Intelligence
Minor in Mechatronics
Minor in General Business
Minor in Digital Media and Composition

Accreditation
All academic programs at KU are accredited with the Commission for Academic Accreditation of the UAE Ministry of Education and Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (ABET) accreditation for the new programs is underway, with 86% of undergraduate programs having received or are eligible for ABET accreditation.
Graduate Education

Khalifa University’s interdisciplinary MSc and PhD programs are focused on the skills and sectors in greatest demand regionally and internationally. Our internationally-renowned faculty give students hands-on training and guidance to become world-class problem-solvers. Students work in our cutting-edge labs and on-site with our industry partners to hone their scientific and technical skills. To date, Khalifa University has awarded over 1,800 master’s and doctoral degrees to qualifying students.

The University offers 17 Master’s degree programs, of which some offer optional concentrations, and 6 PhD degree programs, one of which offers eleven optional concentrations, and one Doctor of Medicine program.

Master’s Program

- Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering
- Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering
- Master of Science in Chemical Engineering
- Master of Science in Computer Science
- Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Master of Science in Civil and Infrastructural Engineering Program
- Master of Science in Engineering Systems and Management
- Master of Science in Cyber Security
- Master of Science in Materials Science and Engineering
- Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering
- Master of Science in Nuclear Engineering (offered for UAE and Saudi nationals only)
- Master of Science in Petroleum Engineering
Master of Science in Sustainable Critical Infrastructure

Master of Science in Water and Environmental Engineering

Master of Engineering in Health, Safety and Environmental Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering
  - Aerospace Engineering
  - Biomedical Engineering
  - Chemical Engineering
  - Civil Infrastructure and Environmental Engineering
  - Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
  - Engineering Systems and Management
  - Material Science and Engineering
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Nuclear Engineering (offered for UAE and Saudi nationals only)
  - Petroleum Engineering
  - Robotics

College Of Arts And Sciences

Master of Arts in International and Civil Security (Program offered to UAE Nationals only)

Master of Science in Applied Chemistry

Master of Science in Petroleum Geoscience

Doctor of Philosophy in Petroleum Geoscience

Doctor of Philosophy in Science * Pending CAA/UAE Ministry of Education accreditation
  - Physics
  - Chemistry
  - Mathematics
  - Earth Sciences
PhD Programs

College Of Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering
- Aerospace Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Infrastructure and Environmental Engineering
- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Engineering Systems and Management
- Material Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering (offered for UAE and Saudi nationals only)
- Petroleum Engineering
- Robotics

College Of Arts And Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy in Science * Pending CAA/UAE Ministry of Education accreditation
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Earth Sciences

College Of Medicine And Health Sciences

MD in Medicine
Khalifa University is creating a culture of R&D excellence in the UAE, developing new scientific insights and technologies, and building the human capital required to support Abu Dhabi’s transformation into a knowledge-economy.
Khalifa University is home to the UAE’s leading research centers, many of which are housed in the university’s research institutes. KU research centers address regional and global challenges in a systematic and targeted manner via engagement of world-class researchers and facilities. These research centers are at the heart of KU’s global leadership in use-inspired research.

Khalifa University has three flagship research institutes - the Masdar Institute, the Petroleum Institute, and the Robotics and Intelligent Systems Institute – that serve as interdisciplinary research units focused on long-term strategic priorities. The Masdar Institute focuses primarily on sustainable energy, water and the environment; the Petroleum Institute focuses primarily on upstream and downstream hydrocarbon exploration and production; and the Robotics and Intelligent Systems Institute focuses primarily on robotics, intelligent systems, data science, and information and communication technologies.

KU’s focus sectors are Clean and Renewable Energy, Hydrocarbon Exploration and Production, Water and Environment, Health, Aerospace, and Supply Chain and Logistics. Research in these sectors is enhanced by our research platforms of Robotics, Intelligent Systems and Data Science, Information and Communication Technologies and Advanced Materials and Manufacturing.
Addressing national priorities and building on established strengths

“VERTICALS”
focused on multidisciplinary sectors aligned with UAE and Abu Dhabi priorities

- Clean and Renewable Energy
- Water and Environment
- Hydrocarbon Exploration and Production
- Healthcare
- Aerospace (Aero/Astro)
- Supply Chain and Logistics

“HORIZONTALS”
focused on cross-cutting critical enablers in which KU has competitive advantage

- Information and communication Technologies (ICT)
- Robotics, Intelligent Systems and data science
- Advanced materials and manufacturing
Research Institutes at Khalifa University

Clean and Renewable Energy and Water and Environment

Masdar Institute
focused on clean energies, sustainability, and environmental research

- **Emirates Nuclear Technology Center (ENTC)**
  Providing risk-informed decision bases for safe operation of UAE’s peaceful nuclear power plants.

- **Advanced Power and Energy Center (APEC)**
  Crafting the future of power systems; supporting hybrid AC/DC grids, and providing optimal architecture for smart grid and transportation electrification.
Sustainable Bioenergy Research Consortium (SBRC)

Advancing the development of sustainable aviation biofuels; deriving alternative fuels from halophytic (saltwater tolerant) plants.

Center for Membranes and Advanced Water Technology (CMAT)

Advancing the development of water technologies and hybrid systems; nanomaterials and membranes; energy efficiency and sustainability of water processes; and tech transfer and capacity building in desalination & water technology.
Petroleum Institute
focused on research for the oil and gas industry and with broader applications in energy and industry

- **Center for Catalysis and Separation (CeCaS)**
  Addressing broad industrial catalysis challenges in membranes, reactors, materials, and renewable energy.

- **Research and Innovation Center on CO2 and Hydrogen (RICH)**
  Researching and developing novel carbon capture and utilization (CCU) technologies as well as hydrogen production, storage and distribution.
Robotics and Intelligent Systems Institute
focused on research for next generation digital technologies

- **Center for Autonomous Robotic Systems (KUCARS)**
  Researching the three frontier robotics application themes: Robotics for Extreme Environments; Robotics for Industrial Applications; and Robotics for Infrastructure Inspection.

- **Center for Cyber-Physical Systems (C2PS)**
  Researching the themes of Cybersecurity, Big Data Analytics and Machine Intelligence, Networks and Communication Technology, and Computation Architectures.

- **System-on-Chip Center (SoCC)**
  Researching and developing integrated SoC solutions for various applications targeting near market research.

- **Emirates ICT Innovation Center (EBTIC)**
  Advancing intelligent systems technologies for Next Generation Networks (NGNs) and NGN-enabled ICT applications and services that enable the digital economy in the UAE.

- **Khalifa University – Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KU-KAIST) Center for 4th Industrial Revolution**
  Carrying out joint research on technologies that are shaping the Fourth Industrial Revolution, particularly in the areas of Smart Transportation and Smart Healthcare.
Other Research Centers

Healthcare

- **Center for Biotechnology (BTC)**
  Researching in the areas of genomics, bioinformatics and systems biology to understand and describe risk factors with impact on the major chronic diseases of the UAE population, in particular diabetes, cardiovascular disease and cancer.

- **Healthcare Engineering Innovation Center (HEIC)**
  Developing novel methodologies, devices, and tools for the diagnosis, intervention/treatment, and rehabilitation of the wide spectrum of health challenges associated with cardiovascular disease.

Supply Chain and Logistics

- **Research Center for Digital Supply Chain and Operations Management (DSOM)**
  Researching digital supply chains and associated analytics, knowledge generation and knowledge management.
Aerospace (Aero/Astro)
- **Aerospace Research and Innovation Center (ARIC)**
  Engaging in cutting-edge research in advanced materials, robotics and digital technologies for aerospace manufacturing.

- **Khalifa University Space Technology and Innovation Center (KUSTIC)**
  Researching the space sector and critical applications, including space mission development, and enhancing satellite manufacturing capabilities in the UAE.

Advanced Materials and Manufacturing
- **Advanced Digital & Additive Manufacturing (ADAM) Center**
  Developing advanced materials through fundamental and applied research directed toward additive manufacturing.

- **UAE-Korea Joint R&D Technical Center (KUTC)**
  Developing advanced materials in energy, oil and gas, and catalysts.
Research Facilities & Labs

As the UAE’s top research university, Khalifa University has 228 labs and some of the region’s most advanced research facilities. These include:

01 Masdar Institute Solar Platform
Provides critical tools and expertise required to test concentrating solar power (CSP) and thermal energy storage (TES) systems at the one-of-a-kind 100 kW beam-down CSP facility.

02 Region’s First Cleanroom
Provides the ultra-clean environment and photolithography tools needed for advanced microelectronics research and small-scale production.
Microscopy Facility
World-class Electron Microscopes are critical for much of the research ongoing at Khalifa University and its world-class electron microscopy facility is one of the more widely utilized core laboratory facilities.

ADNOC Research and Innovation Center (ADRIC)
39 discrete state-of-the-art topical laboratories, grouped under nine themes, to offer a multi-user environment for faculty, researchers and students.

High Performance Computing Cluster
Approximately 300 Teraflops of computing capability distributed between both CPU and GPU nodes.
INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
Study Abroad Experiences

The study abroad program offers semester-abroad opportunities for UAE national Sophomore and Junior students at some of the most internationally recognized universities around the world.

Students who apply for a study abroad opportunity have the chance to:

• Experience life on other campuses
• Learn about new cultures and environments
• Add to their well-rounded education
• Develop professional opportunities

Internships

All students at Khalifa University undertake an 8-week internship, where they get the opportunity to explore the different perspectives of their major outside of the classroom. KU students intern at large local and global companies, including IBM, Siemens and the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ANDOC).

Eligible students are offered international internship opportunities in Japan through the Japan International Collaboration Center (JICE) program. The program provides students with an exceptional technical and cultural learning experience, and offers internships at companies like Chiyoda Corporation and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.
Khalifa University is a multi-campus, urban university, located across two campuses in the UAE’s capital of Abu Dhabi making the entire city your campus. Life is very convenient and enjoyable in Abu Dhabi, one of the fastest growing cities, and the safest city in the world.

Abu Dhabi presents a fascinating mixture of tradition and progression. Tracing its rich history back to around 3000 BC, Abu Dhabi maintains a more distinctly Arabian ambiance, while offering fun and entertainment to people of all ages.

The emirate is filled with popular and exciting destinations and activities. Residents and visitors enjoy fine art at the Louvre Abu Dhabi, formula one racing at Yas Marina Circuit, shopping at Marina Mall and dozens of other malls, beaches at the Corniche, afternoon tea at Emirates Palace, and a host of cultural experiences in Al Ain, which is one of the world’s oldest permanently inhabited settlements, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the Heritage Village, which offer glimpses into Bedouin life.

Abu Dhabi boasts one of the world’s largest mosques – the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque – and one of the world’s most sustainable cities – Masdar City. Abu Dhabi is a multicultural cosmopolitan city, with people from all cultures and religions living together in harmony.
Khalifa University has two purpose-built campuses – the Main Campus, and the Sas Al Nakhl Campus. The Main Campus is on Abu Dhabi Island and is where the central administration for the University is located and all general education courses are taught. The Sas Al Nakhl Campus is near the Maqta Bridge connecting Abu Dhabi Island to the mainland and host the Masdar Institute and Petroleum Institute. Both campuses have full academic and research facilities, as well as campus facilities like gyms, sports courts, and food and beverage retailers.

Khalifa University’s campuses include dozens of canteens, restaurants and coffee shops, providing the KU community with an array of different cuisines. Each campus is also well equipped with facilities, including sports fields and state-of-the-art gymnasiums and swimming pools.