



# **Catholic University in Erbil**

## **Quality Assurance Report**

### **2024 - 2025**

The purpose of this report is to present the results of quality assurance activities carried out at the Catholic University in Erbil for the academic year 2024-2025. This report contains the following paragraphs:

- 1. Evaluation of academic programs**
- 2. The academic evaluation process of teaching staff**
- 3. Published research**
- 4. Quality assurance and scientific activities**
- 5. The Bologna Process**
- 6. Accreditation process**
- 7. University Ranking**

#### **1. Evaluation of academic programs**

In early 2024-2025, with the assistance of the scientific committees of each department, a detailed evaluation of all academic programs and course books was conducted. The goal was to determine program efficiency and effectiveness and to provide insights for program improvement. A thorough review of the Module Learning Outcomes for all modules was conducted, and work was done to redesign the Knowledge, Skills, and Competencies.

The course book for all modules of the program across all scientific departments has been prepared in a new, more detailed way, linking each module learning outcome to the program learning outcome in preparation for the accreditation process.

#### **2. Academic evaluation process of teaching staff**

The academic evaluation process at the Catholic University in Erbil for 2024-2025 has been conducted to a high standard. A series of introductory seminars and workshops was held at the beginning of the academic year to introduce new academic staff to the process and explain the

initial steps in detail, covering three key aspects: Academic Portfolio, Continuing Academic Development (CAD), and Student Feedback. The entire process was conducted electronically through our university's system, and most teachers participated and achieved the necessary grades and levels, as shown in the table below.

CAD		Portfolio		Student Feedback	
Grade	% of teachers	Grade	% of teachers	Grade	% of teachers
A*	86.1%	A	83.7%	A*	35.2%
A	11.6%	B	16.3%	A	62.5%
B	2.3%	C	0%	B	2.3%

### 3. Published research in 2024-2025

Catholic University in Erbil supports the conduct and publication of research and encourages academic staff to publish in high quality journals. During this academic year more than 25 papers mostly published in Impact Factors and Scopus (attached list).

### 4. Quality assurance and scientific activities

During the academic year 2024 – 2025, Catholic University in Erbil has conducted a number of local and international scientific and social activities including workshops, seminars, trainings, awareness meetings, symposia, and scientific conferences. The topics of these activities included accreditation, quality assurance requirements, academic and scientific, health and safety, women's empowerment, English language and capacity building and professional development for academic and administrative staff, according to the attached list.

### 5. Implementation of the Bologna Process

Catholic University in Erbil is implementing the Bologna Process across all programs from 2021-2022, in accordance with the guidelines of the Quality Assurance Directorate of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. The process is supported by a teaching platform (Moodle), where all course requirements and activities are shared electronically with students. During this academic year, continuous monitoring has been conducted to ensure full compliance with the process, and training and awareness seminars have been conducted for teachers and students.

### 6. Accreditation Process

Catholic University in Erbil has done a lot of work during the 2024-2025 academic year in preparing for accreditation for the Kurdistan Accrediting Association for Education (KAAE) and

MSCHE, by conducting several workshops, seminars, training courses, standards review and preparation of policy documents, reviewing the mission, vision, institution learning outcomes, program learning outcomes, module learning outcomes and drafting course books in a more detailed manner.

## **7. University Ranking**

Catholic University in Erbil continues to improve its status in international rankings such as the Times Higher Education (THE) and Arab universities rankings. Data is provided annually to the different rankings, and the university continues to improve in these rankings. In rankings that rely more on percentages than on the number and size of universities, our university is among the leading universities in the Kurdistan Region (for example, the Times Impact Ranking and rankings of universities in Arab countries). It is constantly improving (e.g., Webometrics and WOS Incite). Below are some details:

### **Times Impact Ranking**

- In the fourth group of Iraqi universities 1000-1500
- It is in the first group of universities in the Kurdistan Region
- Ranked second among Iraqi universities in the index of Reducing Inequalities
- Ranked third among Kurdistan universities and sixth among Iraqi universities in terms of quality education
- Ranked sixth among Iraqi universities in Gender Equality

[https://www.timeshighereducation.com/impactrankings#!/length/25/locations/IRQ/sort\\_by/rank/sort\\_order/asc](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/impactrankings#!/length/25/locations/IRQ/sort_by/rank/sort_order/asc)

### **Arab Universities Ranking**

- Ranked 12 in Iraq

<https://www.auranking.aaru.edu.jo/ranking-2024/>

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### List of activities 2024 - 2025

No.	Title	Type of activity
1	<a href="#">Flipped Classrooms: A Modern Approach to Learning - Catholic University in Erbil</a>	Seminar
2	<a href="#">The Foundations of Democracy: Exploring Democratic Principles in Education</a>	Seminar
3	<a href="#">Exploring the Role of AI in Education: Seminar Demonstrates Classroom Impact</a>	Seminar
4	<a href="#">Healing Through Literature: The Power of Bibliotherapy</a>	Seminar
5	<a href="#">The Impact of Gut Probiotics on Immune Health: Mechanisms and Clinical Evidence</a>	Seminar
6	<a href="#">Harnessing Technology for Smarter Work: Seminar Highlights Tools for Effective Project Management</a>	Seminar
7	<a href="#">The Internet of Things: Transforming Daily Life Through Connected Intelligence</a>	Seminar
8	<a href="#">Empowered Women, Empower Women: The Power of Representation and Collective Uplift</a>	Workshop
9	<a href="#">Microbiology Meets Neurology: Botox for Chronic Migraine</a>	Seminar
10	<a href="#">Beyond a Degree: Layal Shakir on Language, Leadership, and Navigating Unconventional Career Paths</a>	Workshop
11	<a href="#">CUE Sets Sights on Global Standards in New Accreditation Initiative</a>	Workshop
12	<a href="#">Church Endowments Conference in Erbil Charts Path for Heritage Protection and Inclusive Governance</a>	Conference
13	<a href="#">German Delegation Explores Christian Heritage and Academic Collaboration at Catholic University in Erbil</a>	Symposium
14	<a href="#">Italian Consulate and CUE Host Seminar on Interior Design and Fashion</a>	Seminar
15	<a href="#">Seminar: The Blockchain Technology</a>	Seminar
16	<a href="#">Seminar: Modern Educational Practices</a>	Seminar
17	<a href="#">Seminar: Exam and Moodle Guidelines - Catholic University in Erbil</a>	Seminar
18	<a href="#">Seminar: Diabetes Awareness Month - Catholic University in Erbil</a>	Seminar
19	<a href="#">Seminar: The Bell Jar: Breaking the Stigma of Mental Health in Modern Literature</a>	Seminar
20	<a href="#">CUE Organizes a Symposium for IT Day</a>	Symposium
21	<a href="#">Seminar: "Welcome to the World of Tesla"</a>	Seminar
22	<a href="#">Fourth Scientific Conference on on Women's Health</a>	Conference
23	<a href="#">Seminar: Spoilers in the Peace Process</a>	Seminar
24	<a href="#">Italian Language Course at CUE</a>	Training course
25	<a href="#">CDO's Job Hunting Session</a>	Workshop

26	<a href="#">Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children Symposium</a>	Symposium
27	<a href="#">CUE's Nursing Department Conducts a Lecture at Um Al-Maouna Private High School</a>	Community activity
28	<a href="#">Seminar: Effective Teaching Approach</a>	Seminar
29	<a href="#">CUE's Career Development Office Series</a>	Training course
30	<a href="#">Women Empowerment Session: Healthy Food Habits, Self-Esteem, and Body Positivity</a>	Symposium
31	<a href="#">National Workshop on Human Rights and Minorities in the Kurdistan Region</a>	Workshop
32	<a href="#">Seminar: The Impact of Information Quality on Decisions - Catholic University in Erbil</a>	Seminar
33	<a href="#">Seminar: Ethics in Multicultural and Multi-faith Academic Communities - Catholic University in Erbil</a>	Seminar
34	<a href="#">Seminar: The Neurophilosophy of Anxiety and its Effect on Learning</a>	Seminar
35	<a href="#">World Peace Day at CUE</a>	Seminar
36	<a href="#">Understanding Breast Cancer Symposium</a>	Symposium
37	<a href="#">CUE's Architecture Department Holds "The International Workshop"</a>	Workshop
38	<a href="#">World Mental Health Day</a>	Workshop
39	<a href="#">Seminar: Communication and Non-Violent Communication</a>	Seminar
40	<a href="#">Social Media: Psychological Aspects 3-Day Workshop</a>	Workshop
41	<a href="#">CUE's Summer Intensive Courses in Collaboration with AMIDEAST-Iraq</a>	Training course
42	<a href="#">"Nobody's Listening" Event at CUE Campus</a>	Symposium
43	<a href="#">Two-Day Training for CUE Academic Staff</a>	Training course
44	<a href="#">Workshop: Student Engagement in Higher Education</a>	Workshop

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**List of publications 2024 - 2025**

No.	Authors	Title of the Article	Name of the Journal	Type of Journal	Date of Publication
1	Abdulsatar Sultan	<a href="#">Assessing digital transformation in SMEs: using the canvas model in China and Indonesia</a>	International Journal of Organizational Analysis	Clarivate Impact factor 2.9	12 February 2025
2	Firas H. Al-mukhtar	<a href="#">Investigating feature extraction by SIFT methods for prostate cancer early detection.</a>	Egyptian Informatics Journal	Clarivate Impact factor 4.3	1-Mar-25
3	Firas H. Al-Mukhtar	<a href="#">An optimized up to 16-user and 160 Gbps dual cascaded optical modulators PON-based power combined array fiber Bragg grating and pre-distortion device for 5th G system</a>	Photonic Network Communications	Clarivate Impact factor 1.7	16 Dec. 2024
4	Firas H. AlMukthar	<a href="#">Artificial Intelligence and Data Science Methods for Automatic Detection of White Blood Cells in Images</a>	Journal of Imaging Informatics in Medicine	Clarivate/Scopus	16-May-25
5	Ghaith Al-Abdallah	<a href="#">Exploring the Mediating Effect of Digital Versus Traditional Marketing Communication on Students' Selection of Higher Education Institutions in Developing Countries.</a>	Human Behavior and Emerging Technologies	Clarivate Impact factor 3.0	5-Mar-25
6	Ghaith Al-Abdallah	<a href="#">Leveraging Business Model Innovation for Digital Transformation in Iraq</a>	Proceedings article, Hradec Economic Days 2025, published by University of Hradec Králové	International conference	10 April 2025
7	Ghaith Al-Abdallah	<a href="#">User-generated content vs. firm-generated content: do consumers trust fellow consumers more than firms? Evidence from the Saudi telecommunication sector</a>	Cogent Business & Management	Clarivate Impact factor 2.9	23-May-25

8	Ghaith Al-Abdallah	<a href="#">Social Media marketing and restaurants' brand equity after COVID-19: A revitalizing model</a>	Journal of Vacation Marketing	Clarivate Impact factor 5.0	3-Nov. 2024
9	Ghaith Al-Abdallah	<a href="#">Unveiling the tiktok sponsored content effect in Iraq: The mediating role of source credibility in shaping female purchase intentions for beauty products.</a>	Journal of Marketing Communications	Clarivate Impact factor 4.6	17 Sept. 2024
10	Ghaith Al-Abdallah	<a href="#">Revisiting corporate governance mechanisms and real earnings management activities in emerging economies</a>	Accounting Research Journal	Clarivate Impact factor 2.1	19-Jun-24
11	Ghaith Al-Abdallah	<a href="#">Sustainable development through biomimicry: Enhancing circular economy practices for environmental sustainability.</a>	Sustainable Development	Clarivate Impact factor 8.2	19-Apr-24
12	Iqbal N. Gorgis	<a href="#">Influence of strength grades of core concrete of reinforced concrete column with self-compacting mortar stay-in-place formwork</a>	Innovative Infrastructure Solutions	Clarivate Impact factor 2.4	03 January 2025
13	Manoj Sangiseti	<a href="#">AI-driven SHRM strategies for financial risk mitigation and enhanced returns</a>	Accountancy Business and the Public Interest	DOAJ	Dec. 2024
14	Manoj Sangiseti	<a href="#">Finance and accounting for non-financial managers</a>	JVK Technologies' Book Publications	Book	01 May 2025
15	Manoj Sangiseti	<a href="#">Financial Literacy On Financial Inclusion for Bank's Sustainability</a>	International Journal for Novel Research in Economics , Finance and Management	DOAJ	Jun-25
16	Manoj Sangiseti	<a href="#">CVP Forecasting Analysis for Managerial Decision Making (Financial Modeling Study)</a>	International Journal for Novel Research in Economics , Finance and Management	DOAJ	Jun-25

17	Manoj Sangiseti	<a href="#">An Effect Of Credit Risk Management On the Bank's Financial Performance</a>	International Journal for Novel Research in Economics , Finance and Management	DOAJ	Apr-25
18	Manoj Sangiseti	<a href="#">A Study on the Effect of Forensic Auditing on Fraud Prevention</a>	Journal Publication of International Research for Engineering and Management	DOAJ	22/5/2025
19	Marin Zaya, Joseph Khorani	<a href="#">Comparative Analysis Of The Financial Statements According To IFRS And GAAP</a>	International Journal for Novel Research in Economics , Finance and Management	DOAJ	Apr-25
20	Nazar Shabila	<a href="#">Decentralising healthcare for diabetes and hypertension from secondary to primary level in a humanitarian setting in Kurdistan, Iraq: a qualitative study.</a>	BMC Health Services Research	Clarivate Impact factor 3.0	15-Apr-25
21	Nazar Shabila	<a href="#">Evaluation of landmine risk education programs: a scoping review.</a>	Medine Conflict and Survival	SCOPUS Q3	Dec-24
22	Nazar Shabila	<a href="#">Short-Term Weight Loss Outcomes of 104 Mini-Gastric Bypass or One-Anastomosis Gastric Bypass Operations: Retrospective study.</a>	Sultan Qaboos University Medical Journal	SCOPUS Q3	Nov-24
23	Nazar Shabila	<a href="#">Knowledge, perception, and attitude toward premarital screening among university students in Kurdistan region-Iraq.</a>	PLOS Global Public Health	Clarivate Impact factor 2.5	Nov-24
24	Nazar Shabila	<a href="#">Healthcare-seeking behavior and out-of-pocket payments in Erbil, Kurdistan Region of Iraq</a>	Journal of Health Populution and Nutrition	Clarivate Impact factor 2.8	Aug-24
25	Rohat Zada	<a href="#">Gendering and Utilization of Financial Inclusion A Demographic Study</a>	Journal of Business Economics for Applied Research	Local	31 Dec. 2024