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GOVERNMENT OF DUBAI

Dubai Knowledge المعرفة

DUBAI: A GLOBAL HUB FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Dubai's higher education sector surges ahead

All data in this landscape report refers to the 2025-26 academic year.



20.6% Increase in overall enrolment since last academic year

37.78% of students are international students

41 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) licensed by KHDA

24.20% Increase in Emirati student enrolment since last academic year

29.55% Increase in international student enrolment since last academic year

37 International Campuses

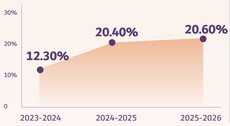
2 New HEIs opened this academic year



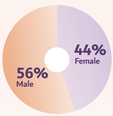
STUDENTS

50,690 Students enrolled

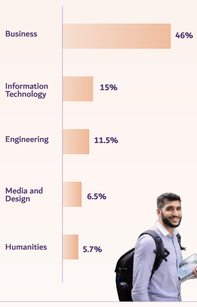
Student enrolment growth



Percentage



Top 5 specialisations



Specialisations with the highest enrolment growth

Law	36%
Humanities	35%
Media and Design	21%

Graduates

2023-24	7679
2024-25	7629
2025-26	6353

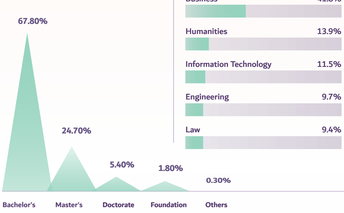
Student nationalities

India	UAE	Pakistan	Egypt	Russian
43.5%	9.3%	6.9%	3.4%	2.6%
Jordan	**China**	**Kazakhstan**	**Philippines**	**Syria**
2.6%	1.7%	1.5%	1.4%	1.4%

EMIRATI STUDENTS

4,760 No. of Emirati students

Emirati students by level of study



Top specialisations

Business	41.8%
Humanities	13.9%
Information Technology	11.5%
Engineering	9.7%
Law	9.4%



HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

41

Approved programmes

775 Total number of programmes

169 New approved programmes

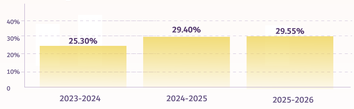
Home campuses of higher education providers

8 United Kingdom	6 India	5 UAE	5 France
5 Australia	3 USA	2 Italy	2 Russian Federation
2 Lebanon	1 China	1 Pakistan	1 Germany

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

(those who came to Dubai for the purpose of study)

Enrolment growth







International students by level of study

Bachelor's	52%
Master's	38%
Foundation	7%
Diploma	1%
Doctorate	1%
Other	1%

FACULTY

2,682 No. of Faculty

Faculty Nationalities



India	32.1%
UK	11.7%
Pakistan	5%
Lebanon	4.8%
USA	4.7%
Egypt	4.4%
Jordan	4.1%
France	3.6%
Canada	2.8%
Syria	2.4%

Faculty by qualification

Doctorate	60%
Master's	33.60%
Bachelor's	6.30%
Other	0.10%

RESEARCH

1,688 Publications

Top 3 funded research fields

Business	49.6%
Engineering	40.1%
Law	3.5%
Others	6.80%

Top 5 publishing specialisations

Business	35.2%
Engineering	28.4%
Information Technology	15.1%
Humanities	6.6%
Health and Medicine	5.3%

STUDENTS OF DETERMINATION

+62% Growth since 2023-2024

Top 5 specialisations

Business	37.5%
Media and Design	14.8%
Information Technology	12.4%
Humanities	11%
Engineering	8%



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