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Arab Open University

## The Statute of Award of Excellence for Distinguished Students of Arab Open University

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## Introduction

Students are the true pillar of universities. Therefore, any effort would be meaningless and useless unless it would be reflected on students who are the main outcome of the academic process. Hence the importance of encouraging students and supporting the distinguished ones by the university administration, since it is crucial for moral support and competencies incubation by the academic institution.

## Article (1): Title

This bylaw shall be named "The Statute of Award of Excellence for Distinguished students of Arab Open University".

## Article (2): Definitions

Words and terms hereby shall refer to the following meanings:

University	Arab Open University
Branch	The University in the Branch's City
Rector	The University Rector

## Article (3): Aims of the Award

The goals of the award are:

- Encouraging excellence in different scientific fields of the university.
- Presenting distinct models at the scientific level so as to motivate other students to work hard in order to be at the same level.
- Following up students' performance and behavior in order to maintain their distinct level.

## Article (4): Types of Award

Distinguished students shall be awarded annually as follows:

1. First Class Distinguished Student Award: according to this class, the student deemed excellent if he/she successfully completes (36) credit hours.
2. Second Class Distinguished Student Award: according to this class, the student deemed excellent if he/she successfully completes (66) credit hours.
3. Third Class Distinguished Student Award: according to this class, the student deemed excellent if he/she successfully completes (96) credit hours.

## Article (5): The Composition of the Award

The award shall comprise the following:

1. A certificate and trophy with the name of the university and the excellent student on them.
2. A reward money amounts of (500\$) according to Article (4) of this bylaw.

#### **Article (6): Conditions of Nomination**

- The student shall complete the required number of credit hours for his/her class as prescribed in Article (4) of this bylaw.
- The student's GPA shall not be lower than (3.70) out of (4.00).
- He/she shall be an academic advisor for more than thirty students.
- The student shall annex a recommendation of two of his/her instructors -among faculty members- indicating the student's eligibility for the award.
- The student shall be an active member in one of the university clubs or community service in accordance with the students affair.

#### **Article (7): Procedures of Announcing and Granting Awards**

The procedures of announcing and granting awards are:

1. The university Rector shall announce the start of nomination by self or others for the Distinguished Students Award and provide students with all nomination requirements information.
2. Students affairs administration shall receive and prepare nominations of students who meet the requirements of the three mentioned classes.
3. Classifying and deciding on applications, and announcing the results shall be done by a committee formed and presided by the Rector with the membership of the assistant of the Academic Affairs Director, Students Affair Officer and the deans of academic programmes.

#### **Article (8): Selection Approach**

- Attaining the highest GPA for each class according to Article (4) of this bylaw.
- Affiliating to the university, respecting its regulations as well as the absence of any penalties against nominees.
- Active participation in extracurricular activities and clubs.
- Not being failed in any course.
- In the event of equal GPAs, the reward money shall be equally divided among the winners.

#### **Article (9): General Provisions**

- A. This bylaw supersedes former bylaws regarding "The Award of Excellence for Distinguished students of Arab Open University".
- B. The university Rector is responsible for implementing provisions issued under this bylaw.
- C. The University Council shall decide on cases which this bylaw contains no provisions.