

## UF Connections in Jordan



Jordan is situated in the Middle East. Its capital city is Amman. The US Department of State estimates its total population at 8,185,384. Information about travelling to Jordan is on the [Department of State](#) website. The [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) also has useful travel information on their website.

The University of Florida and institutions across the country of Jordan have collaborated on a variety of initiatives covering a broad range of subjects, including tourism, social studies, livelihoods, and poverty analysis.

### Visiting Students, Scholars & Researchers

During the 2014–2015 academic year, UF hosted eight Jordanian students and scholars.

| Visiting Students, Scholars, and Researchers |          |            |     |                   |
|--|----------|------------|-----|-------------------|
| Undergraduate                                | Graduate | Non-degree | OPT | Exchange Visitors |
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### UF Students in Jordan

During the 2014–2015 academic year (most recent data available), two UF students studied in Jordan.

As of spring 2016, UF has no active reciprocal agreements with universities in Jordan.

Reciprocal agreements are the foundation for the exchange programs in which so many UF students are involved. In an exchange program, students pay UF tuition and are assigned UF course equivalencies for the work they do abroad. Reciprocal agreements provide for the equal exchange of students between the University of Florida and an international accredited institution. Agreements are typically valid for three years initially and can be renewed through a signed addendum, if both parties agree. For information on establishing a reciprocal agreement in Jordan, visit <http://ufic.ufl.edu/Agreements-RecipProcedures.html>.

## Cooperative Agreements

Cooperative Agreements are broad declarations of intent for the promotion of exchanging faculty and students as well as the exchange of academic and research information. These agreements are generally valid for five years, with the possibility of renewal if both parties agree. The Cooperative Agreements UF has with Jordan institutions can be found below, with the full list of agreements available at: <http://ufic.ufl.edu/Agreements.html>.

| <b>Cooperative Agreements</b>   |   |  |                                   |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Academic Unit at UF</b>  | <b>Institution Name</b>   | <b>Focus</b>   | <b>Faculty manager</b>            |
| Health and Human Performance – Tourism, Recreation and Sport Management | Middle East University, Jordan – Department of Middle East Centre for HR Performance, Development & Consultancy | Faculty and Student Exchange, Academic and Research Information Exchange   | Brijesh Thapa, bthapa@hhp.ufl.edu |
| Health and Human Performance – Tourism, Recreation and Sport Management | University of Jordan – Faculty of Archaeology and Tourism   | Faculty and Student Exchange, Academic and Research Information Exchange, collaborative research projects, jointly organized symposia and conferences. | Brijesh Thapa, bthapa@hhp.ufl.edu |

## Highlights

- [UF sponsored project focused on water and livelihoods in the Middle East](#)

The Middle East Water and Livelihood Initiative (WLI) is a USAID-funded program aimed to improve the livelihoods of rural households and communities in several Arab-speaking countries where water scarcity and quality deterioration as well as land degradation are prevalent. (Pulled from the [Office for Global Research Engagement](#) website.)

## **Research Projects:**

Below is a table of funded research projects with an international component involving Jordan.

| <b>Funded Research Projects</b>    |   |  |  |                        |
|------------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------------|
| <b>Principal Investigator (PI)</b> | <b>PI department</b>                    | <b>Project title</b>                                 | <b>Funding agency/Sponsor</b>  | <b>Project funding</b> |
| Lori Pennington-Gray               | Tourism, Recreation & Sports Management | Improving Tourism Crisis Management in Aqaba, Jordan | Chemonics International/United States Agency for International Development | \$32,640               |

## **Key Connections**

- [Yazan Migdady, M.D.](#) – Dr. Migdady, currently an assistant professor in the College of Medicine, graduated with honors from the Jordan University of Science and Technology and interned at King Abdullah University Hospital in Jordan.
- [Center for African Studies](#)
- [Center for Global Islamic Studies](#)

## **Adding information to this brief**

If you have or are aware of a project, program, or other activity that UF has in this country that has not been included in this brief, email [ogre@ufic.ufl.edu](mailto:ogre@ufic.ufl.edu).