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Smoke-free policy of Al-Mustaqbal University

Policy Name	Smoke-free policy
Code	SFP-V2
Description of Policy	A policy affirming the University's commitment to a healthy and safe environment; prohibiting smoking in all University facilities except in clearly marked designated areas; and establishing requirements for signage, awareness, support for quitting, penalties, exceptions, and responsibilities for implementation and monitoring
Policy Applies to	All members of the University community, including students, faculty, administrative staff, visitors, and contractors.
Policy Status	Approved and adopted by the University Council; applicable throughout the University.
Final Approval Authority	President of the Council of Al-Mustaqbal University
Governing Authority	University Council of Al-Mustaqbal University
Approval Date	July 2022
Effective Date	July 2022
Date of Last Revision	July 2025
Date of Next Revision	July 2027

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Article 1

Commitment:

Al-Mustaqbal University is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for students, employees, and visitors. In the interest of maintaining public health and promoting well-being, smoking is prohibited in all University facilities, except in designated areas clearly marked for this purpose.

The University applies this policy in line with Iraqi Anti-Smoking Law No. (19) of 2012 and Directive No. (1) of 2014 facilitating its implementation.

Article 2

Policy Objectives:

1. Protect the health of students, employees, and visitors from the harms of smoking and secondhand smoke.
2. Promote awareness of the importance of healthy living and reduce the use of tobacco products.
3. Improve the quality of the University environment by maintaining clean air.

Article 3

Definitions:

For the purposes of this policy:

1. **Smoking** means using or carrying a lit tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and waterpipes (shisha), or using an electronic cigarette or other vaping or heated tobacco device.
2. **University facilities** means all buildings, indoor spaces, grounds, gardens, courtyards, and parking areas of the University.
3. **Designated smoking area** means an outdoor location approved by the University and clearly marked for smoking in accordance with Article 6.

Article 4

Scope of Application:

This policy applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, administrative staff, visitors, and contractors, in all University facilities.

Article 5

Prohibited Areas:

Smoking is prohibited in all University facilities, except in designated smoking areas. This prohibition includes:

1. All University buildings, including classrooms, offices, libraries, cafeterias, corridors, and parking garages.
2. Outdoor areas, such as gardens and courtyards, unless clearly marked as a designated smoking area.

Article 6

Designated Smoking Areas:

The University provides designated smoking areas that are:

1. Located outside University buildings and at a distance from entrances, classrooms, and other places where non-smokers are present.
2. Clearly signposted.
3. Equipped with appropriate ventilation and air purification systems to ensure that passersby are not affected.

Persons using these areas must keep them clean and dispose of smoking waste properly, with consideration for environmental preservation.

Article 7

Signage and Announcements:

1. Clear signs indicating the smoking ban are placed at all entrances and public areas.
2. This policy is regularly announced through email, the University website, and internal bulletins.
3. This policy is made publicly available and posted on the University's website at https://uomus.edu.iq/.

Article 8

Awareness and Education:

1. The University offers awareness and education programs on the risks of smoking and the importance of quitting.
2. The University provides resources and assistance for those who wish to quit smoking.

Article 9

Penalties:

Graduated penalties are applied to violators of this policy, starting with a warning and escalating to fines or disciplinary action in accordance with University regulations.

Article 10

Exceptions:

Limited exceptions are granted for scientific research purposes, provided that prior approval is obtained from the University administration.

Article 11

Implementation and Monitoring:

1. The Office of Student Affairs and Campus Security is responsible for implementing this policy and monitoring compliance with it.
2. Deans, department heads, and unit directors support the implementation of this policy within their areas and ensure that their staff and students are aware of it.
3. All members of the University community must comply with this policy.

Article 12

Enforcement Authority:

The President of the University Council holds overall responsibility for the enforcement of this policy.

Article 13

Review:

This policy must be reviewed every two (2) years, or earlier as needed, and updated to ensure its effectiveness.

This policy was first approved in July 2022, when the institution operated as Al-Mustaqbal University College, and continues to apply following the institution’s conversion to Al-Mustaqbal University in 2023. It was updated in January 2023 and last revised in July 2025.

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Approval

Approval Authority: President of the Council of Al-Mustaqbal University
Start Date: July 2022

Signature: _____ History: _____ Certified by:

Prof. Dr. Hassan S. Majdi, President of the Al-Mustaqbal University Council