

ALPHA UNIVERSITY BURAO

University Background vision, mission hierarchy structure

University background

Alpha University Burao, is part of branches for Alpha University in Somaliland, and Burao Branch is an indigenous private university established in late 2014 in Burao, with the aim of playing a significant role in the country's social and health sector development goal. Currently, the university is providing undergraduate and post graduate degree as well.

License and franchise

Alpha university Burao has clear memorandum of understanding in Alpha University Hargeisa, that both sides have signed an agreement indicating role of each party as per attach the document.

University profile

• Private university

• Year established: 2014

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Vision, Mission, Objectives and values

Vision

Alpha University Burao envision to be one of the leading and preferred Higher Institution in Somaliland and east Africa in 2025.

Mission

The mission of Alpha University Burao is to provide the best practices in health science ICT and business educational programs to produce committed, competent, ethical and entrepreneur graduates, providing need-based community service and producing problem-solving research out puts through providing relevance and quality education, research and consultancy to ensure the health care and economic development of the country.

Core values

Alpha University Burao vision, mission and goals are driven by the institution's values. This guides both the work the AUB undertakes and the way in which AUB undertakes its work.

- Quality Education
- Success Guaranteed
- Research Oriented
- Competency Based
- Accredited Education
- Problem Based
- Student Centered
- Team Work
- Academic Freedom
- Efficient And Organized
- Self-initiative, Creativity & continuous improvement
- Integrity
- Social responsibility
- Accountability
- Good Governance

Objectives

Based on the above vision and mission, the University has the following objectives:

General objective

 AUB aims at offering quality higher education, training, community services and conducting research to produce competent, efficient and all rounded professionals that meets and exceeds the requirements of students, stakeholders and community by 2025.

Specific objectives

- To train the students that full fill the requirement of higher education criteria, undergraduate and post graduates.
- To produce qualified, problem solving and productive graduates that adds value to the society in their field of specialization.
- To train short course for different professionals.
- To train refreshment course for different professionals.
- To provide need-based community service.
- To Enhancing sustained and mutually beneficial relationships and linkage with external stakeholders and the Business Community.

Academic Programs

All degree programs are 3 years duration. The University establishes relevant programs of study and research with a view to expanding higher education geared towards the overall effort of socio-economic development and the betterment of the standards of living of the Somaliland peoples. In all its department, institute and schools, it shall see to it that standards for the measurement of the scholastic achievements of all that go through its program are duly set up and effectively carried out. It shall also devise mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of existing programs as well as their relevance to the needs of the nation.

Academic Calendar

- In its regular program, the University have a three full semester calendar of sixteen
 weeks of classes and one-summer semester and/or practical each, running from
 September to September.
- 2. The Calendar for each year shall be prepared by the University Registrar in consultation with the and approved by the Senate. The University Calendar, among other things, shall provide the following:

admission, readmission and registration; adding and dropping of courses, examination periods, beginning and end of semesters, inter-semester breaks, application of research and teaching material proposals, annual research review, last date for reporting exam results to the registrar,

date of submission of annual research progress reports to the office of the research and development director, instructor evaluation weeks, the regular meetings of the Senate, etc.

General Provisions on Admissions to Undergraduate Programs

- 1. Admissions to undergraduate programs of any institution from Secondary schools shall be based on completion of the secondary school and obtaining the necessary pass marks in the Somaliland Higher Education Entrance Examination. Admissions may also be granted to students completing their secondary education in foreign countries on the basis of equivalent academic achievements that shall be determined by the Somaliland national commission.
- 2. Admissions to all undergraduate continuing education programs shall be processed through the Academic units, in consultation with the University Registrar, according to policies set for such admissions.
- b) for second degree-level graduate studies, candidates who have completed their undergraduate studies with the academic results required by the institution.

List of Programs Offered

- 1. Faculty of Health science
 - >Public Health
 - >Midwifery
 - >Nursing
 - > Human Nutrition
 - >Medical Laboratory Technology

>Anesthesia

- **2.** Faculty of ICT
- 3. Faculty of business and economics
 - > Human Resource Management
 - > Accounting & finance
 - > Project management
- 4. Faculty of Law
- 5, Faculty of Islamic studies

Furthermore, the university is providing a postgraduate program which affiliated to Lincoln University-Malaysia. The programs are the following: -

- **1.** MBA in Business Administration
- 2. MBA in Health Care Management
- **3.** MBH in public Health
- 4. MBA in project management

The university also provides to its community with training of health technician professional at Diploma Level.

For University graduate and undergraduate program to be successful in educating scholars for the future in Somaliland. Because, it has a clear and obvious guideline in the scholarly research and writing activities of its graduate and undergraduate students.

UNIVERSITY PHILOSOPHY

We respect the dignity and worth of all the students under our care. We believe that all students can be nurtured to achieve their full potential within the university environment that is both caring

and challenging. We expect all students to be respectful, responsible and to rise to the challenges of life

University Physical Facility & Infrastructure

The university currently operates in four fully functioning campuses scattered in Burao. HAAS campus -the most recently established campus- is utilized mainly by sophomore and senior Health Science students. HAAS CAMPUS, is conductive academic learning environment as it possesses spacious class rooms with academic educational technology gadgets, it is equipped with state of art for practical purposes, the HAAS Campus also has a library for students to study and borrow books for references. The university is proud of its newly established campus as it fulfills and satisfies the needs of students. Lastly but not the least, HAAS Campus contains gender segregated toilets equipped with luxurious ablution faucets. The university's main campus is situated in Sh. Basheer District, near Dahabshiil Main branch. The main campus is where administrative staff are based. The campus is also used by fresh and diploma students. ICT and Islamic Studies students utilize two separate campuses within the vicinity of main campus. Social science and Business Administration students are assigned to Dalmash Campus which is located adjacent to TELESOM's main branch in Burao.

Each campus is self-contained with respect to teaching technologies(projectors, LCD display, white boards etc.) All campus classrooms contain comfortable arm chairs for students to take notes.

Teaching and learning facilities available

Facilities	
Laboratories	2
Libraries	2
Workshop	2
Computer lab	1

Student's population.

The following table indicates student population per year/class and gender.

Bachelor Degree, by field and Gender (Three Years Universities).

	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Total	
Field	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Midwifery	0	38	0	35	0	43	0	116
Nursing	17	34	31	54	23	40	71	128
Nutrition	14	14	10	17	7	20	31	51
Medical Laboratory	5	2	8	4	7	7	20	13
Anesthesia	0	0	12	0	0	0	12	0
Human Resource Management	22	9	17	4	20	10	59	23
Accounting	20	5	29	8	14	8	63	21
Law	13	2	24	3	0	0	37	5
ICT	35	11	19	9	30	8	84	28
Sharia	13	3	11	17	0	0	24	20

Postgraduate student

Faculty	Number of students				
	Year	Male	female	Total	
Public health	2021	9	3	12	
	2019	5	1	6	
Project management	2021	14	6	20	
	2019	5	3	8	

Students Graduated

The number of students that have already graduated in under graduates' students reached in 1,200 students. And increasing year by year with it is quality auditing.

Bachelor Degree Graduated Student by Field and Gender, 2021

Field	Male	Female	Total
Accounting	37	0	37
ICT	30	3	33
Medical laboratory	7	6	13
Nutrition	10	26	36
Midwifery	0	50	50
Nursing	41	75	116
Human resource management	32	15	47
Public Health officer	9	6	15

Post- graduate Graduated student-

Faculty	Year	Male	Female	Total
Business administration	2018	16	3	19
Health care management	2018	11	1	12

Teachers' qualifications

Academic teaching is most important part of university teaching therefore 70% of lectures are masters and M.D Doctors with their qualification.

Philanthropic community services and scholarship

Scholarship

Alpha University Burao provides scholarship to under privileged and financially destitute. The University grants full scholarship to **25%** of the newly enrolled students, the beneficiary of such scholarship includes:

Bound from	Number of Scholarship
Qoryaale boarding school	5
Salwa Sabah boarding school	4
Cali ciise boarding school	3
Sheikh Municipality	3
Burao Governor	3
Military and police soldiers	3
Ministry of education Burao	9
Higher education (Allocation)	16
TOTALL- 2021 Scholarships	46 – Total

- Ali cise secondary school (boarding school)
- Qoryaale
- Salwa Sabah

In addition, the university accepts the requests from government officials soliciting for special

scholarship for government staff officials. For instance, we have granted full scholarship six judicial staff from Burao court this year.

Furthermore, minority groups and marginalized members of the community such as Gabooye clan (tribe) are among those the university provides academic financial assistance.

2021 scholarships list

Total Number of Scholarship student Per-Year

Per- year	Number of scholarships
Year I	46
Year II	75
Year III	66
Totall:	187

Philanthropic role

Alpha university Burao extends helping hand and partakes compassionate deeds. The university provides medical care, medications and nourishment substance to IDP residents. The university medical professionals such as doctors and counselors take additional services which include: counseling, Therapy and treatment.

Community service

Alpha university willingly participates volunteer community services. The university has so far partaken and delivered:

- > Training on how to treat with inmate(prisoners)
- > Training on maternal care and child nutrition
- > Training on practical field trips
- Sponsorship of extra curriculum activities(sports)
- > Sponsoring cultural events
- Promoting talent competitors

Research, outreach activities

Research activities

Research is development of new information. In a medical context, it is an activity that helps prevention of diseases and promotion of health. Through its Years Alpha University Burao has conducted various studies and reports addressing different problems of the community, the most valuable topic included: Research activities done by the University were performed by the research and quality assurance office the university.

- 1. Knowledge attitude and prevention towards anemia among Alpha university health science students, 2020.
- 2. factors affecting student's absenteeism from university classes

3. Iron folic acid adherence and associated factors among pregnant women in Burao maternal and child health centers.

2. Outreach Activities:

2.1 free health services

The community service and practical department has also conducted a free community-based health services among different areas:

- 2.1.1 Yirowe: in August 2021, the department of community services in collaboration with health science and practical departments conducted a free community health service including diagnosis, treatment and health education to the community of yiroowe.
- 2.1.2Adam selaban IDP: in March 2020, the department of community services in collaboration with health science and practical departments conducted a free community health service including diagnosis, treatment and health education to the community of of Adam saleban IDP.
- 2.1.3Awshukri IDP: in March 2020, the department of community services in collaboration with health science and practical departments conducted a free community health service including diagnosis, treatment and health education to the community of Awshukri IDP.
- 2.1.4Beer district: in February 2021, the department of community services in collaboration with health science and practical departments conducted a free community health service including diagnosis, treatment and health education to the community of Beer district.
- 2.1.5 Haqayo malaas district: in July 2021, the department of community services in collaboration with health science and practical departments conducted a free community health service including diagnosis, treatment and health education to the community of haqayo malaas.
- 2.1.6 Sheik schools: the university did a blood group test for sheikh secondary schools' students in order to help the students to identify their blood group which will help in case of emergencies and in case of health-related issues like blood donation.
- 2.1.7 The university conducted a lot of health education activities with interventions in Togdheer region, including COVID-19 awareness and donation of personal protective mechanisms (face

mask, handwashing equipment and soups) to the public and private secondary schools in Burao district, IDPs as well as district prison.

2.1.8 Education

The faculty of social science also conducts regular activities during mentoring of students working at the schools at Burao district, also social science students did a different activity in the IDPs in collaboration with the national displacement and refugee agency.

Governance Structure

The University has as shown organizational structure it has president senate and other managing council, academic unit council(deans) each has it is own clear responsibility and job description.

Governing and advisory bodies of Alpha University Burao consist of:

- a) President;
- b) Senate;
- c) Managing council;
- d) University council;
- e) Academic Unit Council;
- f) Academic Unit Managing Council;
- g) Department Assembly;
- h) Advisory, standing or ad-hoc committees that may be established by the Senate,
 University Council or executive University officers.