

Draft Agreement between Oslo National Academy of the Arts (KHIO) and Birzeit University (BZU) for academic year 2017-18

Introduction

This agreement concerns students currently enrolled in KHIO's BA study program at the International Academy of Art Palestine (IAAP), which is operated by the Palestinian Association of Contemporary Artists (PACA).

By June 2017, these students will have completed their 2nd year of KHIO's 3-year BA program. At this point in time, IAAP/PACA's responsibility for ensuring implementation of KHIO's BA program will end, and BZU will assume responsibility for implementing the BA program during the students' final year of study 2017-18.

Institutional relationship & roles

- As an off-campus academic entity of KHIO, all aspects of the BA program's quality assurance (QA) are to continue to be conducted as an integrated part of KHIO's QA system, such that the study program is evaluated and handled within KHIO's QA system.
- The Dean of KHIO's Academy of Fine Art has principle responsibility for the study program and QA processes. The head of the study program at BZU's College of Art & Music at BZU is formally responsible to the Dean in all academic and QA matters.
- In order to secure the study program's continuity during the students' final year, the head of the study program at BZU is responsible for the implementation of the study plan, teaching schedule, and management of teaching resources including the appointment of tutors and visiting lecturers.

KHIO's responsibility

KHIO shall accredit the BA program implemented by BZU from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, in which maximum 18 students are enrolled in their 3rd and final year of KHIO's study program.

(Any student & teacher exchange between KHIO and BZU is to be covered in separate agreement between KHIO-BZU for 2017-18.)

BZU's responsibility

- The implementation of KHIO's study program at BZU shall follow KHIO's routines for quality assurance as outlined KHIO's quality assurance system (Annexes X-XX). To ensure continuity, BZU shall delegate responsibility for KHIO's QA routines to the head of the study program at BZU.
- BZU is responsible for covering the total costs of implementing KHIO's BA program in 2017-18 as specified in a separate funding agreement with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Representative Office (NRO). Costs to be covered shall include:

- teaching, final exhibition and KHIO partnership expenses
- expenses for administrative support
- expenses for learning environment resources necessary to the implementation of the study plan, including facilities for teaching, individual studio practice and the students' final exhibition examination

BZU will not be responsible for any financial obligations not covered in the funding agreement with the NRO.

Other

- The Dean of KHIO's Academy of Fine Art has formal responsibility for the appointment of external sensors and committee members for the final examination in 2018.
- Routines shall be established for ongoing communication between the head of the study program at BZU and KHIO's Academy of Fine Art, such that KHIO has a continual and sufficient overview of the operations of the study program at BZU.
- KHIO shall be involved in the BA program's procedures for student semester evaluation and final assessment. KHIO's form of involvement shall be determined by KHIO.
- KHIO shall be clearly visible as BZU's main partner institution in all public relations material related to KHIO's study program at BZU 2017-18.

Limits of KHIO's responsibility

KHIO's evaluation of the study program operations will be continual.

- Should it occur that the operation of the study program does not meet KHIO's QA requirements, KHIO and BZU shall agree on measures to ensure that the study program at BZU meets KHIO's requirements for accreditation. Should these measures not be sufficiently followed up by BZU within 3 months, KHIO reserves the right to temporarily suspend or terminate accreditation of the study program.
- KHIO reserves the right to temporarily suspend or terminate accreditation of the study program should BZU become unable to conduct the BA program for any reason.

Limits of BZU's responsibility

The students will be enrolled in KHIO's study program. BZU thus has no liability to the students in regard to right of study, scholarships or other opportunities available to students enrolled at BZU.

- Example 1: In the case of unforeseen events such as war. KHIO would be responsible for seeing that the students have the possibility of finishing their studies. If their studies could not be resumed at BZU, then they would still have study places at KHIO, although KHIO has no obligations to fund their travel and stay in Oslo.
- Example 2: Were there to be a prolonged student strike at BZU, this should not affect the students in the KHIO program since they are not BZU students. If they chose to strike in solidarity, then that would be their choice and they would assume responsibility themselves for not finishing their degree.