

**University of Human Development  
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# Developing Academic Skills

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# DAS course

- Development Academic Skills: A **6 months** specific course to develop skills of higher education lecturers in
  - Teaching and Learning Methodology
  - Research methodology and technics
  - Quality Assurance
  - Rule and Regulation of KRG higher education
  - Leadership

# DAS course cont'd

Degree	DAS hourse	English course hours	Duration (month)
Phd	60	80	3
Master	120	120	6

# Who can take DAS

- Everybody who wants to develop his/her skills in these topics can take this course
- **But only** taking this course does not mean eligible to get a scientific title

# Where can I take DAS

- All Universities has to follow the same curriculum
- Everybody can take a course anywhere s/he likes
- All Universities are free to accept or refuse any candidat
- All course will be certified by Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Kurdistan

# Scientific Title Requirements

- Have a Master degree or a PhD.
- Have at least 60% in B.Sc. or BA
- Has a contract with a Higher Education organization (University or Institute)
- Success in DAS course
- An International English test equivalent to **IELTS 5**
  - Accepted test (TOEFL IBT, TOEFL PBT, PEARSON)

# Curriculum

- Foundations of teaching in Higher Education
- Top tips for teaching and learning: “Engage, Excite, Enhance”
- Inspirational teaching
- Small group teaching
- Cognitive theory of learning and teaching
- Evaluating your teaching
- Student centered learning
- Problem based learning



# Curriculum cont'd

- Learning outcome and Key Performance indicator
- Marking and assessment
- Effective classroom management
- Lecturing plan and time management
- Learning tools
- IT skills for teaching
- Institutional effectiveness
- Team working
- Effective Reading and note taking
- Psychology of teaching and learning

# Curriculum cont'd

- Philosophy of Science and generation of knowledge
- Research methodology
- Academic writing
- Publishing an article
- Research ethics and intellectual properties
- Reference management
- Research Proposal Writing
- Plagiarism
- Grant writing and grant application
- Managing Research team and dynamics

# Curriculum cont'd

- Principles of teaching quality assurance
- Accreditation of higher education institutions
- Principles of Bologna process (Qualification framework, diploma supplement, ECTS system),
- Self-assessment report

# Curriculum cont'd

- Principles of KRG higher education law
- Rule and regulations of exam
- Health and safety
- Rule and regulations of scientific promotions
- Rule and regulation of student disciplines

Questions & Comments  
All Welcome!