



**Arab Open University**



2-5 December 2024



Location  
A'ali



Institute Type  
Private



Status  
Listed on NQF



No. of Students  
3461

## Overall Judgment

**Compliant with the General Framework Standards**

### Main Finding

Arab Open University (AOU) Bahrain, one of the nine branches of AOU headquartered in Kuwait, offers high-quality and flexible education, emphasizing employability skills and sustainable development. During the review, the following practices were identified as areas of strength: the partnership with the Open University of the United Kingdom significantly enhances academic offerings, robust internal and external moderation processes are in place and ensure rigorous assessment and fair marking, academic staff put considerable effort into providing academic and pastoral support for postgraduate students they teach and supervise, and all students are provided with a diverse range of physical and electronic resources, along with innovative training sessions and workshops tailored to their needs by AOU-Bahrain Learning Resources Center.

As per the review recommendations, the University is asked to develop detailed annual operational plans for academic and administrative departments to ensure the achievement of key performance indicators and annual targets, increase the number of full-time academic staff and ensure their sufficiency in terms of academic ranks, backgrounds, and experience to cater to the requirements of current and planned academic programme offerings, and consistently implement the benchmarking policy across all academic and administrative areas to facilitate continuous improvement. The University is also encouraged to develop a mechanism to ensure that all policies and procedures are regularly revised and updated and to review the research-related regulations to better support and encourage research activities and enhance their impact on teaching and learning.



Compliant with the General Framework Standards



Partially Compliant with the General Framework Standards



Not Compliant with the General Framework Standards