Soran University
Factsheet 2020/2021

Websites

General website of the university	www.soran.edu.iq
Website for incoming exchange students	https://www.soran.edu.iq/resources/academic-relations/bilateral-agreements.html

Language

Teaching language	English – Kurdish - Arabic
Language requirements	IELTS 5 or equivalent

Academic Calendar (lecture periods)

Start / end dates - Fall term	Beginning September – Beginning December (start of academic year: 1st semester)
Start / end dates - Spring term	End January – End April (2nd semester)
Start / end dates – Other terms (if applicable)	Not applicable
Examination period(s)	No Summer term

Academic Offer

Link	http://www.soran.edu.iq/faculties-centres.html (English) http://www.soran.edu.iq/ku/faculties-centres.html (Kurdish) http://www.soran.edu.iq/ar/faculties-centres.html (Arabic)

Recognition

Grading system	The academic system at Soran University is structured in three cycles. The first cycle is called Bachelor degree which grants access to the second cycle academic degree, Master's degree, corresponding to the second cycle and giving access to third cycle doctorate programmes resulting in the PhD degree. Soran University uses The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) to evaluate and measure the workload of single courses, as well as entire qualifications. ECTS credits represent the total student workload (class time, individual study, exam preparation, practical work, etc.) needed to complete a module/programme.
Transcript	The transcript is provided to the student at the end of the exchange period by the Academic Relations directorate. The digital copies can also be sent through the official directorate email to the Home University.

Tuition Fees	
Exchange students	Exempted from the payment of tuition fees

Admission & Registration	
Procedure	The partner universities will send the name of the candidates to (academic.relations@soran.edu.iq) by the deadline of the application. The student information must include student's full name as appears on passport, e-mail address, field of study, degree course, and duration of the mobility.
Deadline for applications	**Fall Term (1st Semester):** Nomination within April 15th. Online application form will have to be filled out by the students within May 15th. **Spring Term (2nd semester):** Nominations within October 15th. Online application form will have to be filled out by the students within November 15th. **In the application form**, students are required to upload the following documents: passport, CV, transcript of records, study plan, proof of English language (IELTS 5 or equivalent). **After the application submission**, Soran University will contact the selected students informing them about the definitive acceptance and sending them their invitation letter.
Drop out	Students who are not willing to participate in the exchange program anymore should inform their home university and their home university need to contact our directorate of Academic Relations through the email (academic.relations@soran.edu.iq) no later than 15th of July for the Fall Term and no later than 15th of January for the Spring Term.
Study plan	Study plant is a provisional plan that the selected student needs to fill out in order to check which classes will attend. The document can be modified once the student arrives Soran. Please note that the plan must need to be signed by home university firstly in order for us to sign it. Furthermore, since this is a provisional document, the official one that will prove exams done at Soran will be the Transcript of records.
Kurdish Language Course	Soran University provides free of charge Kurdish language courses for all exchange students. The course is not mandatory, however it is strongly recommended.
Welcome Week	Welcome week is an event that is organised by Soran University at the beginning of each semester for the newcomer students. Exchange students are strongly recommended to participate.

Local Contact Persons	
Address	Postgraduate Studies and Academic Relations 2nd floor, Presidency of Soran University building Kawa Street – 44008 Soran - Erbil, Kurdistan Region-Iraq
Contact for incoming exchange students	Dr. Mudhafar Saber Hussein Ribaz Chato Biro academic.relations@soran.edu.iq Tel.: +964 (0) 750 7818190
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Other Information	
Visa	Soran University will help with the visa by providing a Support Letter of Acceptance and Invitation, should the exchange student require a visa.
Accommodation	Soran University does not provide student accommodations for incoming students. However, the university helps students to find a suitable place by having partnerships with several letting agencies.