

Country	Syria	
Number of higher education institutions in the country	6 public universities 15 private universities 6 Higher Education Institutes	
Description of national higher education system	http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/participating_countries/overview/syria_tempus_country_fiche_final.pdf	
National Higher Education Strategy		
The Vision and the Action Plan of Higher Education in Syria 2012/2013		
Link to the appropriate document (in Arabic): http://www.mohe.gov.sy/herego/test/plan2012-2013.pdf		
National Higher Education Strategy on Internationalisation		
There is no strategy on Internationalization for the current plan 2012-2013. However, prior to the Syrian crisis, the concept of internationalisation is approached in different ways and in variety of places. For example, the 10th 5 year plan ending 2010 mentioned “to adapt a strategy to internationalize the Syrian university campus by targeting the admission of 10% of the total university students’ number from foreign countries. Departments of Arab, African, the developing world, and international studies should be established in addition to having twinning programs, staff exchange and activities of an international nature in the Syrian Universities.” (p. 726).		
Link to the appropriate document: n/a		
Are joint programmes mentioned in:		
<input type="checkbox"/> the national higher education strategy: For the current strategy no	<input type="checkbox"/> the national strategy on internationalization in HE: n/a	
Quotation of an appropriate paragraph: n/a	Quotation of an appropriate paragraph: n/a	
Legislation on joint degrees		
Law No. 1 of the year 2009		
Article 1 1: The universities, which are subject to the universities regulating Law No. 6 of the year 2006, may sign cooperation agreements with none- Syrian accredited universities, institutes, and high schools including establishing scientific degrees (qualification and specialization diploma – certificate of general specialties in medicine – certificate of subspecialties in medicine – Master – PhD). 2: The cooperation agreements which are signed in accordance with article 1 part 1, are effective after the approval of the Council of Higher Education.		
Article 2 The cooperation agreements mentioned in article 1, should include provisions for the management of degrees, study system, conditions of admission and enrollment, and the rights and obligations of the two parties. The system of the academic degrees can be issued by a decree from the Minister of Higher Education after the approval of the Council of Higher Education.		
Link to the appropriate document (in Arabic): http://mohe.gov.sy/FCKBIH/kanon_1.pdf?phpMyAdmin=dYqZyqw1yA4mXPZqCGXf%2CiBpSL5&phpMyAdmin=BBVjvoRs45fXv8OvwK6J7TlxX0		

Involvement in joint study programmes	
Number of joint study programmes:	Number of higher education institutions involved:
20	5
Additional comments: all joint programmes are suspended mostly because of the Syrian crisis	

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