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HISTORY

University of Birjand was founded in 1976 as a state Higher Education Institute. Birjand Higher Education Institute started its activities officially with establishment of faculty of science. Initially, 120 students were admitted in chemistry, physics, and mathematics at undergraduate level. With the addition of new departments and faculties and the increase in the number of students, the institute was upgraded to Birjand Higher Education Complex in 1989 and finally to the University of Birjand in 1991.

University of Birjand

Currently, the University of Birjand consists of 50 departments within 10 faculties and 4 undergraduate colleges as follow:

- Agriculture
- Fine Arts
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Engineering
- Literature & Humanities
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Natural Resources and the Environmental Studies
- Physical Education and Sport Sciences
- Psychology and Educational Sciences
- Science
- Ferdows undergraduate college (Engineering)
- Nehbandan undergraduate college (Engineering)
- Sarayan undergraduate college (Agriculture)
- Sarbishe undergraduate college (Agriculture)

The University of Birjand is now home to 12630 students at postgraduate (2665) and under-graduate (9965) levels, with 302 members of academic staff and 450 technical and support staff. The University of Birjand is the main higher education organization in central east of Iran.



Campus

The campus spans from the very east to the very west of the city of Birjand. There are two sites within which all departments and offices are located. Faculty of Agriculture and faculty of Natural Resources and the Environmental Studies with farms and fields are in Amirabad site (Amirabad campus, with total area of 206 hectare and total building area of 23900 m²) in the west of the city. The main site called Shokatabad campus (with total area of 650 hectare and total building area of 120500 m²), encompasses all other faculties. Furthermore, Ferdows, Nehbandan, Sarbishe and Sarayan are cities near Birjand, where 4 undergraduate colleges of the university are located in.

Faculty of Agriculture

The faculty consists of five departments:

- Dept. of Agronomy
- Dept. of Animal Science
- Dept. of Horticulture
- Dept. of Irrigation Engineering
- Dept. of Plant Protection

Academic staff: 53

Students: 1369

By course programs (undergraduate & postgraduate): 30

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Address: University of Birjand, Amirabad campus, Faculty of Agriculture

Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering

The faculty consists of four departments:

- Dept. of Computer Eng.
- Dept. of Electronics Eng.
- Dept. of Power Eng.
- Dept. of Telecommunications Eng.

Academic staff: 28

Students: 1569

By course programs (undergraduate & postgraduate): 15

Tel: +98-56-32202066

Address: University of Birjand, Shokatabad campus, Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Faculty of Engineering

The faculty consists of three departments:

- Dept. of Civil Engineering
- Dept. of Mechanical Engineering
- Dept. of Mining Engineering

Academic staff: 35

Students: 1263

By course programs (undergraduate & postgraduate): 16

Tel: +98-56-32202066

Address: University of Birjand, Shokatabad campus, Faculty of Engineering

Faculty of Fine Arts

The faculty consists of four departments:

- Dept. of Archaeology
- Dept. of Carpet
- Dept. of Handicrafts
- Dept. of Islamic Art

Academic staff: 12

Students: 823

By course programs (undergraduate & postgraduate): 6

Tel: +98-56-32227225

Address: University of Birjand, Faculty of Fine Arts

Faculty of Literature & Humanities

The faculty consists of nine departments:

- Dept. of English
- Dept. of Geography
- Dept. of History
- Dept. of Islamic Studies
- Dept. of Law
- Dept. of Persian Language and Literature
- Dept. of Philosophy and Islamic Theology
- Dept. of Political Science
- Dept. of Sociology

Academic staff: 50

Students: 1985

By course programs (undergraduate & postgraduate): 26

Tel: +98-56-32202044

Address: University of Birjand, Shokatabad campus, Faculty of Literature & Humanities

Faculty of Mathematics and Statistics

The faculty consists of two departments:

- Dept. of Mathematics
- Dept. of Statistics

Academic staff: 29

Students: 768

By course programs (undergraduate & postgraduate): 25

Tel: +98-56-32202078

Address: University of Birjand, Shokatabad campus, Faculty of Mathematics and Statistics

Faculty of Natural Resources and the Environmental Studies

The faculty consists of two departments:

- Dept. of Environment
- Dept. of Range and Watershed Management

Academic staff: 10

Students: 357

By course programs (undergraduate & postgraduate): 7

Tel: +98-56-32254068

Address: University of Birjand, Amirabad campus, Faculty of Natural Resources and the Environmental Studies

Faculty of Physical Education and Sport Sciences

The faculty consists of one department:

- Dept. of Physical Education and Sport Sciences

Academic staff: 8

Students: 431

By course programs (undergraduate & postgraduate): 8

Tel: +98-56-32202042

Address: University of Birjand, Shokatabad campus, Faculty of Physical Education and Sport Sciences

Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences

The faculty consists of four departments:

- Dept. of Education
- Dept. of Library and Information
- Dept. of Psychology

Academic staff: 23

Students: 944

By course programs (undergraduate & postgraduate): 7

Tel: +98-56-32211001

Address: University of Birjand, Shokatabad campus, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences



Faculty of Sciences

The faculty consists of four departments:

- Dept. of Biology
- Dept. of Chemistry
- Dept. of Geology
- Dept. of Physics

Academic staff: 44

Students: 1493

By course programs (undergraduate & postgraduate): 29

Tel: +98-56-32202041

Address: University of Birjand, Shokatabad campus, Faculty of Sciences

Ferdows undergraduate college (Engineering)

The college consists of three departments:

- Dept. of Civil Eng.
- Dept. of Computer Eng.
- Dept. of Electrical Eng.

Academic staff: 4

Students: 812

By course programs (undergraduate & postgraduate): 7

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Address: University of Birjand, Ferdows, Ferdows undergraduate college



Nehbandan undergraduate college (Engineering)

The faculty consists of three departments:

- Dept. of Mining and Exploration Eng.
- Dept. of Mining and Extraction Eng.
- Dept. of Processing and Decorative Stones Eng.

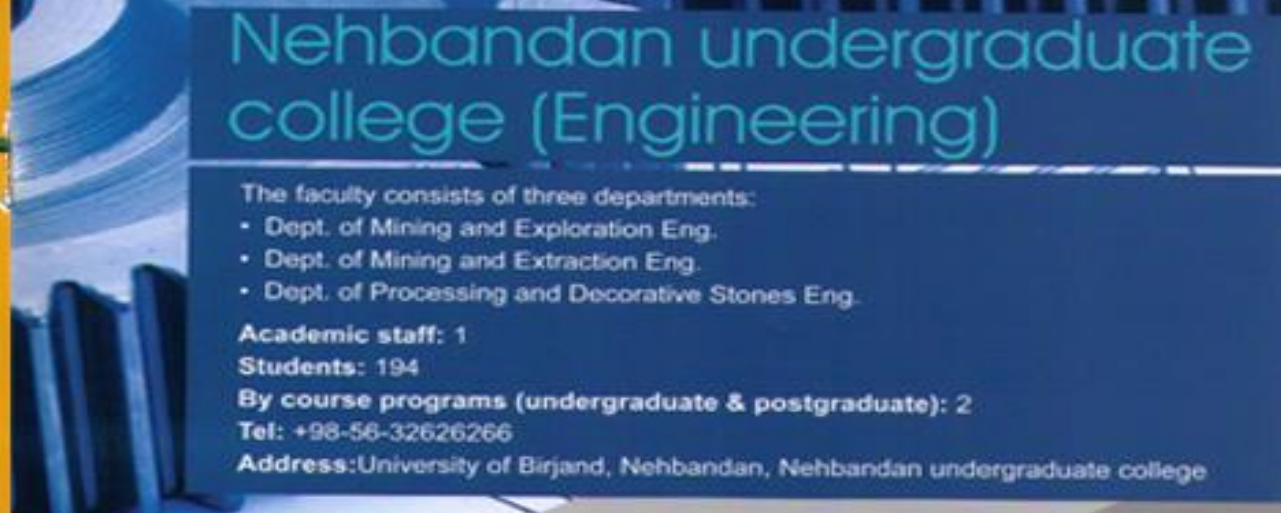
Academic staff: 1

Students: 194

By course programs (undergraduate & postgraduate): 2

Tel: +98-56-32626266

Address: University of Birjand, Nehbandan, Nehbandan undergraduate college



Sarayan undergraduate college (Agriculture)

The faculty consists of four departments:

- Dept. of Agronomy
- Dept. of Environment
- Dept. of Irrigation Engineering
- Dept. of Range and Watershed Management

Academic staff: 4

Students: 463

By course programs (undergraduate & postgraduate): 6

Tel: +98-56-32881951

Address: University of Birjand, Sarayan, Sarayan undergraduate college

Sarbishe undergraduate college (Agriculture)

The faculty consists of four departments:

- Dept. of Animal Science
- Dept. of Irrigation Engineering
- Dept. of Range and Watershed Management

Academic staff: 1

Students: 159

By course programs (undergraduate & postgraduate): 2

Tel: +98-56-32664741-4

Address: University of Birjand, Sarbishe, Sarbishe undergraduate college

First semester: September – January


Second semester: February – June

Academic Calendar

Research

Research is undertaken at University of Birjand in the field of all subjects taught at the university.

The research strategy is established by the research council of the university according to national and international priorities. Industrial links are organized by the Office of Industrial Relations. In addition to research programs run by scientific departments, there are 10 research groups at the university including: Afghanistan Studies, Aqueduct Research, Archaeological Studies and Interdisciplinary Science, Cotton Research, Geosciences, Intelligent Learning Systems, Pipes and Related Industries Studies, Saffron, Solar Energy, Studies of the Youth.



Central library

The Central Library is the largest library throughout Southern Khorasan province. In addition to the Central Library, there are faculty libraries within each of the faculties of the university. A total of 80000 books and 590 journals are kept in the libraries. Furthermore, 7 journals are published by the university, three of which hold research degree

IT Center

Supported partially by the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, the university's ICT center was established in 2003. In addition to serving students and staff, the ICT center offers services to other organizations and individuals from outside the university.

International Scientific Collaboration Center

This center formally began its activities in 2004. While it performs the current affairs of faculty members of the university, such as introduction of members for participation in scientific conferences and study opportunities, it always figures on development of relations with foreign universities. The goals of center have been focused on promotion of international scientific publications, taking advantage of the potentials and benefits of other universities, deepening of international relations, promotion of persian language and culture, presentation of advantages and potentials of the university and creation of motivation and confidence among graduate students.

The foreign universities which have agreements with University of Birjand are:

- 1- Brunel university, England
- 2- Osmania university, India
- 3- Center for Science and Technology of the Non-aligned and Other Developing Countries (NAM center), India
- 4- National Taiwan University, Taiwan
- 5- Pusan National University, Korea
- 6- Bamian University, Afghanistan

The university is a member of International Association of Universities (IAU).

Mojtahedi Observatory

The project was started in 2001 and the observatory was officially opened in 2009 by The University's then-president. The cost was about 45 thousand dollars. The observatory building is 500 square meters with the building; including a conference room, office room, planetarium, two-unit residential suites to accommodate researchers, janitor, driver room and parking. Some equipments are including: 14 inches Schmidt- cassegrain telescope with a focal length of 154 inches and GOTO system, Photometer model SSP5A with UBVR filters, Vega 4 meters planetarium and 40mm solar telescope. Several research projects involving faculty members and graduate students at this observatory is being done.



Facilities

The University provides its students with different facilities and services including the following:

- Single and married student housing
- transportation
- food services and cafeterias
- counseling center
- health centre
- student loans
- banking
- shops
- computer centers
- sporting venues
- indoor swimming pool
- scientific & cultural visits
- mosque and many others

The city of Birjand

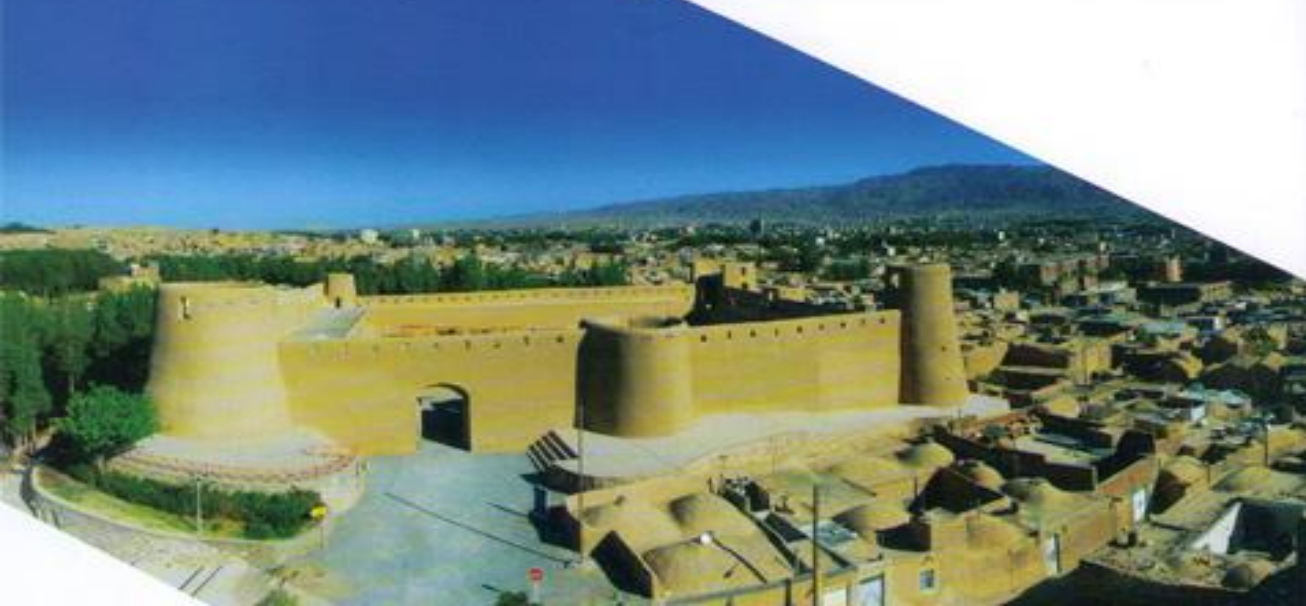
Birjand, known as the city of universities, is the most important academic, cultural and research center in Southern Khorasan. It hosts 6 universities. Shokatieh, as the first modern school, was established at the same time as Daralfonoon in Tehran and Roshdeh in Tabriz, more than 100 years ago.

Stone writings found in recent excavations around the city date back to several thousands years ago. The city has many tourist attractions, including museums, cultural places, green areas, etc.



Travel to Birjand

The city of Birjand has an international airport and is accessible from outside the country. For this purpose, there are daily domestic flights from Tehran and Mashhad cities to Birjand and vice versa. Bus routes are also available for trip to Birjand from many cities of country.





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