



Project information

This document provides information on the Preparatory Year Programme at King Saud University.

Project outline

King Saud University operates a foundation year programme for all students in a number of faculties including Engineering, Management, Medicine and Agriculture. The programme consists of classes in English, Maths ICT and Critical Thinking Skills. Obeikan work with the university to provide the English programme for this project and use Bell to manage the recruitment/deployment of staff.

Project Detail

Obeikan and Bell first began to work with King Saud University in 2007. The first year was a pilot programme operating only on the male campus and 1600 students. The project then expanded in the academic year 2008 – 2009 to include both the male and female campuses. The total number of students enrolled on the programme was just over 6000 with a teaching body of over 300. This year predicted student numbers are 6500 across the two campuses meaning a required staff body of around 400.

Course content and structure

The average class size is 20 students, with every student sitting a placement test at the start of the year to determine their level. Classes are streamed by ability (levels 1-6) with the aim of each level passing the Cambridge PET examination (IELTS for higher level students) by the end of the year. The core text for the programme is based on Touchstone by Cambridge University Press but also employs a new blended learning system designed by Bell and CUP especially for this programme.

Working hours

The contract is for twelve months. The University operates on a two semester academic year. There are holiday periods for Eid al Adha and Eid al Fitr. Your contact time will be up to 25 hours per week from Saturday to Wednesday timetable.