



BARZAN
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
كلية برزان الجامعية

CORPORATE PROFILE

2026

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ABOUT THE INSTITUTION

Barzan University College (BUC) is a licensed higher education institution in the State of Qatar, delivering internationally recognised Australian degrees through a partnership with Swinburne University of Technology. Established to contribute to Qatar's knowledge-based economy, BUC expands access to globally benchmarked education aligned with national development priorities and international academic standards. The institution operates under the approval of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE) in Qatar.



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Through its strategic partnership with Swinburne, BUC provides access to international academic resources, research collaboration, faculty exchange, and global mobility pathways. This engagement strengthens cross-border knowledge exchange and enhances global graduate positioning.



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

BUC's academic framework is delivered in collaboration with Swinburne, a Top 300 globally ranked university (Academic Ranking of World Universities 2025). All programs follow Swinburne's curriculum structure and quality assurance systems, ensuring academic equivalency, global recognition, and international mobility for graduates.

Swinburne's Rankings & Recognition

Top 300

Universities
Globally

QS World University
Ranking 2026

Top 300

Universities
Globally

Times Higher Education World
University Rankings 2026

Top 300

Universities
Globally

Academic Ranking of World Universities
2025

24

Top 25 Under 50
Universities Globally

THE Young University
Ranking 2024

150

US News Best Global
Universities 2025–26

Swinburne's Subject Specific Global Rankings



TOP 175

Computer Science

Times Higher Education
World University Ranking 2026



TOP 175

Business & Economics

Times Higher Education
World University Ranking 2026



TOP 200

Engineering and Technology

Academic Ranking of World
Universities 2026



EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP



Dr. Hassan Rashid Al-Derham

Founder & CEO

Dr. Hassan Rashid Al-Derham is the Founder and CEO of Barzan University College in Qatar, driven by a vision that places education, innovation, and opportunity at the heart of societal progress. Drawing on extensive experience in higher education leadership, he promotes an applied, future-focused learning model that goes beyond theory to build practical skills, empower graduates, and drive positive societal impact in alignment with Qatar National Vision 2030.

Dr. Lotfi Belkhir is an accomplished academic, currently serving as the Dean of Academic Affairs at Barzan University College. With a rich background that uniquely blends physics and technology management, he brings a dynamic and innovative perspective to higher education. Dr. Belkhir has a proven track record of spearheading transformative initiatives, from launching successful startups to developing cutting-edge academic programs that bridge the gap between theory and real-world impact.

Dr. Lotfi Belkhir

Chief Academic Officer & Academic Dean





VISION AND MISSION

Vision

To position Barzan University College as a leading international university college in Qatar, recognised for academic excellence, industry alignment, and global graduate outcomes.

Mission

To deliver high-quality Australian higher education in Qatar through industry-integrated programs innovative learning methodologies, and strategic partnerships that produce globally competitive graduates.

Institutional Pillars

Academic
Excellence

Integrity and
Governance

Innovation and
Entrepreneurship

Inclusivity and
Diversity

Industry
Integration

Global
Engagement



BUC STRATEGY

**Global Academic
Excellence**

**Industry-Integrated
Education**

**Future-Focused
Programs**

**Student-Centric
Experience**

**Digital Learning
& Innovation**

**Strategic
Global Partnerships**

**Sustainable
Institutional Growth**

**National Impact
& Talent Development**



OUR UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

Why BUC Stands Apart

Qatar's first Australian higher education provider, combining global academic excellence with industry-integrated learning and innovation-led student development.

Qatar's First Australian Degrees

Globally recognised Australian qualifications delivered locally through Swinburne University of Technology.

Work-Integrated Learning

Structured workplace exposure, live projects, and career-focused practical learning embedded in every undergraduate degree.

Innovation Sandbox

A dedicated ecosystem for entrepreneurship, prototyping, mentorship, and startup innovation.

Pracademic Faculty

Academic leaders with real-world industry expertise delivering highly relevant, future-focused education.



ACADEMIC PORTFOLIO

BUC operates across three core academic divisions:

**Computer Science &
Technology**

**Business &
Management**

**Engineering &
Built Environment**

Swinburne Foundation Program

The Swinburne Foundation Program provides structured academic preparation and defined progression pathways into undergraduate study.

Undergraduate Program

**Bachelor of
Computer Science**

Cyber Security,
Software Development,
Artificial Intelligence

**Bachelor of
Business**

Management, Marketing,
Human Resource Management,
Finance

Postgraduate Program

**Master of
Cyber Security**



STUDENT SUPPORT





INDUSTRY AND CAREER INTEGRATION

Career Integration Journey

**Year
1**

Early Industry
Exposure

**Year
2-3**

Live Company
Projects

**Final
Year**

Capstone
Internship &
Employer
Assessment



CAMPUS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

BUC operates from a purpose-built campus designed to meet international higher education standards. Infrastructure includes digitally enabled classrooms, specialised computing and engineering laboratories, collaborative innovation zones (Innovation Sandbox), library and research resources, and dedicated study facilities.

Comprehensive student support services include academic advising, onboarding programmes, student engagement initiatives, wellbeing services, and career counselling.

65,000+

sq ft
campus



BUC X SWINBURNE







STRATEGIC GROWTH ROADMAP (FIVE-YEAR OUTLOOK)



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