

Activities Conducted Annually by the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Program

A- Programming Activities:

1. At the end of the Autumn semester, a competitive individual programming contest is held for Arab Open University (AOU) students.
2. At the end of the Spring semester, a team programming competition (AOUCPC) is held for Arab Open University students, where teams are formed (each team consists of three members and **must include both male and female students**). The top-performing teams qualify for the Kuwait Collegiate Programming Contest (KCPC), which is usually held at the beginning of the Autumn semester.
3. The winning teams from the Kuwait Collegiate Programming Contest (KCPC) qualify for the Africa and Arab Collegiate Programming Championship (ACPC).
4. During the Spring semester, the Gulf Programming Contest (GPC) is held with the participation of many institutions from Gulf countries, and the best AOU teams are selected to participate.
5. Weekly online contests are held to train students.
6. Weekly sessions are held to raise the students' level, and sometimes outstanding and distinguished students participate in them. (Weekly contests and sessions are temporarily suspended during the examination and enrollment periods).
7. The ACPC Club, supervised by the ICT Program, includes **all male and female students interested in competitive programming contests**.

B- IT Student Development Day (ITCSDD):

The ITCSDD is an annual development and activity day for AOU **ICT male and female students**. The day includes various sessions, contests, and

presentations in many areas that may be of interest to our students, including: the latest IT topics, mentoring, self-development, time management, planning, and others.

The sessions are presented by ICT staff, final year students, and some external specialists.

The ITCSDS is held annually every second semester.

Graduation Exhibition

This activity aims to showcase the graduation projects, their applications, and products of ICT students to highlight their achievements, encourage other ICT students to follow their peers, and present them to students from other universities.