



7in7 – Enhancing Learners' Soft Skills



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Proposal Title: 7in7 – Enhancing Learners Soft Skills

Introduction:

In today's competitive job market, possessing not only academic knowledge but also essential soft skills is crucial for learners success. With this in mind, we propose the implementation of a new initiative called 7in7 at Arab Open University. The 7in7 initiative aims to enhance Aouers' learning by focusing on seven key soft skills in seven academic weeks that are essential for their personal and professional development.

Objectives:

The primary objectives of the 7in7 initiative are as follows:

1. To introduce Aouers to important soft skills such as creative thinking, presentation skills, emotional intelligence, interview skills, negotiation skills, and others.
 2. To provide Aouers with practical knowledge and tools that they can apply in both academic and professional settings.
 3. To engage Aouers in interactive learning experiences that supplement their academic curriculum.
 4. To empower Aouers to become well-rounded individuals capable of succeeding in various aspects of their personal and professional lives.
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Proposal Details:

The **7in7 initiative** will be implemented as follows:

- **Duration:** The initiative will span seven weeks, with one topic focusing on one skill is conducted per week through a maximum of 10-minutes presentation.
- **Format:** Each session will consist of a slide prepared by the lecturer focusing on a specific soft skill.
- **Timing:** Sessions will take place during the middle seven weeks of the semester, excluding the first week and the last two weeks to avoid conflicts with the beginning and end of semester exams.
- **Delivery:** Tutors will prepare one slide each week to cover the key points of the designated soft skill.

- **Coordination:** Local Deans/PCs will arrange the topics with their tutors.
 - **Content:** Topics covered will include but are not limited to:
 - Creative thinking
 - Presentation skills
 - Emotional intelligence
 - Interview skills
 - Negotiation skills
 - Time management
 - Teamwork and collaboration
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Expected Outcomes:

Through the 7in7 initiative, we expect to achieve the following outcomes:

- Increased awareness and understanding of essential soft skills among Aouers.
 - Improved ability to apply soft skills in academic, professional, and personal contexts.
 - Enhanced Aouer engagement and satisfaction with their learning experience.
 - Better preparation of Aouers for future career opportunities and challenges.
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Conclusion:

The 7in7 initiative presents an excellent opportunity to enhance Aouers' learning experience by focusing on essential soft skills. By incorporating practical, weekly presentations delivered by Arab Open University lecturers, we can better prepare our Aouers for success in both their academic and professional endeavors.

Proposed Topics and Skills:

The topics and skills to be covered in the 7in7 initiative can be tailored to suit the nature of the course. Depending on the course requirements and the needs of the Aouers, the following topics and skills can be considered:

1. For Business and Management Courses:

- Negotiation skills
- Leadership skills
- Strategic thinking
- Financial literacy
- Project management

2. For Humanities and Social Sciences Courses:

- Critical thinking
- Research skills
- Cross-cultural communication
- Ethical decision-making
- Conflict resolution
- Interpersonal Acceptance

3. For STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Courses:

- Problem-solving skills
- Data analysis and interpretation
- Innovation and creativity
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Technical communication

4. For Arts and Design Courses:

- Creative thinking
- Presentation skills
- Design thinking
- Visual communication
- Portfolio development

5. For Law and Legal Studies Courses:

- Legal research and writing
- Analytical reasoning
- Advocacy and negotiation
- Legal ethics
- Client counseling skills



Thank you for considering this proposal. We believe that the 7in7 initiative will make a significant and positive impact on our Aouers' personal and professional development.