The Mission of the University

Subscribing to the historic Christian faith in the evangelical and nondenominational tradition, Jerusalem University College, facilitating the interests of its Consortium of Associated Schools, offers graduate and undergraduate programs of study at its campus on Mount Zion in Jerusalem, Israel.

The programs of study seek to enhance students' understanding of the Bible and of the cultures of the Middle East. Specifically, students may achieve their educational objectives by:

1. A rigorous study of the history, archaeology, and geography of Israel and other areas of the Middle East.

2. A mastery of biblical language and literature, and a working knowledge of other Semitic languages appropriate to their study programs.

3. An accurate understanding of the cultural, philosophical, and religious expressions of the ancient and modern peoples of Israel and other countries of the Middle East, including the relationship of Israel with other Middle East nations and the role of Israel in the ancient and modern worlds.

4. A maximal use of and personal interaction with the unique academic and cultural resources available to them in the classroom and their field work in Jerusalem, throughout Israel, and in other regions of the Middle East.
Basis for Cooperation

Since its earliest days, Jerusalem University College has served as a place where dialogue between evangelical Christians and Jews, as well as others, might take place.

To that end various colleges, universities, and seminaries formed what is today called the Associated Schools of Jerusalem University College. The purposes of the consortium include providing academic guidance for Jerusalem University College, following conservative evangelical Christian teaching, and engaging member schools in dialogue.

The evangelical Christian commitment of Jerusalem University College involves an emphasis on the centrality of Christ, authority of Scripture, personal piety, corporate life together, imperative of making disciples, assuming social obligation, and anticipation of the Lord’s imminent return. The university recognizes that consortium schools formulate their own statements of faith in a manner that is appropriate to the unique character of each institution and that these statements may differ somewhat from the statement of Jerusalem University College.

It was and is the desire of the school to promote a knowledge of the peoples, lands, cultures, and languages of Israel and other countries in the Middle East within the framework of evangelical Christian thought represented by the member schools of the consortium. In keeping with this desire, Jerusalem University College acknowledges its share in this framework and finds the theological statements of member schools and of such organizations as the National Association of Evangelicals to be sympathetic to its mission.