17.4 Education for the SDGs

17.4.1 Education for SDGs commitment to meaningful education

At Isra University we believe that universities play fundamental role in sustainability. We set a vision towards:

Regional excellence and competitiveness in instruction, scientific research and innovation.
https://www.iu.edu.jo/index.php/en/about-iu-en/vision-mission-goals-iu

- To achieve our vision, we focused on Integrating SDG concepts into Curriculum: Embed SDG topics across disciplines, encouraging students to understand global challenges and solutions.

- We promoted **Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving through** extra curricula activities to develop students' ability to think critically about sustainable development issues and innovate solutions.

- We also Encourage Lifelong Learning: Foster a mindset for continuous education and adaptation to sustainability trends our online courses were designed to support students.

- The following was accomplished:
  - We developed our curricula to meet the needs of the market
  - We had members in the councils that represented all sectors of industries
  - The SDGs are set at the centre of the education.
  - We do a lot of extracurricular activities that train students on sustainability
  - Voluntary work and sustainability was added graduation requirement in all program to be added to all plans.

SDG integrated into various courses and the IU provided dedicated programs (degree) that addresses SDG or once provided can progress SDG goals. **An example is renewable energy** a program that will prepare new engineers in the domain of renewable energy (https://www.iu.edu.jo/index.php/en/renewable-energy-engineering-iu-5/renewable-energy-courses-iu , whereas respiratory therapy (https://www.iu.edu.jo/index.php/en/respiratory-therapy/about-respiratory,) and chronic care nursing (https://www.iu.edu.jo/index.php/en/master-chronic-nursing/master-nursing-courses,) will target health and wellbeing which will cater for a huge shortage of employees in this domain locally and regionally therefore fulfilling SDG4 and SDG8. Furthermore, SMART Business degree also targets a need and will align with SDG 8 (https://www.iu.edu.jo/index.php/en/master-of-smart-business/study-plan