

Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education Spotlight

University Consortium for Quality Online Learning

“UCQOL is a critical initiative by Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education and a major catalyst for collaborative development of fully online education in the Higher Education sector in UAE. The Foundation worked tirelessly with selected universities to create a community of best practice and to assist them in the development of online academic programs.”

-H.E. Dr. Hassan Obaid AlMheiri, Assistant Undersecretary for Licensing and Quality Sector,
Ministry of Education, UAE



What is UCQOL?

The University Consortium for Quality Online Learning (UCQOL) was founded by the Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education in collaboration with the UAE Ministry of Education (MoE) and nine leading universities in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). It is expanding the network of higher educational institutions in the region to incorporate high-quality online learning as part of a norm.

UCQOL aims to:

- ✓ Strengthen existing online programs
- ✓ Develop high-quality online courses
- ✓ Make high quality online programs more accessible to Emirati and Arab Youth

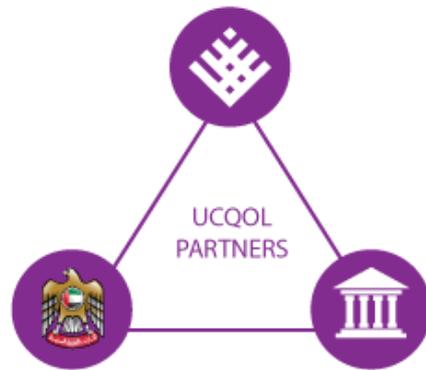
UCQOL, which is in line with the UAE National Innovation Strategy and the National Higher Education Strategy 2030, is the first regional project where a multi-sector consortium is spearheading online education to ensure that the online programs are market-driven, high-quality, and accredited.

UCQOL Phases



PHASE 1- Capacity Needs Assessment

The capacity needs assessment, which was conducted in collaboration with the Instructional Design for E-Learning (IDEL) team, identified each university's strengths and opportunities for implementing high-quality online courses and programs. Moreover, the systems gaps were highlighted with recommendations from international best practices.



PHASE 2 – Training and Capacity Building

The results from Phase 1 were used to tailor a program with each university's faculty and staff. The foundation is collaborating with industry experts to provide intensive training workshops, and production support to accelerate courses and degree development.

“**Khalifa University is privileged to be a part of UCQOL. We will intensely engage with our partners to ensure continuous innovation in blended learning that will prepare a new generation of Emiratis to face future challenges.**”
- Dr. Arif Sultan Al Hammadi, Executive Vice-President, Khalifa University of Science and Technology

