

✓ **Program Mission:**

To graduate competent prosthodontists committed to community service and research excellence

✓ **Program Goals:**

1. To nurture the concepts, principles and basic theories in the field of prosthodontic specialty dentistry.
2. To enable and apply the dental conceptual perception, skills of critical thinking, problem solving and decision-making in the field of prosthodontics specialty.
3. To provide with the ability and competency in motor skills necessary for therapeutic methods related to prosthodontic procedures.
4. To provide the essential knowledge and skills related to scientific research, information technology, basic quantitative skills in managing prosthodontic related problems, stimulating the student's ability and competency in communication skills related to prosthodontic care.
5. To provide with basics of teamwork, elements of its effectiveness, issues of ethics, social responsibilities and instill lifelong learning.

✓ **Program Description:**

The Master in Prosthetic Dental Sciences program is designed to graduate competent prosthodontists who are deeply committed to community service and research excellence. The program emphasizes a comprehensive understanding of the foundational concepts, principles, and theories in prosthodontics, fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills in clinical practice. It equips students with advanced motor skills and therapeutic competencies essential for prosthodontic procedures while integrating scientific research, information technology, and quantitative skills to address complex dental challenges. The program cultivates professionalism by instilling ethical principles, social responsibility, and effective communication skills, alongside promoting leadership, teamwork, and lifelong learning. Through its balanced focus on knowledge, practical expertise, and values, the program prepares graduates to deliver exceptional prosthodontic care and contribute meaningfully to advancements in dental science.

**Definitions:**

**Postgraduate studies:** a higher level of study than the bachelor's level (such as a higher diploma, master's, or doctorate).

**Classification:** The unified Saudi classification for educational levels and specializations issued by Council of Ministers Resolution No. (75) dated 1/27/1442 AH, and any amendments or updates thereto.

**Program:** A set of academic courses, a dissertation, a graduation thesis, a comprehensive exam, or some of them. Which the student studies during a specific period of time; To obtain an academic degree or postgraduate certificate in the field of specialization.

**Study unit:** The weekly theoretical lecture, the weekly scientific symposium, the clinical lesson, the exercise lesson of no less than fifty minutes, the practical lesson of no less than one hundred minutes, or the field lesson specified in the study plan.

**Course:** The academic material in each program plan. It includes a number, symbol, and description of the content. In each department, it is subject to follow-up, evaluation, and development. It may be studied independently, or have a prerequisite or concurrent requirement. Exemption from the prerequisite or concurrent requirement may be made based on an examination of specific learning outcomes.

**Postponing admission:** Postponing the start date of the student's study after the issuance of his university number, and before he registers for any course. This happens once, and it cannot happen after the start of the study.

**Postponing studies:** The student stops the period prescribed - according to these regulations - for obtaining the academic degree after starting his studies.

**Withdrawal:** The student permanently terminates his relationship with the university before completing his study program.

**Cancellation of enrollment:** The university terminates its relationship with the student before he completes his study program.

**Re-enrollment:** The university restores its relationship with the student whose enrollment was cancelled.

**Scientific thesis:** The scientific thesis, which represents the research and its results, which was prepared and submitted by the student for the purpose of obtaining the academic degree.

### **Master's Studies Overview**

Study for the master's degree can be pursued by **Academic curricula and thesis:** The number of study units should not be less than twenty-four units per year for three years, excluding the thesis.

It should be noted that the master's study plan includes relevant postgraduate courses. The number of semester units does not exceed twelve academic units per semester. The academic year includes directed studies, seminars, or research seminars.