Foundational Criterion 21 (FC21) – Quality Assurance

FC21 · KAAE Accreditation · Quality Assurance

Responsible Authority: Quality Assurance Unit · Soran University
Website verified: October 2026 (previous verification: March 2026)

FC21 Documentation Summary

#	Document	URL	Status
1	Evidence of website currency and regular updates	main.soran.edu.iq	✓ Available
2	Evidence of mission, vision, values, and strategic plan on website	main.soran.edu.iq/strategic-plan	✓ Available
3	Evidence of faculties, programmes, admission requirements, and degree awards	main.soran.edu.iq/admission	✓ Available
4	Evidence of Bologna Process guidelines and academic regulations	main.soran.edu.iq/admission/bologna-process	✓ Available
5	Evidence of academic staff list and profiles	staff.soran.edu.iq	✓ Available
6	Evidence of university council profiles	main.soran.edu.iq/about/presidency/president-of-university	✓ Available
7	Evidence of student affairs regulations and services	main.soran.edu.iq/student-affairs	✓ Available
8	Evidence of tuition fees and payment arrangements	main.soran.edu.iq/admission/tuition-fees	✓ Available
9	Evidence of digital student systems: SIS, LMS, online registration and certificate requests	sis.soran.edu.iq certificate.soran.edu.iq	✓ Available

1 Evidence of Website Currency and Regular Updates

Document 1 – Website Currency & Updates

Direct verification of Soran University's official website in October 2026 confirms that the platform is continuously maintained and updated. The most recent news item is dated 30 September 2026, and the Tuition Fees page for 2026–2027 was approved on 1 September 2026.

Website URL	https://main.soran.edu.iq
Most Recent Update	"Mission and Vision of Soran University" – 30 September 2026
Other Recent Items	Call for Students' Creative Contest (29 September 2026) · Soran University joins the Mediterranean Universities Union, UNIMED (3 July 2026)
Languages	Bilingual (Kurdish + English)
Digital Ecosystem	Journals · Library · SIS · LMS · Registration · QA · Staff · CDC · Certificates

Date Established	University founded 2009 – website is active and current

2 Evidence of Mission, Vision, Values, and Strategic Plan

Document 2 – Vision, Mission, Values, Strategic Plan

Soran University's Strategic Plan for the period 2023–2026 is published in full on the official website, encompassing the institutional vision, mission statement, motto, and core values.

Vision	Establishing an accredited educational, academic, and a pioneer counselling institution with the aim of actively contributing to facilitate substantial changes.
Mission	Active involvement in creation and expansion of knowledge, nurturing individuals equipped with information, knowledge, skills and social values, and trained for the labour market through identifying and developing the talents, and conducting informed and directed research to develop the nation.
Motto	From Human Building towards Nation Building
Values	Sagacity · Openness · Responsibility · Academic Integrity · Novelty, Quality & Sustainability
Strategic Plan	2023–2026 · 10 key objectives · SWOT analysis · main.soran.edu.iq/strategic-plan
KAAE Objective	Objective 4: "Obtaining official Accreditation from Kurdistan Accrediting Association for Education (KAAE)"

Key Objectives of the Strategic Plan 2023–2026

#	Objective
1	Introducing a modern and scholarly learning environment.
2	Utilizing contemporary pedagogical practices.
3	Designing, reviewing, and modifying the academic programmes continuously.
4	**Obtaining official accreditation from the Kurdistan Accrediting Association for Education (KAAE).**
5	Offering an effective and suitable system of administration.
6	Integration of university endeavours with societal needs.
7	Advancement of scientific research.
8	Transforming Soran University into Soran University for Research and Applied Sciences.
9	Sustainability.
10	Institutional autonomy for the University.

3 Evidence of Faculties, Programmes, Admission Requirements, and Degree Awards

Document 3 – Faculties, Programmes, Admission & Degrees

Soran University's official website presents five faculties and their departments, the degrees awarded at Bachelor's, Higher Diploma, Master's and doctoral level, and the admission route through the Ministry's central admission system. Every Bachelor's programme requires 240 ECTS credits over four years (eight semesters).

Faculty	Website	Departments	Degrees
Faculty of Arts	arts.soran.edu.iq	Kurdish · Arabic · English · Psychology · Sociology · History · Geography	Bachelor · Higher Diploma · Master · PhD
Faculty of Education	edu.soran.edu.iq	General Sciences · Mathematics · Mathematics Education · Physical Education · Kurdish · English · Social Sciences · Kindergarten · Arabic	Bachelor · Master · PhD
Faculty of Engineering	eng.soran.edu.iq	Civil & Environmental · Petroleum & Mining · Chemical · Mechatronics & Robotics	Bachelor · Higher Diploma · Master · PhD
Faculty of Science	foscience.soran.edu.iq	Biology · Chemistry · Mathematics · Computer Science · Physics · Petroleum Geosciences · Nursing	Bachelor · Higher Diploma · Master · PhD
Law, Pol. Sci & Mgmt	lpsm.soran.edu.iq	Law · Politics & International Relations · Business Management · Accounting	Bachelor · Higher Diploma · Master · PhD

Admissions	main.soran.edu.iq/admission – central admission through the Ministry, appeals and transfers
Undergraduate Courses	main.soran.edu.iq/admission/undergraduate-courses
Graduate Courses	main.soran.edu.iq/admission/graduate-courses
Academic Programmes	main.soran.edu.iq/programs – semester-by-semester curricula for 13 departments, 554 modules
Assessment Criteria	main.soran.edu.iq/admission/assessment-criteria
Academic Relations	main.soran.edu.iq/resources/academic-relations

4 Evidence of Bologna Process Guidelines and Academic Regulations

Document 4 – Bologna Process & Academic Guidelines

Soran University implements the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) and adheres to Bologna Process principles. The University's 22 study rules are now published on a dedicated Bologna Process page, with the Ministry's guideline, and the University's policies are collected on one page.

Bologna Process Page	main.soran.edu.iq/admission/bologna-process – 22 study rules; PDF in English and Kurdish
Ministry Guideline	Guideline for the Implementation of the Bologna Process, 7 November 2022 – PDF (Kurdish) on the same page
ECTS System	240 ECTS credits for the Bachelor's degree; ECTS credits assigned to all programme modules
Assessment	60 marks for semester coursework and 40 for the final examination; pass mark 50
University Policies	main.soran.edu.iq/about/policies – 10 entries, including the Student Information System regulation
Quality Assurance	qa.soran.edu.iq – Quality Assurance portal

KAAE Accreditation	Strategic Plan Objective 4: "Obtaining official Accreditation from KAAE"
Academic Calendar	main.soran.edu.iq/about/soran-university/academic-calendar
Learning Outcomes	main.soran.edu.iq/about/soran-university/learning-outcomes
Professional Ethics	main.soran.edu.iq/about/soran-university/profisional-ethic

5 Evidence of Academic Staff List and Profiles

Document 5 – Academic Staff List & Profiles

A comprehensive list of academic staff members, together with individual profiles for each member of faculty, is publicly accessible via the dedicated portal staff.soran.edu.iq.

Portal	staff.soran.edu.iq – searchable by Faculty, Department, and Title
Total Staff Registered	497 academic staff members (count at the March 2026 verification)
Academic Titles	Professor · Assistant Professor · Lecturer · Assistant Lecturer
Faculties	Arts · Education · Engineering · Law · Science · Presidency · Research Centre
Profile Information	Name (Kurdish and English) + photograph + academic title + faculty

Sample of Academic Staff Listed on the Portal:

Title	Name	Faculty
Professor	Abbas Khaksar Manshad	Faculty of Engineering
Asst. Professor	Abdulrahman Kareem Darwesh	Faculty of Law & Management
Lecturer	Ababakr Ibrahim Rasul	Faculty of Science
Asst. Lecturer	Abdulqadeer Ibrahim Ahmed	Faculty of Science
Lecturer	Abdulfatah Hasan	Faculty of Arts

6 Evidence of University Council Profiles

Document 6 – University Council Profiles

Full biographical profiles of the University President and the Vice-Presidents are published on the official website. The profiles of Faculty Deans are additionally accessible via their respective faculty websites.

Position	Name	URL
President of the University	Dr. Sherwan Sharif Qurtas	main.soran.edu.iq/about/presidency/president-of-university
Vice-President – Administrative & Finance	Asst. Prof. Dr. Sherzad Saeed	main.soran.edu.iq/about/presidency/vice-president-for-administration-and-financial
Vice-President – Scientific Affairs	Prof. Dr. Sirwan Zand	main.soran.edu.iq/about/presidency/vice-president-for-scientific-affairs
Vice-President – Student Affairs	Dr. Rizgar Saed Hussein	main.soran.edu.iq/about/presidency/vice-president-for-student-affairs
Dean – Faculty of Engineering	Dr. Jamal Ismael Kakrasul	eng.soran.edu.iq

Position	Name	URL
Dean – Faculty of Arts	Dr. Karmand Hamad	arts.soran.edu.iq/about/dean-of-the-faculty
Dean – Faculty of Education	Dr. Ali Yousif Azeez	
Dean – Faculty of Law, Pol. Sci & Mgmt	Dr. Himdad Faysal Ahmad	lpsm.soran.edu.iq
Dean – Faculty of Science	Asst. Prof. Dr. Ayad Nuri Faqi	
Director – Scientific Research Centre	Prof. Dr. Samir Mustafa	src.soran.edu.iq/page/staff.php

7 Evidence of Student Affairs Regulations and Services

Document 7 – Student Affairs & Regulations

A dedicated Student Affairs section is available on the official website. It publishes the regulations students must follow and the services available to them. The digital systems that support these processes are described in Document 9.

Student Affairs	main.soran.edu.iq/student-affairs – dedicated section
Published Regulations	Code of Conduct in the Institutions of the MoHESR · Principles of Professional Ethics and Student Integrity · Attendance Regulations · Emergency Response Plan · Statement of Accommodation
Student Grievance Policy	main.soran.edu.iq/programs/policy/student-grievance – linked in the Students menu
CDC	unicdc.soran.edu.iq – Career Development Centre

8 Evidence of Tuition Fees and Payment Arrangements

Document 8 – Tuition Fees 2026-2027

The tuition fees for parallel and evening Bachelor's study in the academic year 2026–2027 are published on the official website in English and Kurdish, together with the dormitory fees, the instalment plans and the payment windows.

Tuition Fees Page	main.soran.edu.iq/admission/tuition-fees
Approval	1 September 2026 – circular No. 4/1/4208, Directorate of Finance; Office of the Vice-President for Administrative and Financial Affairs
Coverage	30 Bachelor's departments in five faculties, dormitory fees, and the flat fee for serving basic-education teachers
Discount	Parallel and evening students pay 55% of the full tuition (45% discount)
Annual Fee After Discount	880,000 to 1,925,000 IQD, depending on the department
Serving Teachers	600,000 IQD per year in five departments of the Faculty of Education
Payment	Four, three or two instalments, 7 September 2026 to 25 May 2027; at least 75% before spring-semester registration
Downloads	PDF in English and Kurdish on the same page

9 Evidence of Digital Student Systems

Document 9 – SIS, LMS, Online Registration & Certificate Requests

Soran University manages the student's record, teaching and graduation documents through its own online systems. They give each student one place to see the information that concerns them, and they are part of how the University keeps its information current and accurate.

Student Information System (SIS)

The Student Information System (SIS) is the main, official and comprehensive digital platform of Soran University. It was developed to digitise every stage of the administration, monitoring and management of student affairs. It holds the student's record from admission and completion of the registration form, through the creation of the official file, to the final stages of study, graduation and the award of the certificate.

Within this one environment the University manages the student's personal file, applies the requirements of departments and faculties, distributes the weekly timetable, assigns examination halls and timetables, and receives requests, complaints and feedback. These processes are carried out in a transparent and organised way within the Bologna Process and international standards.

SIS also follows the student's daily attendance. Lecturers record the hours of attendance and absence in the system, and the system notifies the student according to the permitted percentage, so that the student does not pass the absence limit. Marks are collected on the basis of the Bologna standards: continuous assessment, practical work, reports and final examinations are added together by the system and the results are shown to the student directly. This removes manual calculation of marks and builds confidence in the assessment process.

Learning Management System (LMS) inside SIS

To extend the system, Soran University has built a learning section (LMS) directly into SIS. It is a part of the same platform and not a separate application. Lecturers place the teaching materials, slides, videos and learning resources in the folder of each module, and they set electronic examinations and continuous exercises there. The main benefit of this integration is that every mark or assessment recorded in the learning section goes immediately, with no manual transfer, to the student's official record in SIS and is counted in the overall mark.

The platform is available through the website and a dedicated mobile application. With one personal account, each student can see their marks, attendance rate, course materials and the latest announcements and decisions of the University. This has replaced paper routines, reduced the visits students make to their departments, and organised communication between students, lecturers and the University administration.

Online registration for new students

The University is developing an online registration system for newly admitted students, so that the registration form and the student's official file are completed online. The system is not yet in public use.

Online certificate requests

Graduates request their graduation documents through the Certificate Request System at certificate.soran.edu.iq. The system has a section for graduates, who submit a request and follow its progress online, and a section for University staff and the responsible directorate, who manage and follow up the requests.

System	Address and function	Status
SIS	sis.soran.edu.iq – separate logins for students, lecturers and departments, for undergraduate and postgraduate study	✓ **Available**
LMS (new version)	Inside SIS – course materials, electronic examinations and exercises; marks pass directly to the student's SIS record	✓ **Available**
Mobile application	Access to marks, attendance, course materials and announcements with one personal account	✓ **Available**
Online registration for new students	Registration form and official student file completed online	○ **In development**
Certificate Request System	certificate.soran.edu.iq – graduates request graduation documents and track the request; staff manage the requests	✓ **Available**

Points noted during the October 2026 verification

These points do not change the availability shown above. They are recorded so that the website can be corrected before the KAAE review; the full action list is in Section E of the FC21 report.

1. The Academic Calendar page still shows the academic year 2024–2025.
2. The Student Grievance Policy page is linked in the Students menu but returned a server error in October 2026.
3. The Certificate Request System is not yet linked from the portal bar of the main website, and the LMS link there still opens lms.soran.edu.iq.
4. The Faculty of Science appears under two addresses: foscience.soran.edu.iq and sci.soran.edu.iq.
5. Staff profiles do not yet show degrees or CVs, and the University Council membership, the organisational chart and a refund policy are not yet published.