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Professional Summary

Prof. Saif S. AlQaydi an experienced academic with extensive expertise in geography and environmental studies. Currently, I serve as the Chancellor of the University of Kalba. My career includes pivotal roles such as Dean of Academic Operations at HCT Fujairah and Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at UAEU. My research focuses on economic activities, environmental management, and GIS applications, aiming to enhance policy and practical approaches to natural resource management in the UAE and internationally.

Education

Academic Qualifications:

- **Ph.D. in Social Science**, University of Durham, UK, 1992
 - Dissertation: "The East Coast of the UAE: An Evaluation of Economic Activities and Future Prospects"
- **M.Sc. in Geography**, Eastern Michigan University, USA, 1987
 - Thesis: "The Modernization of Agriculture in the United Arab Emirates"
- **B.A. in Geography (Economic Geography)**, The United Arab Emirates University Al-Ain, UAE, 1984

Post-Doctoral Certificates:

- **Certificate of Achievement in GIS and Remote Sensing**, Clark University, Worcester, MA, USA, 1997
- **Certificate in Cartographic Sciences**, Salem State College, Massachusetts, USA, 1994.

Academic and Professional Experience

Current Position

- **Chancellor**, University of Kalba, 2023–Present

Previous Positions

- **Professor of Emirates Studies**, Higher College of Technology, Fujairah, 2019-2021.
- **Dean of Academic Operations**, Higher Colleges of Technology, Fujairah, 2017-2019
- **Dean of College of Humanities and Social Sciences**, UAE University, 2013–2016
- **Full Professor**, CHSS, UAE University, September 2013
- **Chair of Geography and Urban Planning Department**, UAE University, 2010
- **Assistant Dean for Student Affairs**, UAE University, 2006–2010
- **Associate Professor**, CHSS, UAE University, October 2003
- **Chair, Geography Program**, UAE University, 2002–2003
- **Academic Supervisor for GIS Training Program**, UAE University, 2005–2006
- **Assistant Professor of Economic Geography and GIS**, UAE University, 1992
- **Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography**, UAE University, 1989

Work-Related Experiences

- **Advisory Board Member**, Arab Journal of Security Studies, Naif Arab University for Security Sciences, KSA, 2016
- **Review Committee Member**, Arab Media Outlook, Dubai Media City, 2016
- **Member**, High Committee to Adopt Roads and Streets Names, Emirate of Abu Dhabi, 2014–2017.
- **External Evaluation Committee Member**, Master of Environmental Science Program, UAEU, 2014
- **Chair**, UAEU Technical Review Committee for Planning Dictionary, 2013–2014
- **Scientific Committee Member**, Journal of the Gulf Cooperation Council Geographical Society, 2012
- **Team Leader**, Sheikh Zayed Desert Learning Center Exhibit Review, Al Ain Zoo, 2011–2012
- **Member**, Abu Dhabi High Committee in Geographical Names, 2011
- **Board Member**, UAE Geographical Society, 2009
- **Representative**, UAE University to Abu Dhabi Municipality for Road Naming Project, 2009
- **Visitor**, Department of Geography, University of Sydney, Summer 2008
- **Consultant Team Member**, Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture & Heritage, 2007–2009
- **Advisory Board Member**, AL-AYN Magazine, UAEU, 2007–2009
- **Vice Chair**, Technical Committee for Toponymy Database, UNGEGN Conference, New York, 2007
- **Dean Advising Group Member**, CHSS, UAE University, 2006–2010
- **Visitor**, George Washington University, Summer 2006
- **Advisory Board Member**, Scientific Journal International, 2006
- **Editorial Board Member**, The Gulf Geographical Journal, GCC Society, 2005–2011
- **Visitor**, Geography Department, University of Durham, Summer 2005
- **Representative**, UAE at UN Geographical Names' Meetings, UNGEGN, 2004–2012
- **Vice-Chairman**, Arab Division on Arab Geographical Names, UNGEGN, 2004–2012
- **Editorial Board Member**, Water International, IWRA, 2004–2007
- **Board Member**, Gulf Cooperation Council Geographical Society, 2003–2012
- **Visitor**, Georgetown University, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, 2001–2002
- **Invited Lecturer and External Examiner**, Research Methods, Police College, Abu-Dhabi, UAE, 1997–2003
- **Fulbright Scholar**, George Washington University, 1997–1998

Research Interests

- **Economic Activities**: Specializing in agriculture, fishing, industry, and tourism.
- **Geographical Names Database**: Involved in developing and managing databases for geographical names.
- **Research Methods**: Expertise in various methodologies for conducting academic research.
- **Environment and Energy**: Focus on sustainable practices and resource management.
- **Water Resources**: Studying the management and preservation of water resources.
- **Natural Resources Management**: Strategies for sustainable management and conservation of natural resources.

- **GIS Applications:** Utilizing Geographic Information Systems for research and practical applications in geography and environmental studies.

Publications

AlQaydi, Saif (2021). Small Scale Family Farm Businesses and Their Role in UAE Food Security. Advancing Food Security in the UAE Conference, HCT, 10th June 2021. Online Edition. (unpublished work).

Al Qaydi, Saif & Al-Mehairi, Jamal (2018). Toward New Dynamics of Naming in Dubai: The Impact of Multiculturalism on Places, Streets and Geographical Features... .7th Academic International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities (AICSSH, Harvard University) Nov. 19-21 Boson, USA.

Fathelrahman, Eihab, Khalid Siddig, Al Qaydi, Saif, Safdar Muhammad, and Rafi Ullah Tasbih Ullah (2017). "Options for Maintaining Fishery Production in the United Arab Emirates due to Climate Change Adaptation Strategies. Emirates Journal for Food and Agriculture, October, 2017.

Al Qaydi, Saif & Al-Ghafli, Ali (2017). The Early Intervention in Fragile Farming Regions and its Impact on World Food Supplies. Proceedings of the 5th Global Conference on Business and Social Sciences on "Contemporary Issues in "Management and Social Sciences Research" (CIMSSR – 2017) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 4–5 May. Pp. 365-376

Al Qaydi, Saif (2016) the academic curriculum in tourism and its importance in rooting its Economic and social development roles in the Gulf Cooperation Council Arabic. The Fifth Scientific Conference of the Gulf Geographical Society. Geographical dimensions of tourism development in the Arabic Gulf States: Reality, Hope and Future Challenges. August 30- 1 September 2016, Salalah, Oman. Pp. 333-351

Al Qaydi, Saif (2016). The Status and Prospects for Agriculture in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and their Potential to Contribute to Food Security. Journal of Basic & Applied Sciences, 2016, 12, pp. 155-163.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2014) Small Scale Sustainable Farming Activities in the United Arab Emirates: The Case of the East Coast of the UAE. Proceedings of 2014 2nd International Conference on Food and Agricultural Sciences (ICFAS 2014) Auckland, 12-13 November, 2014.

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Al Qaydi, Saif (2012) GCC Future Energy Alternatives Challenges: Alternative Future GCC Energy Symposium, Kuwait Geographical Society 18-19 Dec 2012. Kuwait.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2012). Water problem in the UAE mountain areas: Case study, The East Coast Farming Areas. Refereed Proceeding, the Annual International Conference. Universitas Syiah Kuala & IMT-GT Uninet Biosciences Conference during November 22-24, 2012, in Banda Aceh, Indonesia.

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Arthur, Robert. & **Al Qaydi, Saif.** (2010) Agricultural marketing in the western region of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates: attitudes and perceptions. Agriculture and Biology Journal of North America. *Agric. Biol. J. N. Am., 2010, 1(4): 458-468.*

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2010). The Role of the United Arab Emirates Federal Governance System in Rural-urban Regions: Case Study Industrial Solid Waste Management. International Conference on Managing the Urban Rural Interface, 19-22 October, 2010. Frederiksberg Campus, University of Copenhagen.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2009) Training Transformation - Building a GEOINT Knowledge Environment in the GCC Countries. Geospatial Intelligence Conference, Dubai May 10-12.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2008). Tradition, Change, and Government Policy in the United Arab Emirates East Coast Fishing Community. FOCUS on Geography, the American Geographical Society, Vol. 51, No.1.

Al Qaydi, Saif. & Arthur, R. M. (2008). Evaluating the Farming Activities in the Western Region of the United Arab Emirates, *Asia & Pacific Studies*, 5/2008.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2008). Commercial Fish Marketing in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates: A supply and demand study of marine resources and aquaculture potential. The 5th World Fisheries Congress, c/o Congress Corporation. Conference WFC2008, October 20-24-2008, Yokohama, Japan.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2007). The Special Dimension of Farm Crops Production in the Arab Countries. *Emirates Journal of Food and Agriculture*, Volume 19, (2).

Al Qaydi, Saif. and Brownson, J. (2007). Assessing Planned Industrial Location and Economic Development in Dubai, UAE: Spatial and Sector Impacts of Labor Force Distribution among Industrial Establishments. *THE ARAB WORLD GEOGRAPHER*, Vol. 10, no. 2.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2007). Highlights on the Seawater's Geographical Names of the Gulf Co-Operation Council. The 13th International Seminar on the Naming Seas and East Sea, Vienna 26-27/04/07.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2006). Concentration of Industrial Labor force at GCC Countries, A Study on Economic Geography. *Journal of Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies*, No. 123, Vol. 32, Oct. 2006.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2006). Industrial Solid Waste Disposal in Dubai, UAE: A study in Economic Geography. *CITIES*, Vol. 23, No. 2.

Al Qaydi, Saif. and Khalifa al-Rimaithi (2004) Qualitative Writing of United Arab Emirates Geographical Names, UAE Experience. 1st. Arab Meeting on Geographical Names, Tripoli, Libya. Dec. 18-20 2004.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2004). Industrial Establishments and Their Role in the Distribution of Labor Force in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). IGU-UK 2004 Glasgow, UK).

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2004). The Geographical Names in the United Arab Emirates. UNGEGN/22/1, UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names, Twenty-Second Session. New York, 20-29 April 2004.

Al Qaydi, Saif. & Massasati, Ahmed. (2003) United Arab Emirates Profile on Geographical Information System and Cartographic Science. 16th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific, Okinawa, Japan, 14-18, July, 2003. Item 6 (b) of the provisional agenda.

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Al Qaydi, Saif. (2000). General Geographical Characteristics of the United Arab Emirates. *Public Affairs*, No. 4.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (1999). Teaching GIS at the Gulf Co-operation Council Universities: Case Study the Geography Department, University of the UAE. *Geo-Journal*, 47. No 4.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (1997, fall). Introduction to Economic Geography: A Modern Synthesis. Department of Geography, the George Washington University, Newsletter, PP. 2-3.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (1997). Tourism in the UAE. *The Geographical Bulletin*, 39, 6-28.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (1997 March). Agricultural Development in Al-Ain Region (UAE) Between the Reality and Ambition. *Egyptian Geographical Society*, 29, 29-45.

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Al Qaydi, Saif. & Al-Ullama, H. M. (1997, fall). Job Opportunities for New Geographers in the UAE. Applied Study on UAE Geography Department Students. *Journal of Social Affairs, UAE*, 56, 37-58.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (1994, May, 1st issue). The Importance of Remote Sensing in Studying of Physical and Human Phenomena. A~Faaq Gugrafiya, Geography Department, UAE University, Al-Ain. Pp.16-19.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (1993). Introduction to Geographical Information System (GIS). *Diri` al-Watan*, No.367, 85-7.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (1988). The Modernization of Agriculture in the United Arab Emirates. *The Geographical Bulletin*, Vol. 30, No. 2, 1987-1988.

Book Chapters:

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2014). UAE Main Geographical Characteristics. *UAE Studies*, Chapter 3. Published by Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, 2014, 2015, 2016.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2012). UAE Environment, UAE Society textbook. Chapter Three. UAE University. (Unpublished work).

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Al Qaydi, Saif. (2011). Highlights on the UAE Economic Growth. Chapter five, UAE Economic, Zayed Military College.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2011). The Impact of Pearl Diving and Trade on the United Arab Emirates' Architecture. *Chapter on a book title: Abu Dhabi & Pearls... A story with a history.* Published by Al Hosn Research and Studies Centre, Abu Dhabi.

Non-Refereed Journals, Conferences, Newsletters and Magazines

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2011) Food security in the United Arab Emirates: Organic Food as an alternative's food supply. The 17 IFOAM OWC 2011, Organic World Congress. Seoul, South Korea. Sep. 26-Oct 5 2011.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2010). The Role of the United Arab Emirates Federal Governance System in Rural-urban Regions: Case Study Industrial Solid Waste Management. International Conference on Managing the Urban Rural Interface, Frederiksberg Campus, University of Copenhagen 19-22 October, 2010.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2010). The Impact of Desertification UAE Economic Activities, Symposium on Biodiversity, Ecosystem Management and Green Economy, 13 June 2010, Environment Protection & Development Authority, Ras Al Khaimah.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2010). A Project for Building Automated Database for the Arab Cities Using Beirut Guide for Romanization: Reality and Ambitions. The 5th Arab Conference on Geographical Names, Beirut, May 26 – 29 2010.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2010). Managing Industrial Waste in the UAE' Mountain Areas, using Geographical Information System and Remote Sensing Techniques. 3rd GCC Geographical Society Conference: New Techniques and the Sustainable Development. Doha, Qatar March 9-11

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2009). New Arab Cities Geographical Names Electronic Database Using Beirut Guideline for Romanization. Code: 2009643RWXTOS. International Cartographic Conference (ICC2009) Santiago, Chile Nov. 15-21.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2009). Industrial & Hazardous Waste Management in the UAE Suburban Areas. Hazardous Waste Conference. Dubai, Nov. 8-9.

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Al Qaydi, Saif. (2009) Training Transformation - Building a GEOINT Knowledge Environment in the GCC Countries, Geospatial Intelligence Conference, Dubai May 10-12.

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Books

Al Qaydi, Saif. Al Ullama, Hussan., Al Kitbi, Asma. and Ridha, Najat. (2015) *Geography of the United Arab Emirates Advance Topics*. Assigned for the Geography of the UAE course in UAEU. PDF online copy for UAEU Intranet. Also Edited by **Al Qaydi, Saif.**

Al Hamidi, M. **Al Qaydi, Saif.** & Mohsin, M. (2009) *Research Methodology: its rules and skills*. Abu Dhabi: Ministry of Interior, Institute of Police Officers Training.

Al Qaydi, Saif. Al Ullama, Hussam., Al Kitbi, Asma. and Ridha, Najat. (2008) *Geography of the United Arab Emirates*. Assigned for the Geography of the UAE course at UAEU.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2003) *Introduction to Economic Geography*. Al-Ain: Maktabat al-Falah. Second Edition 2009.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2001) *Introduction to Research Writing in Humanities and Social Sciences*. Dubai: Bin Dismal Printing Press.

Al Qaydi, Saif. and Ghunaim, Abdulhameed. (2001) *Urban Growth in Al-Ain Region and its Effect on Developing the Economic Activities*. Abu Dhabi: Cultural Foundation.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (1999). *Economic Geography: Principles, Approaches and Applications*. Dubai: Dar al- Qalam.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (1997). *Selected Bibliography in Geography Using Transportation*. Fujairah: Fujairah National Printing Press. (In English).

Other Research Related Work

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2006) Arabic Translation of the USGS Water- Cycle Web Site.

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2006) Editor, Geography Textbook for 10th Grade. UAE Ministry of Education. Dubai: Abu Dhabi Printing Press Company (ISBN-9948-09-189-2).

Al Qaydi, Saif. (2006) Editor. Teacher' Guide for 10th Grade Geography Textbook (Practical Textbook). UAE Ministry of Education. Dubai: Abu Dhabi Printing Press Company (ISBN-9948-09-190-6).

Al Qaydi, Saif. (1996) Editor. Al-Jughrafya Li Saf Al-Awal Iadadi. (Seventh Grade textbook). UAE Ministry of Education. Dubai: Dar al-Qhurair Printing Press.

Al Qaydi, Saif. Editor (1996). Dalil al-Mualim Ila Kitab Al-Jughrafya. (Seventh Grade teacher's guide, UAE Ministry of Education. Dubai: Dar Al-Ghurair Printing Press.

Conferences and Workshops

Conferences

- Participated with paper at the **Advancing Food Security in the UAE Conference**, HCT, 10th June 2021. Online Edition.
- Participated in The **Third Fujairah Conference on Historical Buildings and Restoration Methods**. Fujairah 11-12 December 2019.
- **The 7th Academic International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities** (AICSSH, Harvard University) (2018), Boston, USA.
- **The 5th Global Conference on Business and Social Sciences on "Contemporary Issues in "Management and Social Sciences Research"** (CIMSSR – 2017) (2017) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- **Geography 2050: Envisioning A Sustainable Planet symposium** (2016). Columbia University, New York, NY.
- **The Fifth Scientific Conference of the GCC Geographical Society (2016):** Presented on "Geographical Dimensions of Tourism Development in the GCC States, Reality, Expectations, and Challenges," Salalah, Oman.
- **21st Annual Youth and Development Conference (2016):** Chaired a session, The Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research, Abu Dhabi.
- **International Forum: Geographical Names in the Arab World and the Countries of the Sahel (2016):** Submitted a paper, National Center for Research in Cultural and Social Anthropology and the UNGEGN, Constantine, Algeria.
- **3rd International Conference on Food and Agricultural Sciences (2015):** Keynote speaker, Dubai, UAE.
- **6th Annual Conference on Education (2015):** The Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research, Abu Dhabi.
- **3rd International Conference on Global Warming: Food Security (2015):** Keynote speaker, Ras Al Khaimah, UAE.
- **2nd International Conference on Food and Agricultural Sciences (2014):** Presented a paper, Auckland, New Zealand.

- **International Conference for the Gifted and Talented (2014):** Chaired the first session, UAE University, Al-Ain.
- **Mountain Research Initiative Key Contact Workshop (2013):** University of California, Berkeley.

Workshops and Seminars

- **AlQaydi, Saif.** Delivered a workshop on Principles of scientific publishing, its importance in academic promotion, and the first steps of academic writing and scientific publishing (2021).
- **AlQaydi, Saif. Participated in International Symposium on Geospatial Intelligence (2020),** Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute, Mumbai.
- **National Workshop on Alien Invasive Species (2016):** Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, Dubai.
- **Executive Leadership Academy (2015):** "Leading in a Multicultural Environment," University of California, Berkeley.
- **Publication Mechanism Workshop (2012):** Kuwait University, Kuwait.
- **Effective Leadership and Organizational Diagnosis Workshop (2009):** UAE University, Al Ain.
- **New Trends on Research Methods Workshop (2009):** Fatima Bint Abdulmalik School, Kalba, Sharjah.
- **New Trends in Teaching Geography Workshop (2009):** UAE University, Al-Ain.
- **Field Data Collection Workshop on Geographical Names (2007):** Rural Area in Tunis.
- **Research Technique Workshop (2007):** Ministry of Education, East Coast Office, Kalba.
- **Industrial Zones in Europe and US Lecture (2007):** MAKKA School, Al-Ain.
- **Farming Activities in the World Lecture (2007):** MAKKA School, Al-Ain.
- **Freehand Workshop (2004):** UAE University, Al-Ain.
- **Interactive Learning Workshops (2003):** UAE University, Al-Ain.
- **Blackboard Workshop (2002):** UAE University, Al-Ain.
- **Modern Technology in Geography Workshop (1998/1999):** UAE University.
- **Database, Sources, and Management Symposium (1998):** UAE University.
- **Assessing GIS Information Accuracy Workshop (1997):** Washington D.C., USA.
- **IDRISI Program Training (1997):** Clark University, MA, USA.
- **Developing Lectures Using PowerPoint Workshop (1996):** UAE University.
- **MicroStation and Geographic Programs Workshop (1996):** Dubai, UAE.
- **GIS and Remote Sensing Workshop (1996):** Nashville, Tennessee.
- **Arc/Info Workshop on GIS for Water and Sewerage (1996):** Dubai, UAE.
- **Introduction to GIS Workshop (1995):** URISA, Nashville, Tennessee.
- **Cartography and Map Design Workshop (1995):** URISA, Nashville, Tennessee.
- **SPSS Training Workshop (1994/1995):** UAE University.
- **GIS and Remote Sensing Courses (1994):** Salem State College, MA, USA.
- **High Technology Solutions Workshop (1993):** UAE Environmental Network, Abu Dhabi.
- **Photocopying, Transparencies, and Slides Training (1992/1993):** UAE University.

Awards, Honors, and Scholarships

- **2013:** Academic Excellence Award, Cultural and Scientific Association, Dubai
- **2007:** Merit Reward, UAE University
- **2007:** Selected by the International Biographic Centre (Great Britain) for inclusion in the 2008/2009 Outstanding Scientists biography
- **2007:** Listed in Marquis Who's Who in the World, 25th Silver Anniversary Edition
- **2006:** UAE University Distinguished in Teaching, Research and Community Services, CHSS, Geography Program
- **1997:** Fulbright Scholarship, Department of Geography, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., USA
- **1992:** Rashid's Award for Scientific Outstanding, Government of Dubai, UAE
- **1993:** UAE University Preeminence Honor
- **1989:** Ministry of Education (UAE) Distinguished Student Prize

Professional Memberships

- **Member,** Scientific Committee, Geographical Journal, GCC Geographical Society (since 2012)
- **Member,** UAE Geographical Society Board
- **Member,** Gulf Co-Operation Council Geographical Society Board (2004–2009)
- **Member,** Economic Geography Specialty Group
- **Member,** European Aquaculture Society (2005–2007)
- **Member,** The Saudi Geographical Society (since 1998)
- **Member,** International Water Resources Association (since 2000)
- **Member,** Egyptian Geography Society (1996–2004)
- **Member,** Association of American Geographers (since 1995)
- **Member,** Sociologists Association, Sharjah, UAE (since 1994)
- **Designated Member,** World Meteorological Organization Technical Commissions, UAE (1994–1997).
- **Member,** Syrian Geographical Society (1995–2005)
- **Member,** Texas Committee on V.S.-Arab Relations (since 1995)
- **Member,** National Geographic Society (since 1985)

Skills and Competencies

- **Economic Sustainability:** Expertise in sustainable economic practices related to agriculture, fishing, industry, and tourism.
- **Applied Research and Technology:** Proficiency in implementing research methodologies and leveraging technology for academic and practical applications.
- **Long-term Monitoring and Analysis:** Skilled in monitoring environmental change indicators and analyzing long-term data.
- **Geographical Information Systems (GIS):** Advanced skills in GIS applications for various geographical and environmental studies.
- **Environmental Management:** Competence in managing and preserving natural resources, with a focus on water and energy resources.
- **Educational Leadership:** Proven leadership in academic administration and operations, enhancing educational programs and student affairs.