

Alsunians in Wikipedia for Arabic

The faculty of Al-Alsun (languages), Ain Shams University is a unique Egyptian educational institution where students learn languages and translation. Wikipedia has been successfully used as a teaching tool in Alsun for 5 years.

How Wikipedia is integrated

Students always want to get more training in translation. Wikipedia provides an excellent opportunity for them to receive feedback on their translations and to benefit from the linguistic and cultural discussions going in the Wikipedia community. It is also motivating to translate materials that are actually read and used by other people around the world.

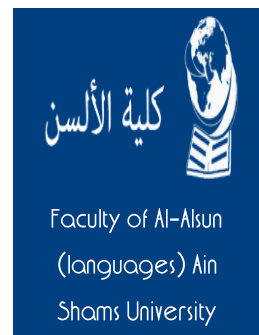
Through Wikipedia Education Program, interested and qualified students are taught how to edit Wikipedia and add Arabic translations to it.

The **Department of English** in Alsun has been a major contributor from the program's early days with more than 150 students adding hundreds of thousands of bytes each semester. Many of the uploaded articles are good or featured.

Other significant contributions come from the **Department of Italian** where more than 50 students have been adding Arabic translations from which good and featured articles are nominated.

No grades!

Alsunian Wikipedians do not translate Wikipedia into Arabic for grades. It is just one thing they love to do. They love to increase the Arabic content and give back to their community. With a little motivation, they achieve great success!



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