

Dr. Bardesi's Bio

Dr. Hisham Jameel Bardesi is the Dean of Deanship e Learning and Distance Education (eLDE) at King Abdulaziz University (KAU) in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Prior to his appointment as dean, Dr. Bardesi has served as the Director of Academic Affairs and the Vice-Dean and the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Administration. During his tenure, he has successfully established and led a number of pioneering projects and educational simulations, among which is the most popular Virtual e-Stock Market for training students.

Following a flourishing tenure of sustained and constant development at the Faculty of Economics and Administration, Dr. Bardesi has been appointed as the Dean of e-Learning and Distance Education in 2009. Since then, he has played a significant role in the development and implementation of a number of initiatives including a highly systematic online Learning Management System and an e-exam system which are available for all KAU students to learn and evaluate their progress. Under his direct supervision and guidance, the Deanship of e-Learning and Distance Education has been able to get the European Accreditation for e-learning programs at KAU.

In his capacity as the Dean of eLDE, Dr. Bardesi has managed all KAU activities pertinent to planning, implementing, and evaluating the processes of developing e-Learning and distance education in all Colleges of KAU and its branches. His responsibilities also include managing several e-learning service units such as the Learning Management System (Blackboard), electronic exams (Question Mark), depository storage, e-course development and faculty-training unit for integrating technology in classroom. In addition, he has supervised more than 1,300,000 e-exams, which have been conducted in the university along with training more than 6600 KAU faculty members.

Under his deanship of e Learning and Distance Education, King Abdulaziz University has received a number of prestigious awards for its achievements in the field of e-learning. Some of these awards include:

- The Ministry of Higher Education Award for excellence in Digital Course.
- The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology Award for Digital Excellence in e-Learning.
- Abha Award for Educational Homepages.
- Khaliaf Award for New Media and Education.
- Blackboard Excellence Award.
- Blackboard Certificate of Accomplishment the largest Digital Repository in Middle East.

Dr. Bardesi has also served on various councils and committees pertinent to promoting e-Learning activities at King Abdulaziz University and kingdom wide. He has been very active in pursuing national and international participations in conferences and seminars in the area of integrating technology in education.

His research and development work has generated considerable media interest. I have discussed distance education and E-Learning on national TV, radio and newspapers.

He received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from King Abdulaziz University, and Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees, both from Colorado State University, USA in 1998.

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