

# SWOSU Signs Agreements with Two Jordan Universities

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Jadara University in Jordan recently signed an agreement of academic exchange. Signing the agreement are Jadara University President Dr. A. Al-Rabbai (left) and SWOSU College of Arts and Sciences Dean Dr. Radwan Al-Jarrah.

Al-Balqa' Applied University President Omar Rimawi (fifth from left) signs an agreement of academic exchange with Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Witnessing the event is SWOSU College of Arts and Sciences Dean Dr. Radwan Al-jarrah (third from left) and several BAU vice presidents.

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SWOSU now has agreements with Jadara University and Al Balqa' Applied University (BAU) that will provide both student and faculty opportunities for all three universities.

SWOSU President Dr. John Hays, Jadara University President Dr. A. Al-Rabbai and BAU President Omar Rimawi all recently signed the agreements. SWOSU was represented in Jordan by Dr. Radwan Al-Jarrah, dean of the SWOSU College of Arts and Sciences.

"This is our third and fourth international exchange agreements that will allow several of our students to benefit from these extraordinary experiences," Hays said. "These international exchanges are part of our strategic plan that by 2010, SWOSU students will be better prepared to live in an increasingly global, diverse, and technological society."

The first exchange of students and faculty with the two Jordanian universities is expected to be in the fall of 2009.

The agreement with Jadara University is a five-year agreement, while the BAU-SWOSU agreement is for four years. Both agreements can be renewed.

Jadara University is located in Irbid, located in the northern part of Jordan. The city has approximately 300,000 people. Jadara is in its third year of existence and has around 1,000 students.

BAU is located in a suburb of the Jordan capital city of Amman. BAU has about 41,500 students.

SWOSU has locations in Weatherford and Sayre. The university has 5,000 students. SWOSU already has in place international exchange agreements with Dong-A University in Korea and the International University of San Isidro Labrador of Costa Rica.