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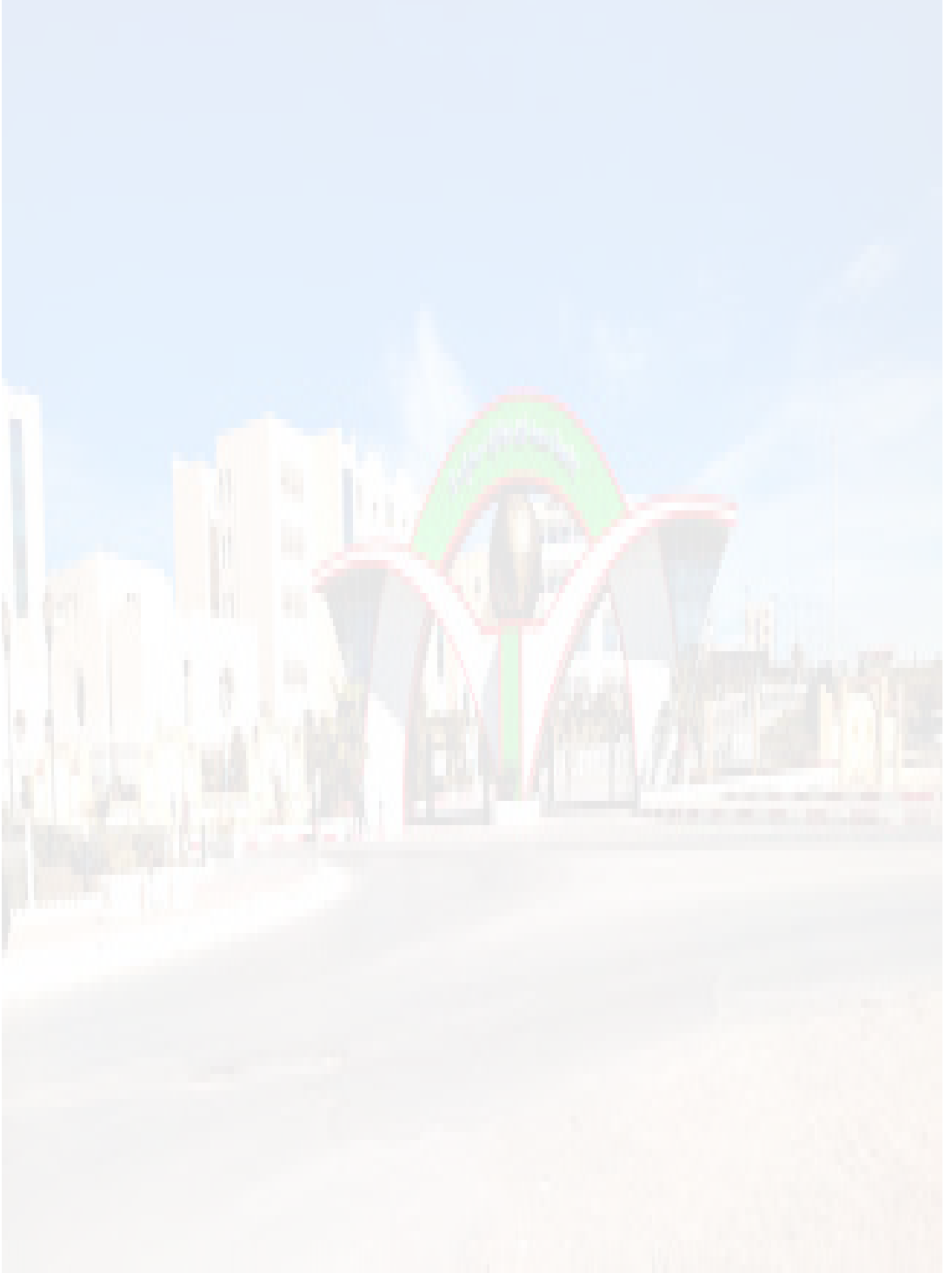
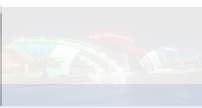
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Speech of the President of the University

Today, I find myself standing in front of a 10-year-old journey of existence, a journey that began from scratch and launched almost from nothingness.. Where the University of Setif 2 was found, since its inception in November 2011, in a space designed to be a mere expansion of the mother university, with a limited number of supervising staff, to start a challenging story of establishing an institution on solid ground and solid foundations for a promising scientific edifice



We welcome you through the pages of this guide. Since the beginning, we have focused in this scientific institution on building a character that provides a suitable atmosphere and environment for the university community.

To build a knowledgeable and skilled student who develops their abilities through the experience of teachers and enhance their potential through the creativity of their mentors, especially considering that we are in a university specialized in teaching humanities and social sciences.

The university, for which we thank you for your interest, has progressed steadily since the laying of the first building blocks and commencing its actual journey in 2012. It has achieved a multitude of accomplishments in various fields, which we will see later on.

Throughout its journey, the university has focused on fostering a spirit of research and innovation, gaining certificates of excellence. It has established itself as a prestigious institution locally, nationally, and internationally, making significant efforts in recruiting scientific and administrative talents throughout these years, in order to enhance pedagogical and administrative performance. The university has also been keen on fostering a spirit of creativity among students, encouraging them to venture into various fields and become pioneers in their respective areas.

We are pleased, as a university, to present this guide that we have diligently worked on to encapsulate the 10-year journey of real existence of this institution. We have endeavored to highlight numerous milestones from its inception until today.

The Rector
Guechi El Keir



Presentation

University of Mohamed Lamine Debaghine Setif 2 is the result of diligent work, national strategy, and a developmental path for higher education system. The state of Setif used to have only one university named Ferhat Abbas, which was established in 1978. It has become necessary, due to significant expansion and the increasing number of students, to divide the university into two separate universities: Setif 1 and Setif 2.



Our university, Setif 2, specializes in humanities and social sciences disciplines and has been built upon three faculties since its establishment. This aligns with the principle of enhanced management control and addresses the society's need to strengthen and reinforce the field of humanities and social sciences.

The city and location

The University of Mohamed Lamine Debaghine Setif 2 is situated in the highlands region on the eastern side of the city of Setif, historically known as Azdif, meaning "black soil". The university has a total area of 94 hectares.



Setif is one of the vast cities of Algeria. It is located approximately 300 kilometers from the capital city of Algeria, Algiers, and around 130 kilometers from the coastline of the Mediterranean Sea. Setif is situated at an altitude of over 1,100 meters above sea level.

Setif, with its current population of approximately 2 million people, is a city of beauty, history, agriculture, industry, and sports.

Setif is a rich and diverse city with its unique local customs, traditions, and cultural heritage.

Setif.. an attractive city

The history, climate, location, the grains of wheat which sway in lush greenery and are adorned with golden hues during the summer, the white carpet that covers the city in winter, springs of fresh water bursting from every corner, the hot baths, and the generosity and hospitality of people, all of these values and qualities make the city of Setif attractive to others.

Setif in the heart of history

Setif is considered the cradle of humanity. It contains the oldest remains of the first human in the site known as "Mouradi Ain El Hanech" near the municipality of El Kola El Zarka, dating back to 2.4 million years ago. Civilizations have succeeded each other in this region, including the Numidian-Masyle and Masasissil



kingdoms. The region witnessed the Roman occupation in the 1st century AD, when Emperor Nerva established the Roman city of Sitifis in 96-98 AD as a settlement for retired soldiers. This settlement lasted for 5 centuries, and then it was followed by the Vandal and Byzantine invasions that lasted for 3 centuries, until the Islamic conquest and the Ottoman presence, and later the French colonization.

Setif.. A fortress of resistance

French colonization reached Setif around 1838, quickly positioned itself and set up military sites in the city in parallel with the emergence of a national movement that flourished in the 1930s. Setif came to represent a fortress of the national resistance, especially after the massacres of May 8, 1945, which contributed to shaping the parameters of the revolution of November 1954, the Forum of the National Movement Currents, the Independence Movement, the People's Party, and the Victory and Freedom Movement, or the Reformist Current represented by the Association of Muslim Scholars, and the equality currents represented by the Ferhat Abbas Group and the Democratic Union for the Algerian Statement.

University Establishment

The University of Sétif-2 was established by Executive Decree No. 11-404 of November 28, 2011, and officially started in September 2012. It currently consists of three faculties:

1. Faculty of Law and Political Sciences: It was officially established in 1999 and initially focused on teaching Law until the academic year 2013-2014. Since then, the faculty consists of two departments: Law and Political Sciences.
2. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences: It was initially established as the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences in 1998, and its name was changed to the current one in 2010.
3. Faculty of Letters and Languages: The Faculty of Letters and Languages was established after the restructuring of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences in 2010.

On November 1, 2014, the university was named after the Mujahid Dr. Mohamed Lamine Debaghine for historical, revolutionary, and academic reasons.

Why a University for Social and Humanities Sciences?

Undoubtedly, dedicating a university to social and humanities sciences will have important consequences, including the opportunity to develop these sciences and empower them to play a pioneering role in the face of the profound social, cultural, political, and economic transformations and changes.

The need for humanities and social sciences is more pressing today, as they are instrumental in building values and shaping individuals and society.

These sciences are also crucial for understanding the behaviors and attitudes of individuals and citizens, fostering civic culture, belonging, participation, collective work, solidarity, acceptance of others, and other values and components that contribute to achieving social maturity.

Faculties and Departments

Mohamed Lamine Debaghine University-Sétif2 encompasses 13 departments distributed among its three faculties as follows:



* **Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences:** It includes eight (8) departments, namely:

- Department of Humanities (common core syllabus)
- Department of Social Sciences (common core syllabus)
- Department of History and Archaeology
- Department of Media and Communication
- Department of Sports Science and Physical Activity Techniques
- Department of Philosophy
- Department of Psychology, Education Sciences, and Ortho-photics
- Department of Sociology.



* **Faculty of Arts and Languages:** It includes three (3) departments:

- Department of Arabic Language and Literature
- Department of French Language and Literature
- Department of English Language and Literature.



* **Faculty of Law and Political Sciences:** It consists of two departments:

- Department of Law
- Department of Political Sciences.





Specialties

Since its establishment, Mohamed Lamine Debaghine University has offered various specialties in humanities, social sciences, and law. These specialties and their names and contents have changed over the years, with new specialties being introduced.


For example, in the academic year 2013/2014, specialties such as Sports Science and Physical Activity Techniques and Political Science were introduced.

In the academic year 2014/2015, the number of specializations reached 28 in the licence degree, and 44 in the master's degree, including three new master's specialties.

From 2015/2016 to 2018/2019, the university had worked on aligning the licence and master degrees and specialties with the needs of the job market.

In 2017/2018, the General Administration branch with national registration was opened, offering two specialties: Public Administration and Electronic Administration.

In 2020/2021, new master's specialties were introduced in the field of law and political sciences. Currently, the university offers a total of 22 licence specialties and 46 master's specialties as illustrated in the table below:

	Domain	Branch
	Law and Political Sciences	Law
Political Science		
Arabic Language and Literature		Critical Studies
	Linguistics Studies	
	Literary Studies	
	Arts and Foreign Languages	French Language
		English Language
	Social and Humain Sciences	Human Sciences
		Social Sciences
		Sports Training
		School Physical Activity and Sport

• Students' Census

The number of students at the University of Mohammed Lamin Debaghine, Sétif has gradually evolved, reaching 31,400 in the course of the year (2021/2022), distributed in the university disciplines and the following table shows the number of students from the year of establishment to the year of 2012/2022:



Academic year	Number of registered students
2011-2012	11738
2012-2013	16708
2013-2014	17579
2014-2015	18534
2015-2016	20551
2016-2017	23421
2017-2018	25719
2018-2019	25801
2019-2020	25104
2020-2021	29031
2021 - 2022	28750
2023 - 2022	25470

The following table shows the number of graduate students from 2012-2021

Academic year	Setif 2 University	Faculty of Law and Political Sciences	Faculty of Arts and Languages	Faculty of Human and Social Sciences
Number of registered students	31400	8432	3901	13667
licence	20181	5864	5783	8618
Master	10456	2457	3316	4683
Doctorate «LMD»	564	99	175	290
Doctorate «Sciences»	195	31	69	95



Academic year	Number of registered students
2012-2013	3979
2013-2014	4865
2014-2015	5002
2015-2016	5370
2016-2017	4888
2017-2018	5719
2018-2019	5667
2019-2020	7531
2020-2021	6802



The following table illustrates the evolution of the number of international students from 2014-2022

Academic year	Faculty of Law and Political Sciences	Faculty of Arts and Languages	Faculty of Human and Social Sciences	total
2014-2015	10	09	27	46
2015-2016	11	07	18	36
2016-2017	25	13	18	56
2017-2018	32	19	16	67
2018-2019	39	23	20	82
2019-2020	38	24	22	84
2020-2021	38	23	17	78
2021-2022	38	15	12	65



- **Framework**

- **Administrative Framework**

The staff number at the University of Mohammed Lamin Debaghine Sétif2 has evolved from one year to the other, as shown in the following table:

This table shows the number of students and their distribution on the three faculties of the university

Year/Rank		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1	Employees	173	252	295	281	322	322
	Administrative staff						
	Technicians						
	Support staff						
2	Contractors	103	167	186	186	201	200

Year/Rank		2018	2019	2020	2021
1	Employees	337	327	332	317
	Administrative staff				
	Technicians				
	Support staff				
2	Contractors	210	209	203	207

Pedagogical Framework

In its turn, has known a quantitative advance with the increasing number of teachers hired annually and qualitatively through the scientific grades that the they have been attaining since the inception of the University. This is illustrated in the table that follows:

Year/Rank	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Professor	11	16	17	23	32	32
Lecturer « A »	39	43	50	58	68	81
Lecturer « B »	37	33	51	75	110	124
Assistant Lecturer « A »	224	285	298	325	298	292
Assistant Lecturer « B »	194	200	191	120	200	170
Assistant	02	02	02	02	02	02
Total	507	579	609	603	710	701



Year/Rank	2018	2019	2020	2021
Professor	43	49	69	87
Lecturer « A »	148	142	191	240
Lecturer « B »	162	180	192	200
Assistant Lecturer « A »	290	290	242	210
Assistant Lecturer « B »	81	110	89	30
Assistant	00	00	00	00
Total	724	771	783	767



• Scientific Research

Since its establishment, the scientific research at the University has gradually evolved in terms of the number of students enrolled in postgraduate studies, thesis defending, and research projects.

- Higher Studies

Number of students enrolled in post-graduate studies from 2012 to 2022			
Registration beyond the second graduation		Registration beyond the first graduation	
Ph.D., third phase	ES-Science Doctorate	Doctoral Schools	Magister
670	190	758	00
Total Number 860			



• **Discussions**

Number of discussants in post-graduate studies from 2012 to 2022			
Registration beyond the second graduation		Registration beyond the first graduation	
Ph.D., third phase	ES-Science Doctorate	Doctoral Schools	Magister
86	182	518	66
Total Number 334			

• **Research Projects**

Since its inauguration, university teachers have been involved in many research projects and in various forms, as detailed in each Form:

1. **P.N.R. Form**

25 research projects between the period of 2011_2013

2. **C.N.E.P.R.U. Form**

47 research projects between the period from 2012 till 2016

3. **P.R.F.U. Formula of research projects**

155 projects between 2018- 2022

- **Research Laboratories**

Since the founding of the University, a significant number of research laboratories, various disciplines and fields have been accredited to 18 laboratories and one research unit, as detailed below:





Faculty	Year of Assumption	Name of the Laboratory	Number
Faculty of Law and Political Sciences	2009	Human rights studies and research	01
	2015	Studies and research on colonial massacres	02
	2018	Application of modern technologies on the law	03
Faculty of Letters and Languages	2010	Glossary of linguistic and rhetorical terms in Arab heritage until the end of the seventh century A.H.	04
	2012	The methods of criticism and discourse analysis	05
	2014	Arab culture in literature and its criticism	06
	2014	Aesthetics in Literary and Critical Studies	07
	2015	The deliberative approach and discourse strategies	08
	2015	Narratives and cultural patterns	09
	2019	Translation and comparative studies in arts and literature	10
	2023	Laboratory of French language and literature	11
Faculty of Social and Human Sciences	2013	Contemporary Algerian society	12
	2010	Clinical psychology	13
	2015	Heritage and archaeological studies	14
	2018	Physical activities, sports and public health laboratory	15
	2019	Research in invasive disorders in development and autism	16
	2021	Psychopathology and neuropsychology laboratory	17
	2013	Research Unit: Human Resources Development	18
	2023	Philosophical Studies Laboratory	19



Scientific journals

1- Journal of Letters and Social Sciences

The Journal of letters and Social Sciences is a six-monthly refereed scientific journal classified “C”. It is published by the University of Mohamed Lamine Debaghine, Setif-2- since 2004. Its impact factor reached 0.1885. It is supervised by the Vice Rectorate of the University in charge of scientific research. The journal has reached its 37th issue with an average of 771.



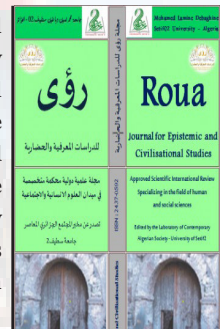
2- Journal of Human Resources Development

The Journal of Human Resources Development is a semi-annual international peer-reviewed scientific journal classified “C”. It is published by the University of Mohamed Lamine Debaghine, Setif -2- since 2004. Its impact factor is 0.1444. It is supervised by the Research Unit, Human Resources Development for Research and Original Studies. The journal reached its 37th issue, with an average of 537 published articles.



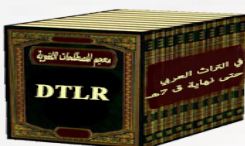
3- Ruaa Journal of Cognitive and Civilizational Studies

The Ruaa Journal for Cognitive and Civilizational Studies is an international scientific journal, semi-annual, unclassified. It is published by the Laboratory of Contemporary Algerian Society of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Mohamed Lamine Debaghine, Setif-2. The journal is concerned with the field of humanities and social sciences and provides an academic platform for researchers to contribute to innovative work in this field with original research that has not been previously published. It is presented accurately in a scientific manner that matches the specifications of the peer-reviewed articles. The journal reached its 10th issue, with an average of 101 published articles.



4- Journal of Legal and Political Research

The Journal of Legal and Political Research is an international, free, unclassified, hexagonal, scientific journal. It is published by the two following research laboratories: the Laboratory of Colonial Massacres and the Laboratory of Application of Modern Technologies to Law which belong to the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of the University of Mohamed Lamine Daghine Setif -2-, its impact factor was 0.0875, and the journal reached 0.0875. Number 6, with an average of 67 published articles.





- **Distant Formation Cell**



The distant Formation cell at Mohamed Lamine Debaghine University, Setif 2, contributed to improving the university's pedagogical performance by training teachers in various contents. The number of teachers formed reached 318, with 292 lessons being taught remotely, and this is since 2014 up to this day.

- **The Central Library**

After the establishment of the University of Setif-2, in 2011, the documentary stock related to each single discipline at the university was transferred from the central library of the University of Setif-1 to the library of the University of Setif 2, and the beginning of its activity was during the academic season 2012/2013. The documentary stock of the central library consists of books, encyclopedias, dictionaries, Scientific journals and university dissertations and theses, all related to the disciplines of humanities and social sciences, literature, languages and Law. The number of titles reached 24,724 titles.



Furthermore, the university abounds in rich libraries at each faculty level, which count until the end of 2021 a significant number of copies. The library of the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences alone counts more than 69 thousand copies, besides the library of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences counts more than 57 thousand copies. Moreover, the Faculty of Arts and Languages counts more than 56 thousand copies.

- **External relations**

Despite its modernity compared with the other national universities, the field of relations, agreements and dynamics at the University of Mohamed Lin Debaghine Sétif 2 has witnessed significant activity and distinguished development.



Internationally, the university has been paving its way towards building fruitful academic relationships with various foreign universities. Hence, the number of international agreements reached up until the current year has reached 37 agreements. The first agreement was signed on December 18, 2012, with Brigham University in Italy, and the latest one was in September of 2021 with the University of Oviedo in Spain.



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Nationally, the university is connected to various institutions across the country through direct agreements, or by participating in scientific cooperation projects within the framework of international research projects. The first national agreement was signed in May 2013 with the Higher School of Political Sciences.

Locally, the university has entered into 33 local agreements since its establishment. These agreements include collaborations with executive directorates in the state of Sétif, institutions, agencies, as well as some associations. This reflects the university's desire to further engage with the local community, especially with institutions that are interested in the specialties offered by the university.

International Research Projects

Since its inception, Mohammed Lamine Debaghine University Sétif 2 has actively participated in numerous international research projects and scientific collaborations. As mentioned in the following table:





N°	Name of the Project	The Organizer of the Project	Number of Participated European	The Universities Arabic	Year
01	Education and Religious Diversity in the Western Mediterranean EDIR	European Council	02	02	2010-2012
02	Education and Democratic Culture Standard: Transparency in Higher Education» ECUD	European Council	02	01	2014-2016
03	The approach based on human rights in higher education in the Arab Maghreb ABDEM	University of La Rioja Spain	06	06	2014-2016
04	The dialogue between cultures, networks, and movements in the Mediterranean DIRE-MED	Mediterranean Universities Union	05	06	2018
05	Algerian Higher Education in the context of university governance ESAGOV	Mediterranean Universities Union		Higher Education + 13 universities	2018-2020
06	Counter-terrorism and extremism can be translated as PRANET (Counter-terrorism and Extremism)	University of Bergamo Italy	02	01	2020-2022
07	Establishment of institutional capacities for refugee integration Ci-Res	University of Sètif 2 Algeria	Unimed + 03	Higher Education + 03 universities	2020-2023
08	Programming of Algerian universities can be translated as CLOC	University of Geneva	Swiss University Group	02	2022-2024



Scholarships and Awards

The University provides numerous opportunities for its academic community by offering different training programmes for various categories, such as the ERASMUS, which has been actively promoted and enabled the provision of 250 training opportunities for students, teachers, and the administrative staff to various European destinations. The university ,also, ensures a conducive environment for students to benefit from various merit scholarships and awards each year.

Scientific Events

The University is keen, annually, to organize international and national forums, conferences, and scientific seminars in various fields. These events are relevant to current issues and aim to enrich topics that are related to the national and local community. Additionally, the university organizes scientific events to celebrate various national and historical days associated with the national memory.



University Business Incubator

In accordance with the Executive Decree No. 20-254 issued in September 2020, which establishes the National Committee for granting the “Startup” label, “Innovative Project,” and “Business Incubator” and defines its tasks, structure, and operation.

The University Business Incubator of Mohamed Lamine Debaghine University of Sétif 2 was established at the end of 2022. It is a department under the supervision of the university, affiliated with the Ministry of Higher Education, and falls under the authority of the General Directorate of Scientific Research and Technological Development. Its main focus is to support and guide university students with the aim of developing them into highly skilled and innovative entrepreneurs. Its motto is **“Think - Innovate - Prosper.”**

The Business Incubator works to attract, nurture, and guide individuals with creative and innovative ideas, aiming to transform these ideas into productive economic projects. Its goal is to establish **startup enterprises** that generate financial profits, contribute to economic wealth creation, and diversify exports.



Entrepreneurship House

The Entrepreneurship House at Mohamed Lamine Debaghine University of Sétif 2 was established in early 2013. Since its inception, it has been encouraging students at the university to engage and actively



participate in the world of entrepreneurship, with the aim of driving the national economy and development forward. To achieve this goal, the Entrepreneurship House organizes various training activities focused on fostering an entrepreneurial mindset. Since its establishment, it has benefited 290 students.

Scientific, Cultural, and Sports Activities

The Sub-directorate for Scientific, Cultural, and Sports Activities, along with the activities departments at the colleges, strive to provide a competitive cultural environment among students at the university. They, also, organize events that bring together universities on a national level. Besides, the university oversees the National Competition for students' creativity in Poetry since 2020-2021. Moreover, the university encourages students' participation in various national university competitions in sports, culture, and tourism, overseen by the relevant ministry. The university's students have achieved numerous national awards and rankings, with 11 victories in national cultural competitions and 21 victories in national sports competitions.





Unions, Organizations, and Clubs

The university engages with various national unions representing professors, employees, and workers, as well as recognized organizations that are partners of the university. Regular meetings are held with them to listen to their concerns and address them. Currently, the university has 10 student clubs that collectively contribute to promoting cultural activities within the university community.



Intensive Language Education Center

The Intensive Language Education Center is a common service unit affiliated with the university. The center primarily offers language education services to all members of the university community, including students, professors, and the administrative staff. However, it is, also, available to external individuals under agreements with various sectors, or to individuals seeking to improve their language proficiency. The Intensive Language Education Center was established at the University of Mohamed Lamine Debaghine Sétif-2 in October 2013. The center's training programmes include university and non-university students, ranging from beginner to advanced levels. Moreover, the center provides Arabic language training for foreign students in French, English, German, Turkish, Spanish, and Chinese. The center offers 3 hours of training per week for each level.





University Psychological Assistance Center “Farida Ben Yezzar”

The University Psychological Assistance Center was established at the University of Mohamed Lamine Debaghine Sétif-2 in 2021, and named “Farida Ben Yezzar.” The center provides psychological services to all university members, including students, professors, workers, and administrators. It aims to provide psychological support through specialized psychologists, who are originally university professors.

Social Services Committee

The Social Services Committee has accompanied the university since its inception and has made efforts to provide various services to the social community, including professors and employees. Over the years, this committee has gradually evolved in terms of its performance.

Post Office

The administration of the University of Mohamed Lamine Debaghine Sétif-2 made efforts to open a post office within the university campus in 2019, aiming to facilitate services for all university members. Currently, this structure provides significant services.

University Logo

Since its establishment, the university has adopted a distinctive logo that sets it apart from other educational institutions. It consists of Arabic calligraphy, representing knowledge and learning, shaped like the number 2, signifying that it is the second university established in Sétif province .



The logo is based on three lines representing the three faculties of the university, which ultimately form a globe-like symbol, indicating the need for humanities in societies.

Institution Project

The institution project was developed in June 2018 and was approved by the university’s board of directors and the supervisory ministry. It is periodically updated and includes short-term, medium-term, long-term, 2030 vision plans. The project of the University of Sétif-2 is based on a strategic planning approach for higher education and scientific research. It follows a scientific and methodological future plan for higher education, formulated based on a specific philosophy and objectives related to the state’s general policies, within its capacities and resources. It is implemented according to a well-thought-out plan within a defined timeframe, with determined financial costs. Besides, clear quantitative and qualitative indicators are established to measure the progress of implementation.

The university institution aims, through the strategic action plan within the framework of institutional renewal and at the request of the supervisory ministry, to address all concerns, needs, and issues present in reality and formulate the university’s vision for the future.

The university’s motto: Governance - Integrity - Challenge.



