Accreditation & Quality Assurance at UQU

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“Saudi Arabia with all its products and services will be worldwide standard for quality and perfection In year 2020”

Saudi Arabia Strategy for Quality inspired by
The Vision of King Abdul Allah - the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques - may God protect him

WILL ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING…

University – Profile

- Campus
- Courses Offered & Enrollment
- Infrastructure at University Departments
- Annual Expenditures

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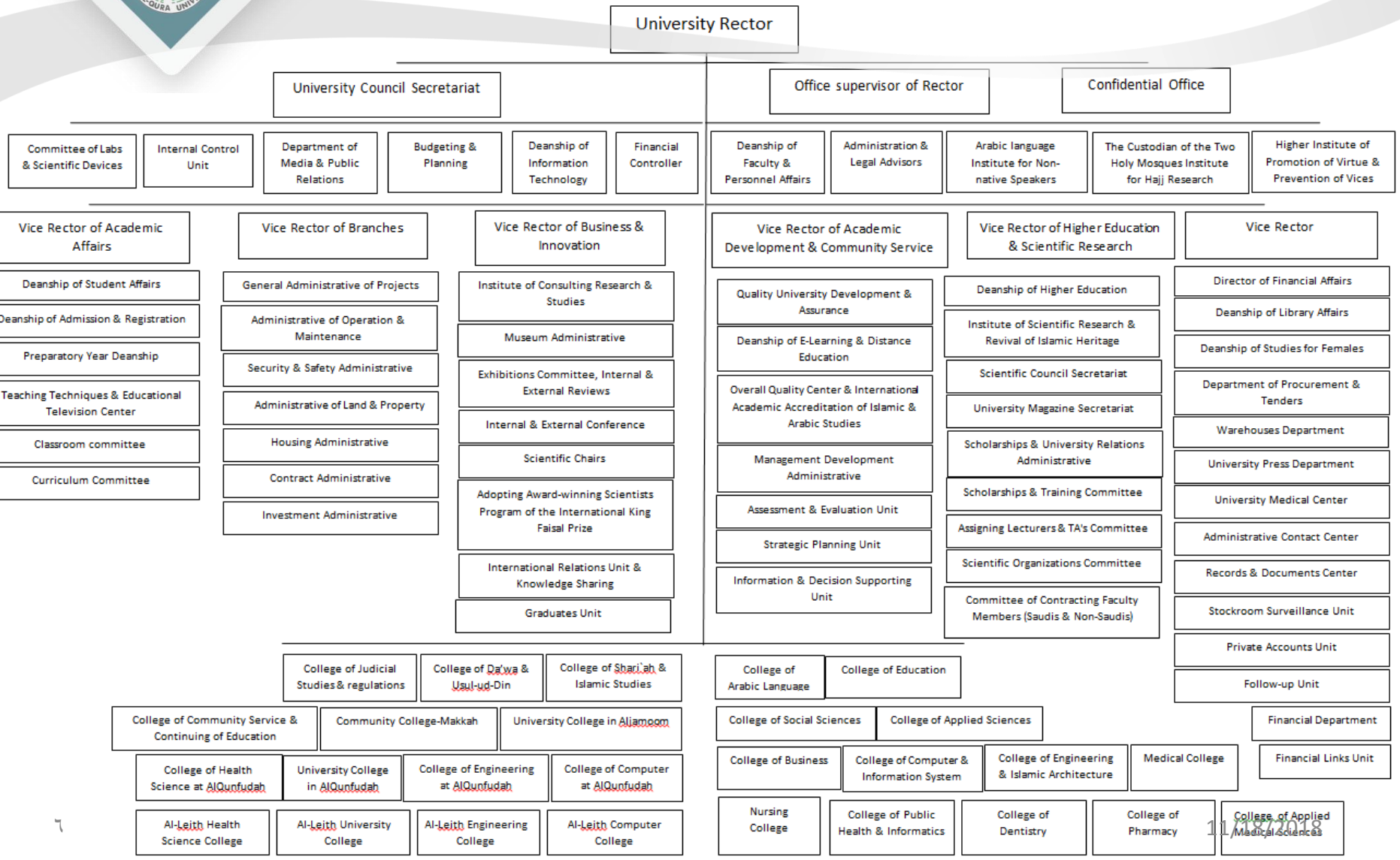
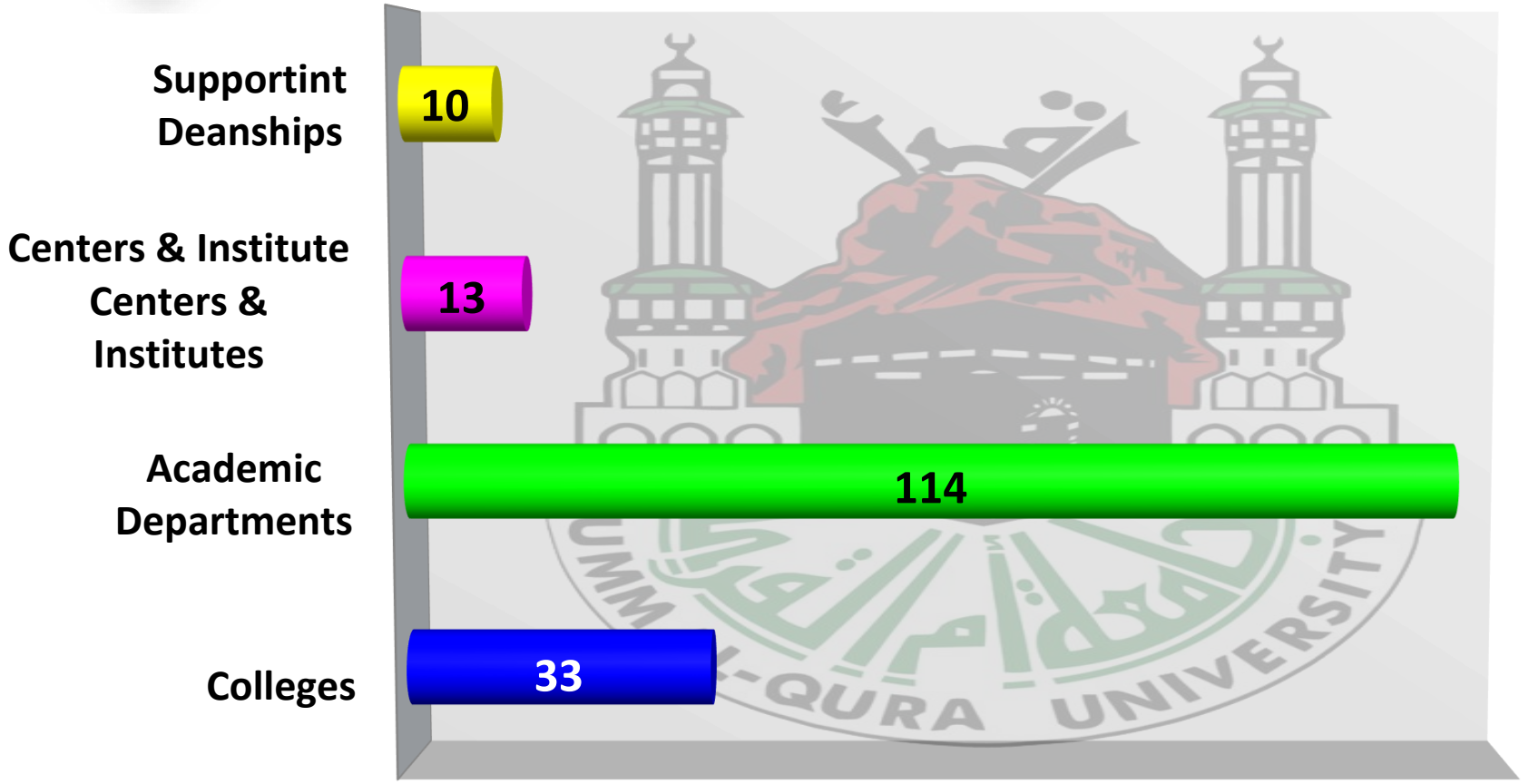


University – Profile

- Established in 1981
- Main Campus
  - old campus in Aziziyah
  - new campus in Al-Abdiyah
  - Girls campus at Al-Zahir
- Branch campuses at Al-Jamoom, Al-Leith and Al-Qunfida.

Courses Offered & Enrollment



UQU Academic, research, and Supporting Units

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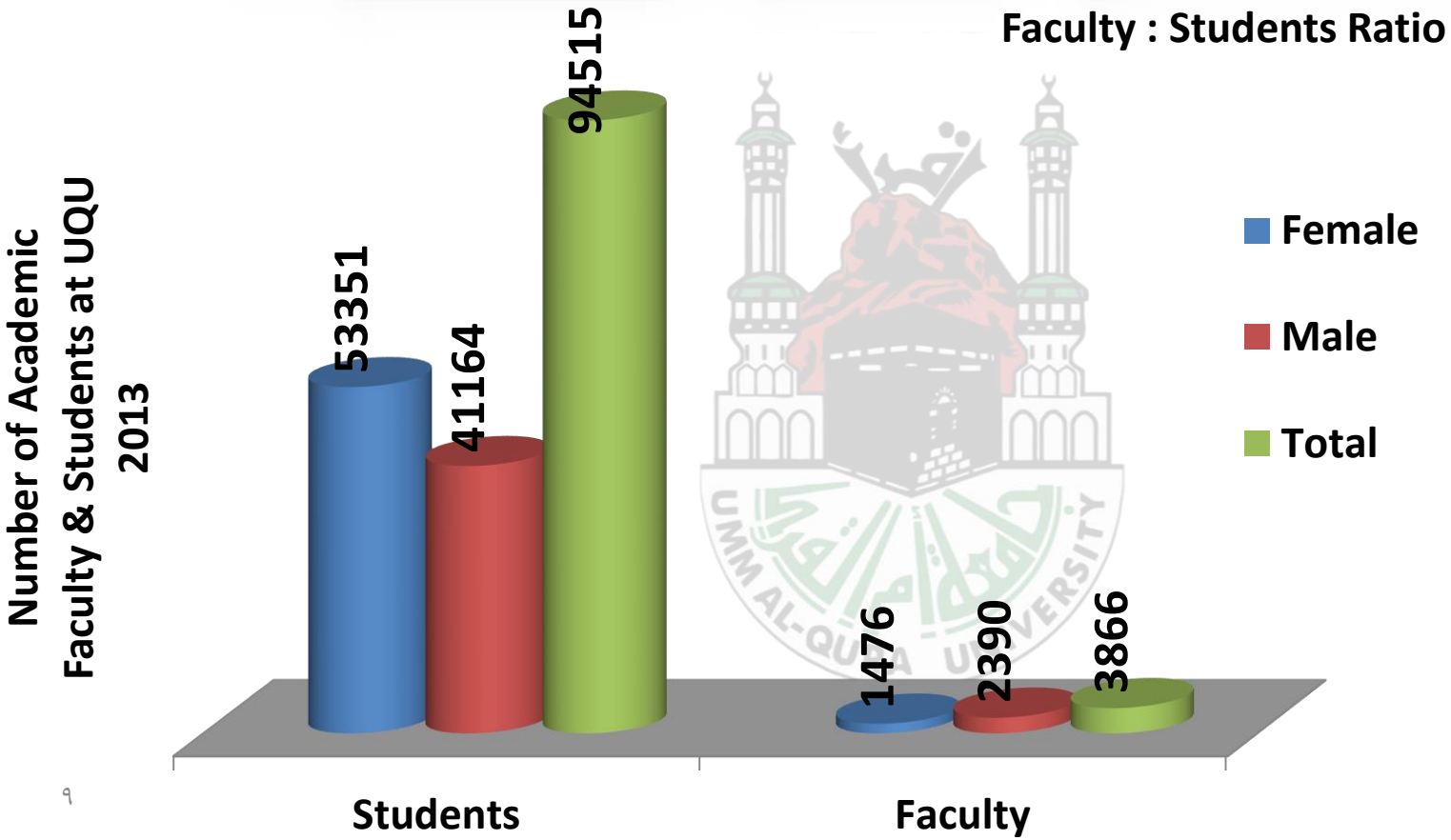

Infrastructure at UQU

- Academic block for male students
- Academic block for female students
- Academic block for medical colleges and the university hospital
- Block for sports services and physical education
- Housing area for faculty members and Social Club
- Male students housing block
- Female students housing block
- Block for central services
- Block for Research Centers and Makkah Valley Technology company

Infrastructure at Colleges

S.No	Description	Quantity
1	**Video Conferencing System with 48 inch size Monitors and microphones**	**1**
2	**High-end Server**	1
3	**Quad Core Desktop with Standard Configuration & their Networking**	20x # of departments
4	**Laser Printer**	3 x # of departments
	Smart class rooms	4x # of departments
5	**Lab.**	As needed
6	**Furniture (Tables & Chairs)**	As needed

Infrastructure at University Departments

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1	**Quad Core Desktops with Standard Configuration & their Networking**	**20**
2	**Laser Printer**	3
3	**High speed Scanner**	1
4	**Smart class rooms**	4
5	**Lab.**	As needed
6	**Furniture (Tables & Chairs)**	As needed

Accreditation procedure at UQU

- Program Requirements to apply for Accreditation
- Main steps toward program Accreditation

Program Requirements to apply for Accreditation

Responsible : Academic Departments

Having an approved strategic plan to achieve the program's mission including objectives for improving and assuring the quality.

Responsible : Academic Departments

Setting a description for administrative policies and regulations, and the tasks of Boards and committees, and the responsibilities of those in charge of Academic and administrative affairs

Responsible : Academic Departments

Handing out handbooks and manuals for students enrolled in college, and other stakeholders to introduce and update details of the Academic programs.

Program Requirements to apply for Accreditation

Responsible : Academic Departments

Filling program and course specification templates of the NCAAA

Responsible : Academic Departments

Forming development and quality assurance committees at the college and academic department levels

Responsible : Academic Departments

Providing an effective security system for student records.

Program Requirements to apply for Accreditation

Responsible : Academic Departments

Establishing a systems for central recording and analysis of student and graduate opinions through surveys and interviews, discussions with teaching staff, and other stakeholders

Responsible : Academic Departments

Providing realistic data as an evidence for satisfying KPIs indicated by the Accreditation Agency and any other indicators identifying by the college board.

Responsible : Academic Departments + Deanship of Academic Development and Quality

Selecting appropriate benchmarks for comparative evaluation of the achievement of goals and objectives and quality of performance.

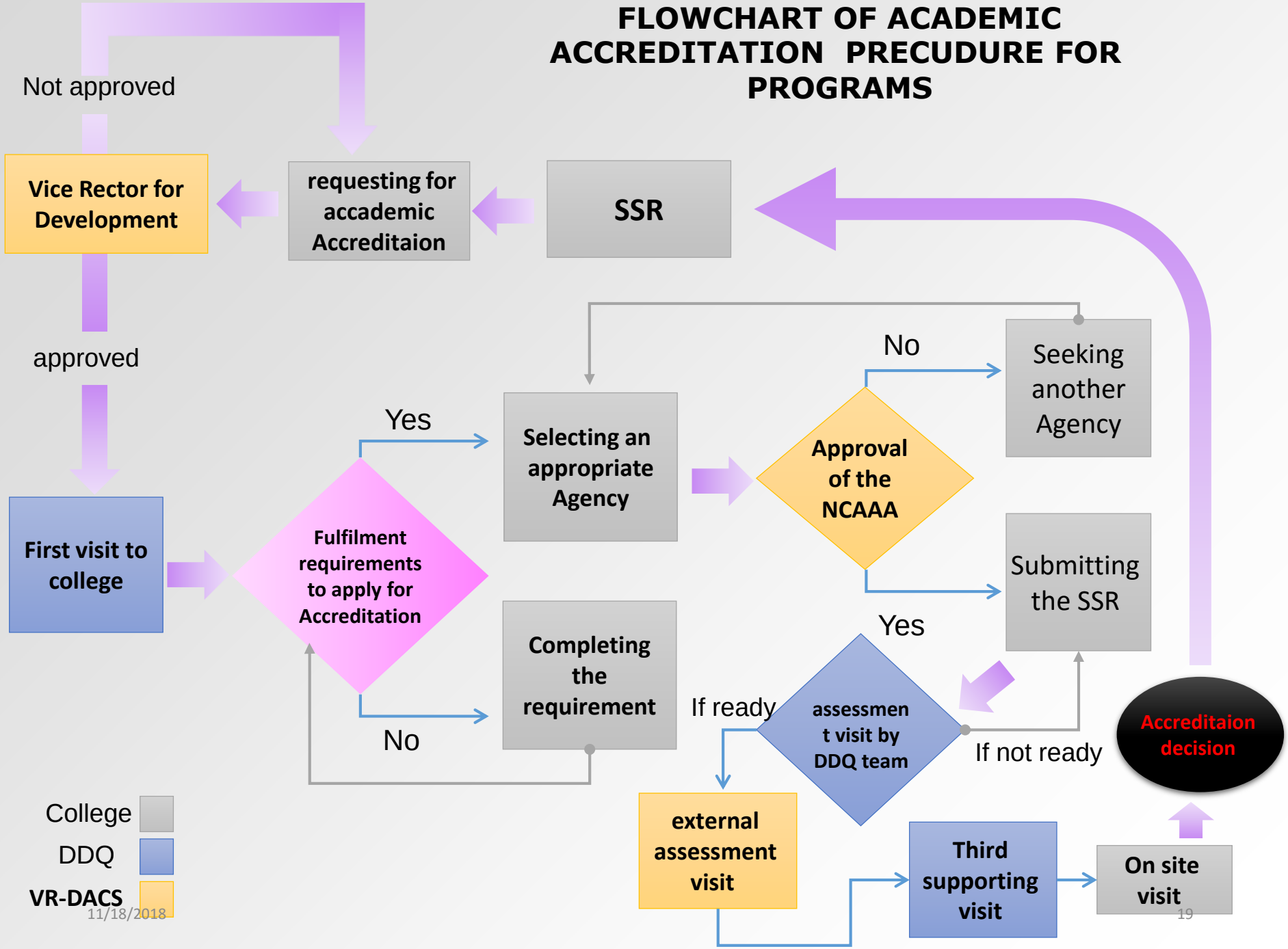
Main steps toward program Accreditation

college	• Requesting for accademic Accreditaion after fulfilment requirements to apply for Accreditation
DDQ	• Approving the request of Accreditation
DDQ	• Arranging the first assessment visit of the College by DDQ team
VR-DACS	• Following the official procedures of the higher University administrative with the NCAAA
College	• Preparing the SSR in accordance with the standards and procedures of Accreditation Agency

Main steps toward program Accreditation

DDQ	• Arranging the second assessment visit of the College by DDQ team
VR-DACS	• Requesting the external assessment visit of the College by Accreditation Agency
DDQ	• Arranging the third supporting visit of the College by DDQ team
VR-DACS + college	• Arranging the On site visit of the external reviewers of the Accreditation Agency
VR-DACS	• Following up the Accreditation decision.

FLOWCHART OF ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION PRECUDURE FOR PROGRAMS



UQU Accreditation success stories

- National Accreditation
  - Institutional Accreditation
  - Program Accreditation
- International Accreditation
  - COE
  - ABET
  - AHPGS

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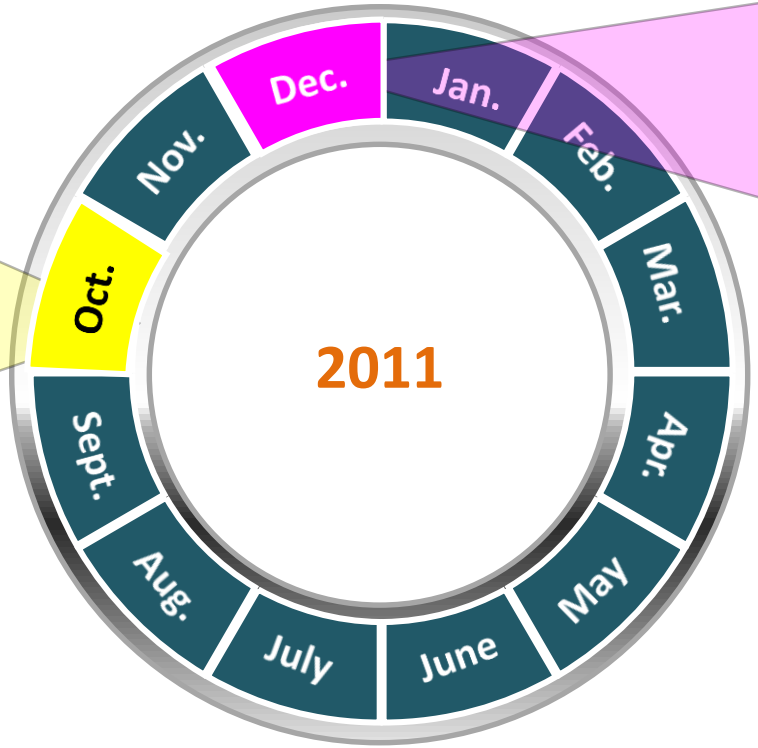
  - Program Accreditation

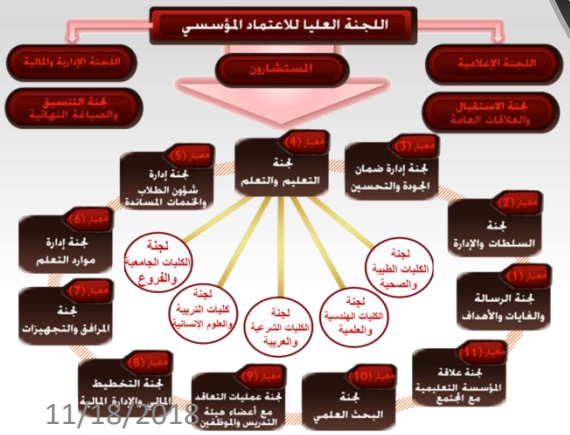
Umm Al-Qura University launched the project of Institutional and Program Accreditation in October 2011



Series of special workshops were organized by the Deanship of Development and Quality Assurance in collaboration with NCAAA to explain the core issues for members of the committees and faculty members at large.

Series of special workshops were organized by the Deanship of Development and Quality Assurance in to support the self-assessment processes for members of the committees and faculty members at large.

A steering committee of the uppermost level led by the Rector UQU as its chairman was formed.



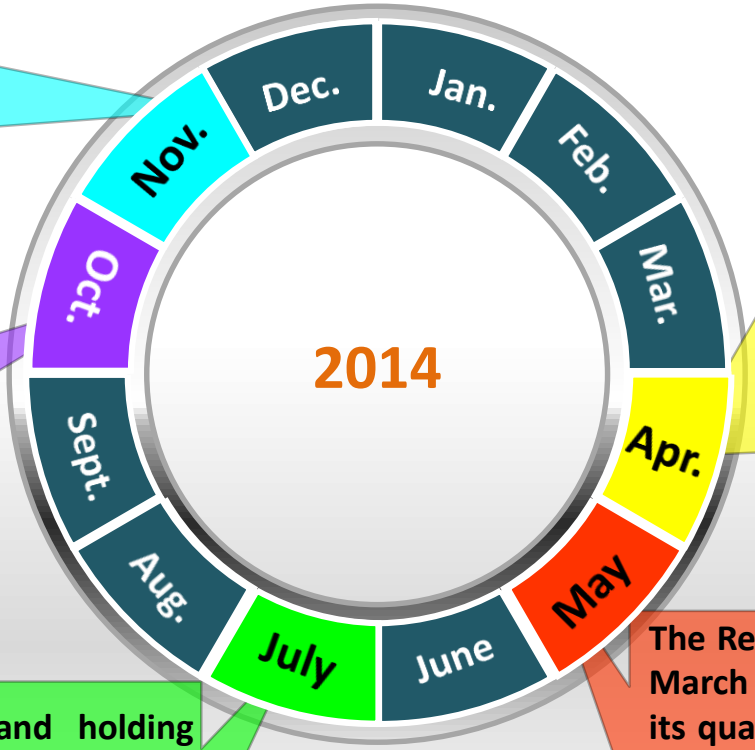
Holding periodical meetings and providing advice, assistance, and technical support to follow up writing the SSR and collect evidences and indicators

submitting self-study report (SSR) and its annexes to NCAAA on

Organizing a ceremony by the Deanship of Academic Development and Quality under the auspices of the Rector for completion the SSR of the Developmental assessment stage and honoring all committees (May 27, 2013)

Holding intensive meetings with the eleven committees of the project to explain the preparation of action plans for the recommendations of each standard

Translating the report, reforming the steering committee of the project

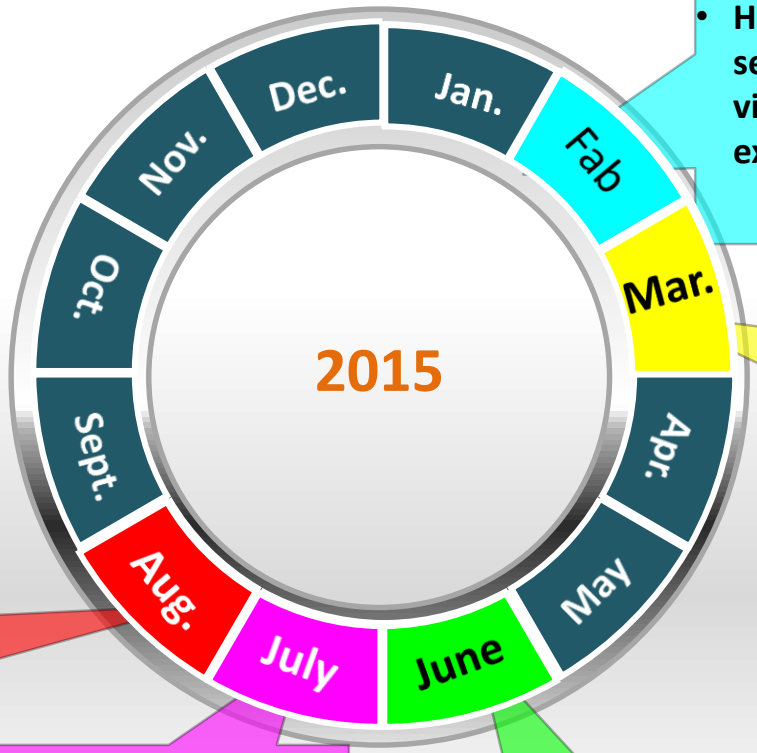


On Wednesday 26 April 2014, NCAAA organized a workshop for the university staff to prepare them for the on site-visit of the NCAAA external reviewers which scheduled to be on May 2014, to assess whatever necessary steps has been taken to implement the Project which the university has worked in cooperation with NCAAA since 2011 to ensure quality performance at the institutional and programmatic levels.

The Review Panel visited UQU, from 8-14 March 2014 to assess the institution and its quality assurance processes and make commendations, recommendations, and suggestions as appropriate. The Panel has undertaken this task of developmental review of UQU at the invitation of the NCAAA in the interests of furthering the quality of higher education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

- Receiving the NCAAA report and holding intensive meetings with the accreditation team to review the draft version of the report to modify the factual errors, resubmit it to the NCAAA and receive the final version of the report
- submitting self-study reports of the seven programs to the NCAAA

- Receiving, reviewing the action plans and translating it in order to send them to NCAAA.
- Holding meetings with deans of the seven colleges to arrange the on site visits, and prepare them for the external reviewers.



Starting the implementation of action plans and monitoring it monthly.

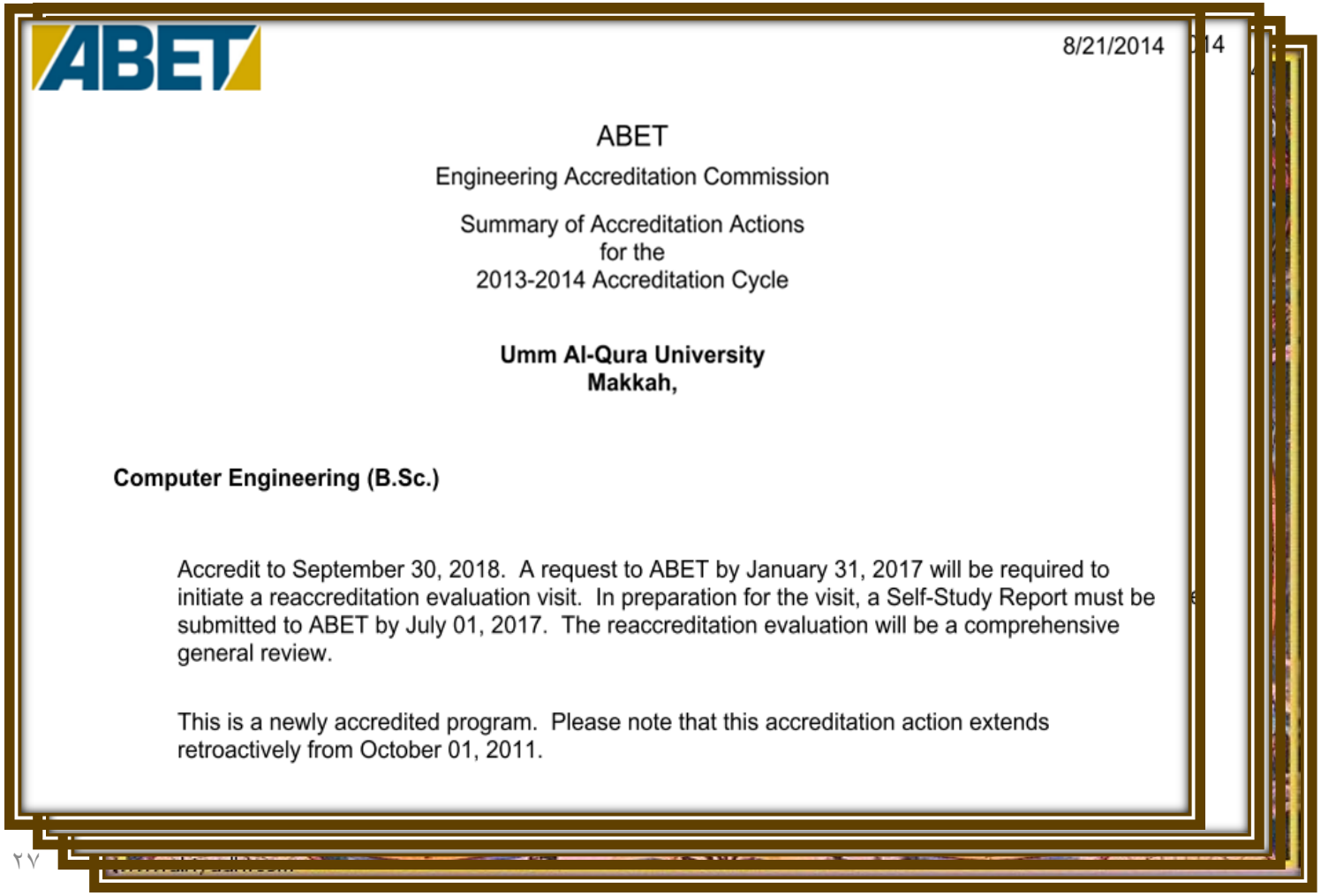
Submitting the institutional SSR to the NCAAA

Submitting the SSR for each standard to the Deanship of the Academic Development and Quality Assurance

Re-preparing the self-assessment process and re-writing the SSR for each standard

UQU Accreditation success stories

- International Accreditation



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ABET

Engineering Accreditation Commission

Summary of Accreditation Actions
for the
2013-2014 Accreditation Cycle

Umm Al-Qura University
Makkah,

Computer Engineering (B.Sc.)

Accredit to September 30, 2018. A request to ABET by January 31, 2017 will be required to initiate a reaccreditation evaluation visit. In preparation for the visit, a Self-Study Report must be submitted to ABET by July 01, 2017. The reaccreditation evaluation will be a comprehensive general review.

This is a newly accredited program. Please note that this accreditation action extends retroactively from October 01, 2011.

UQU Accreditation Master Plan 2011 - 2018

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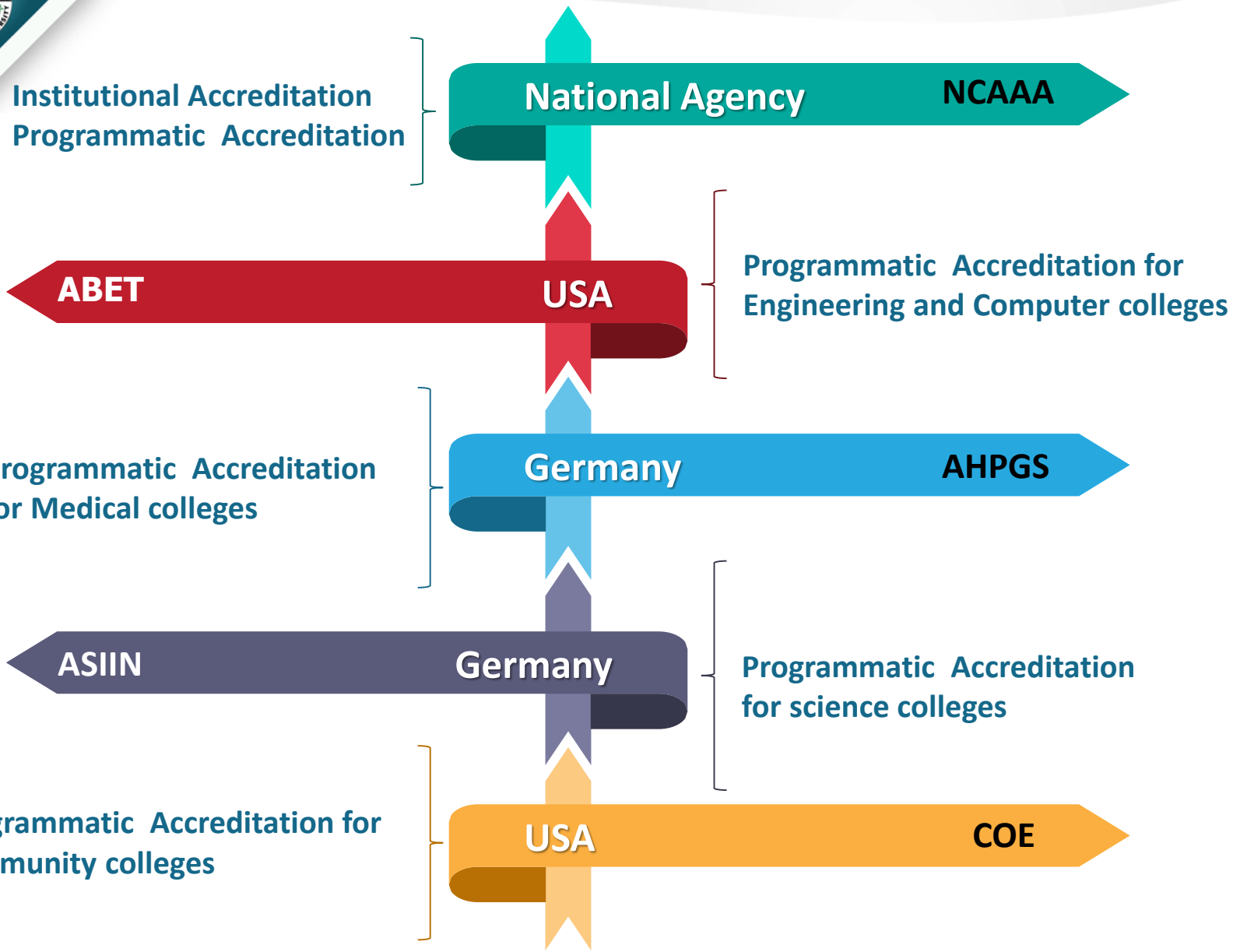

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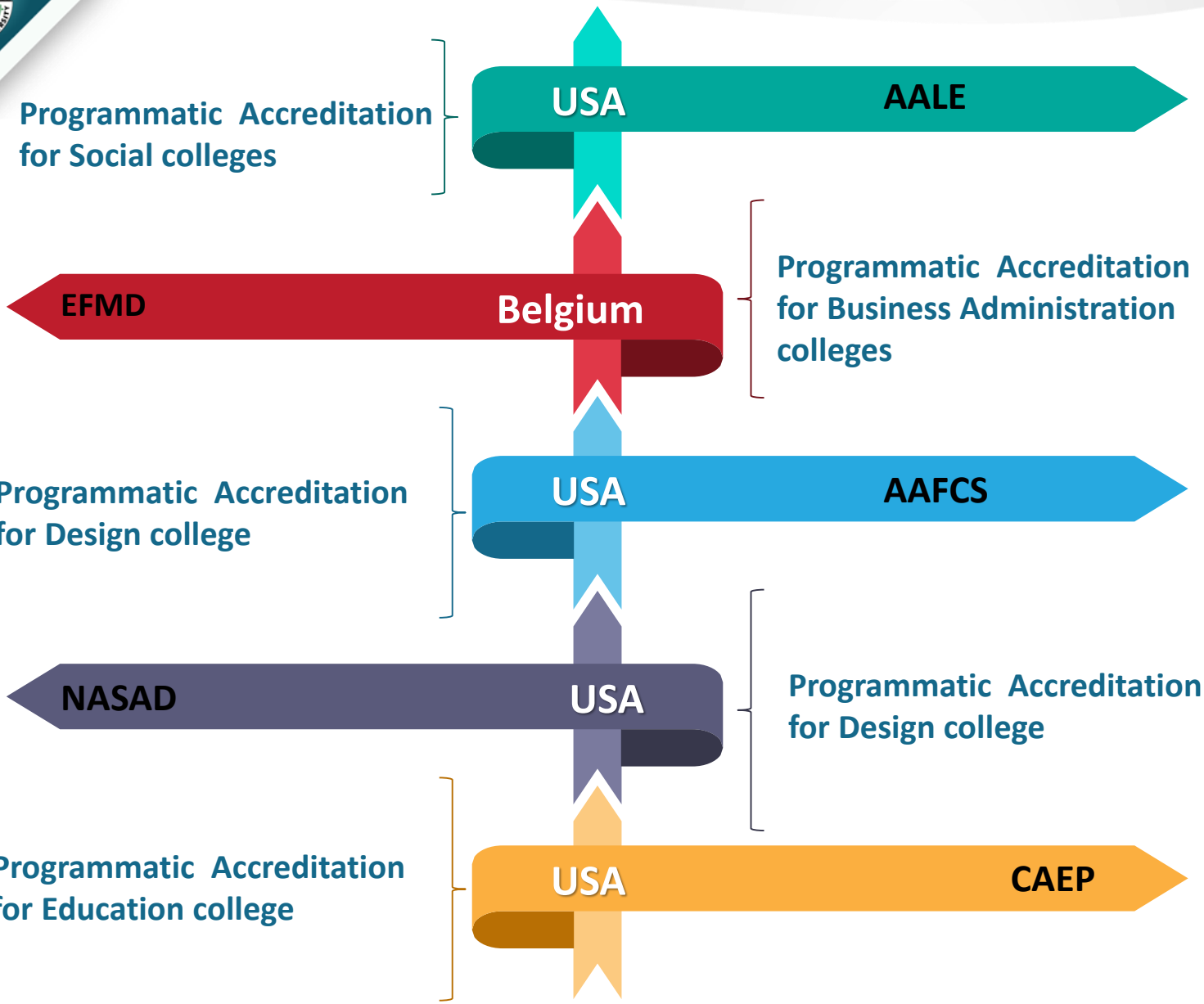

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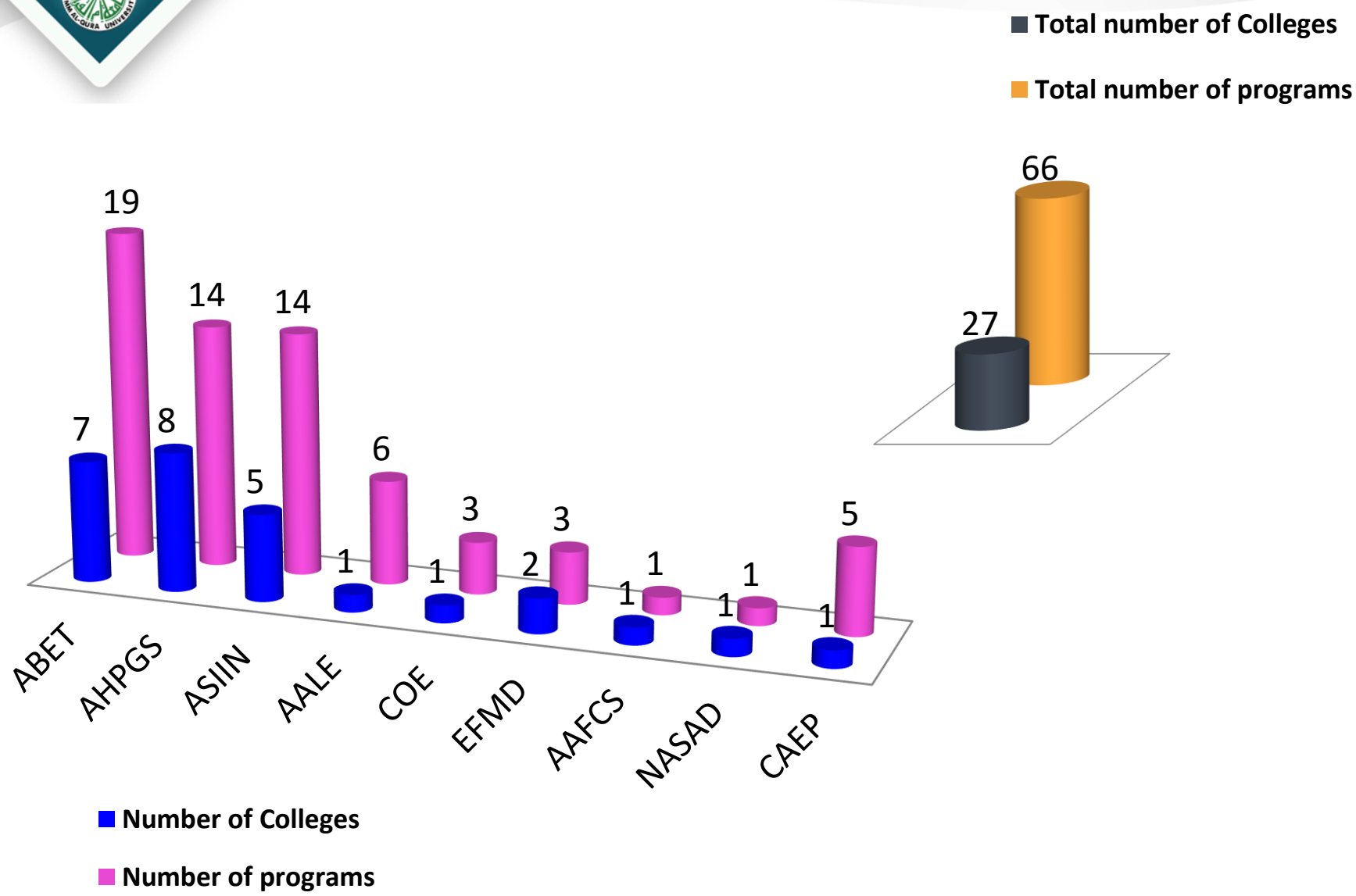

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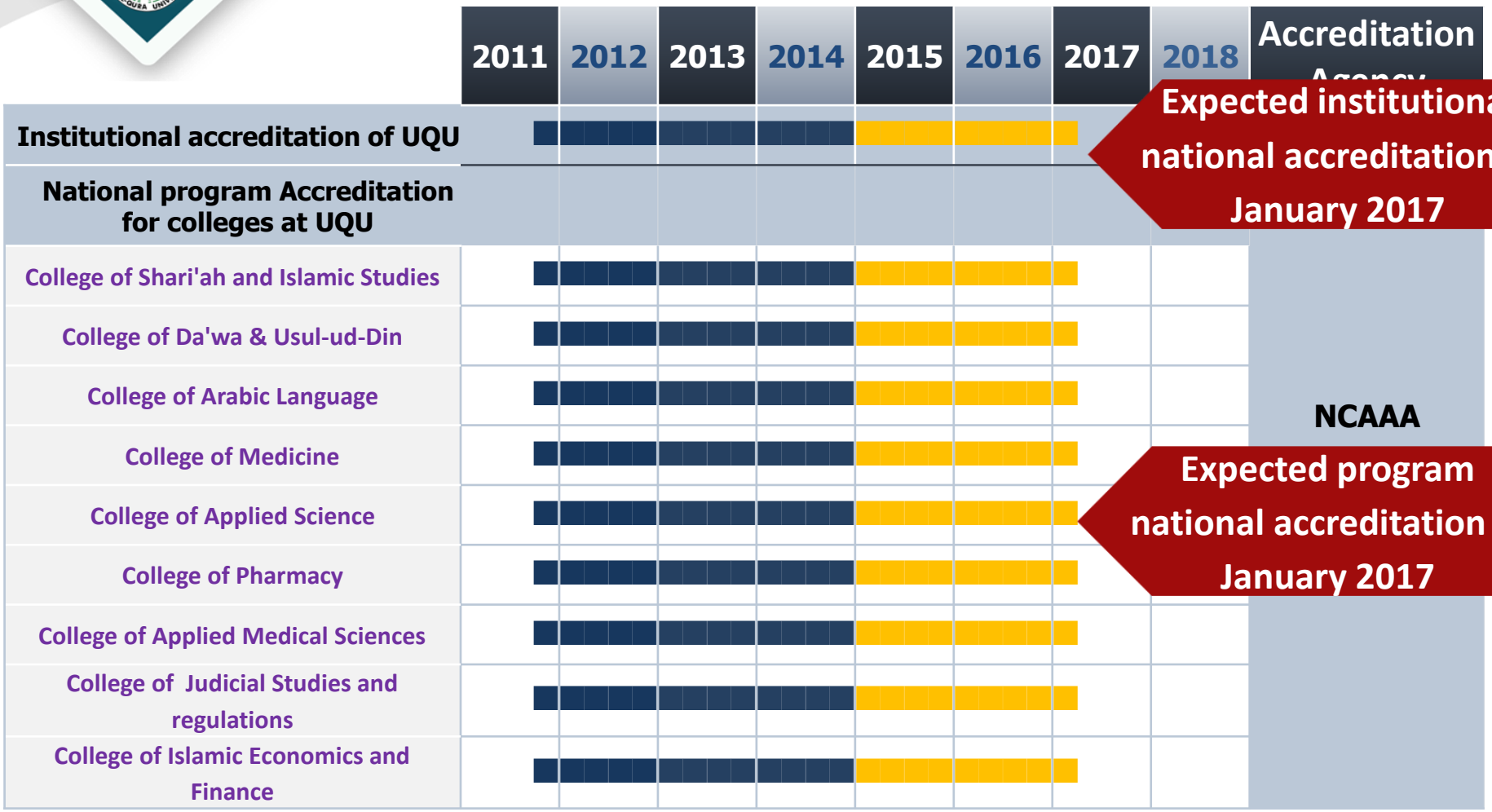

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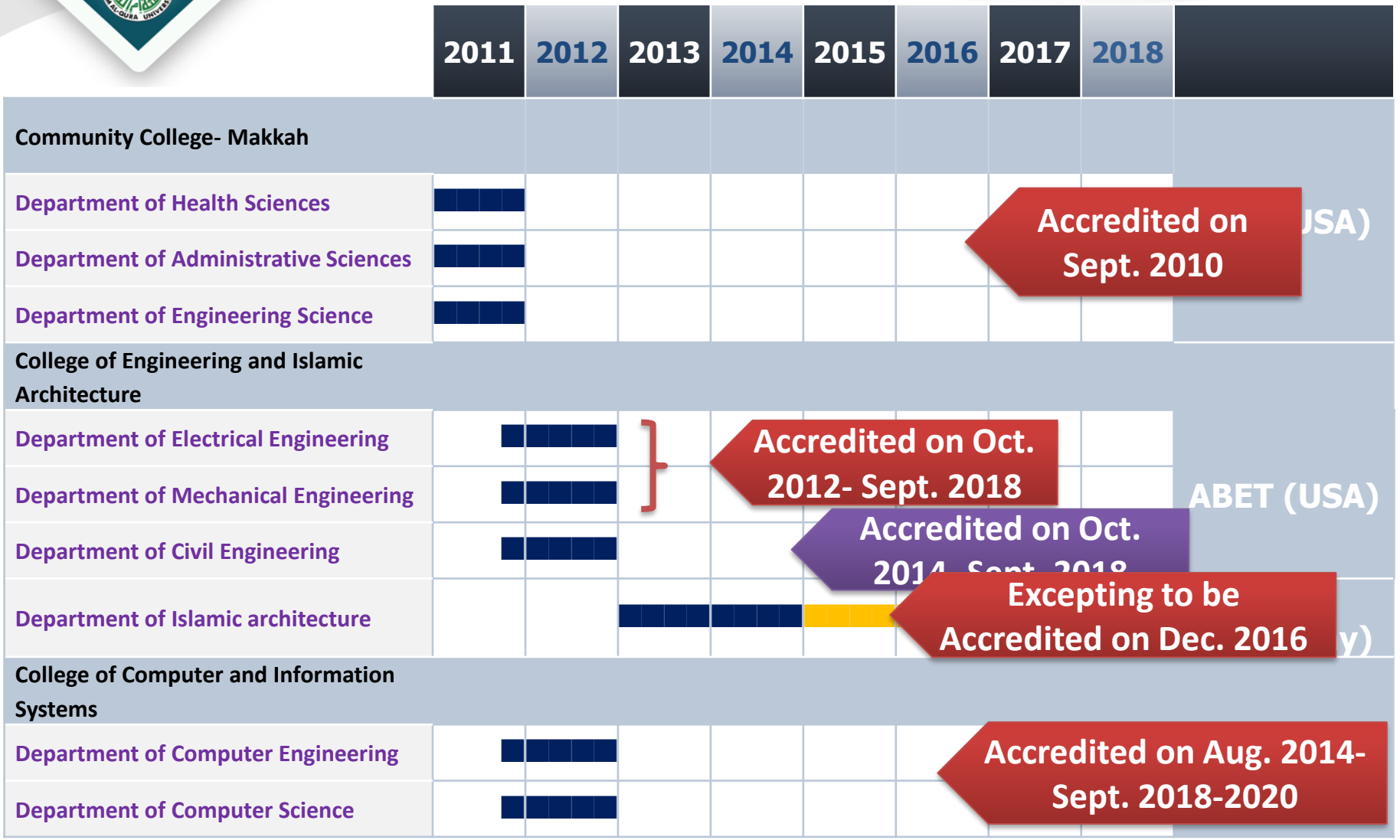

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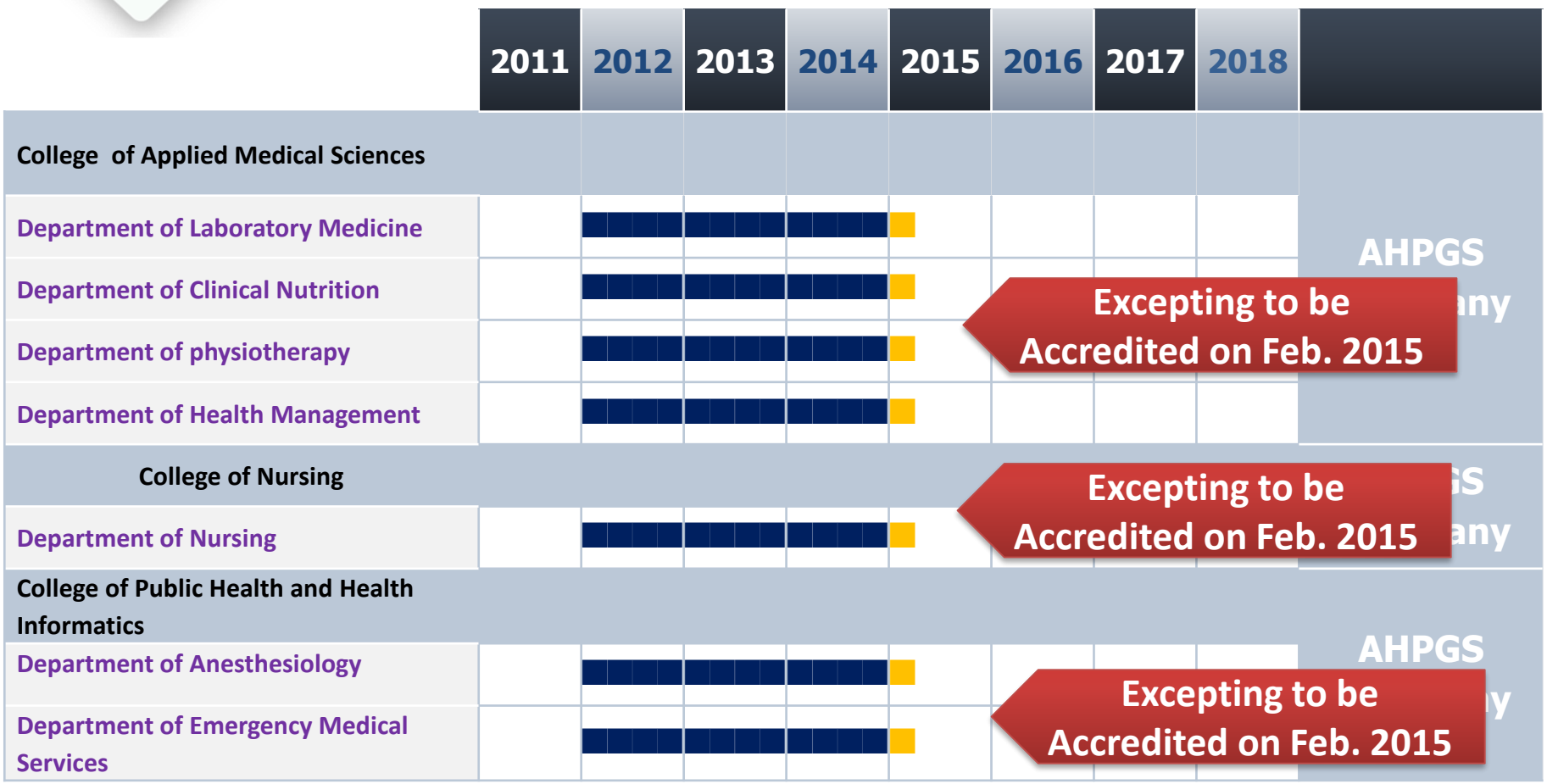

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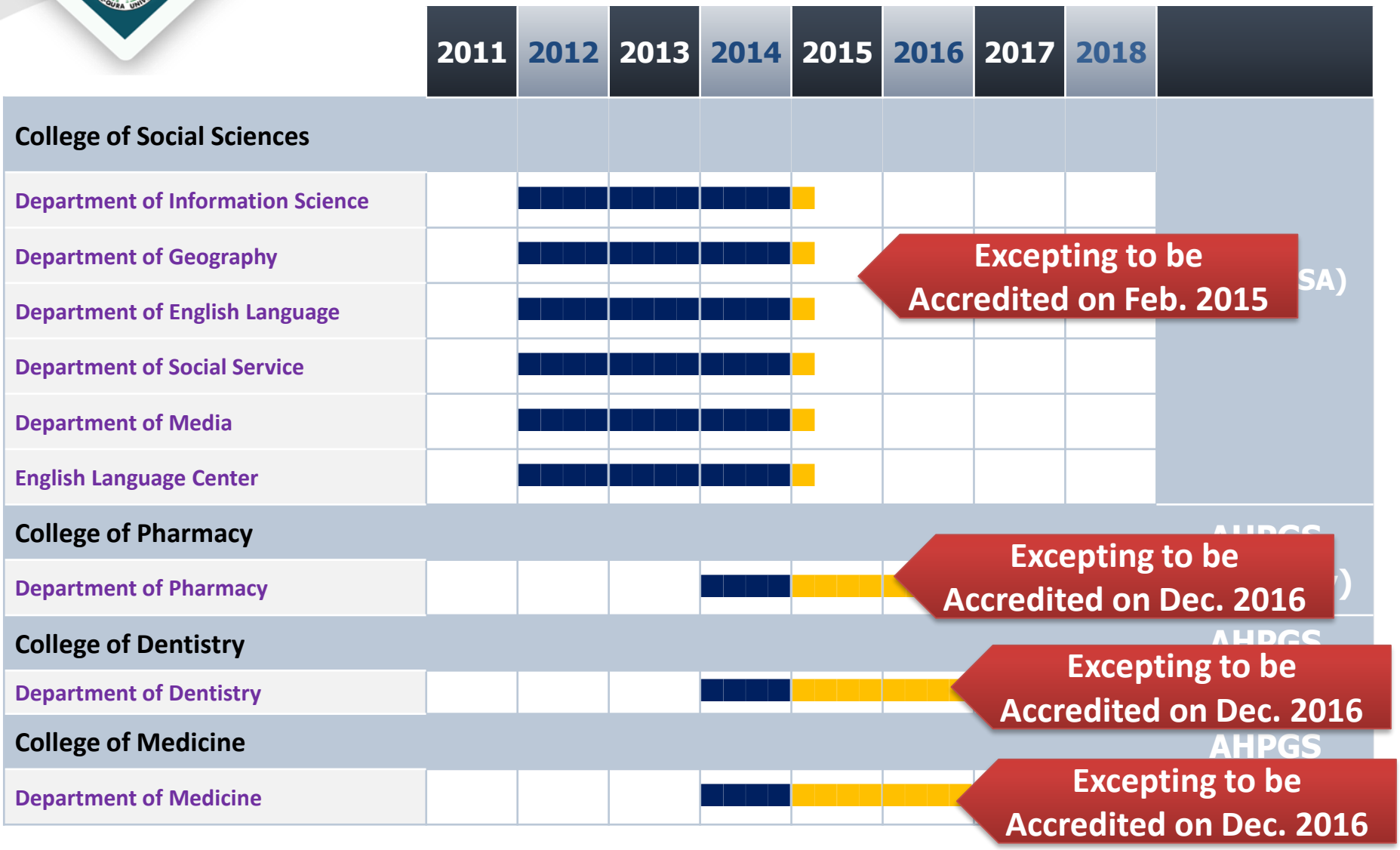

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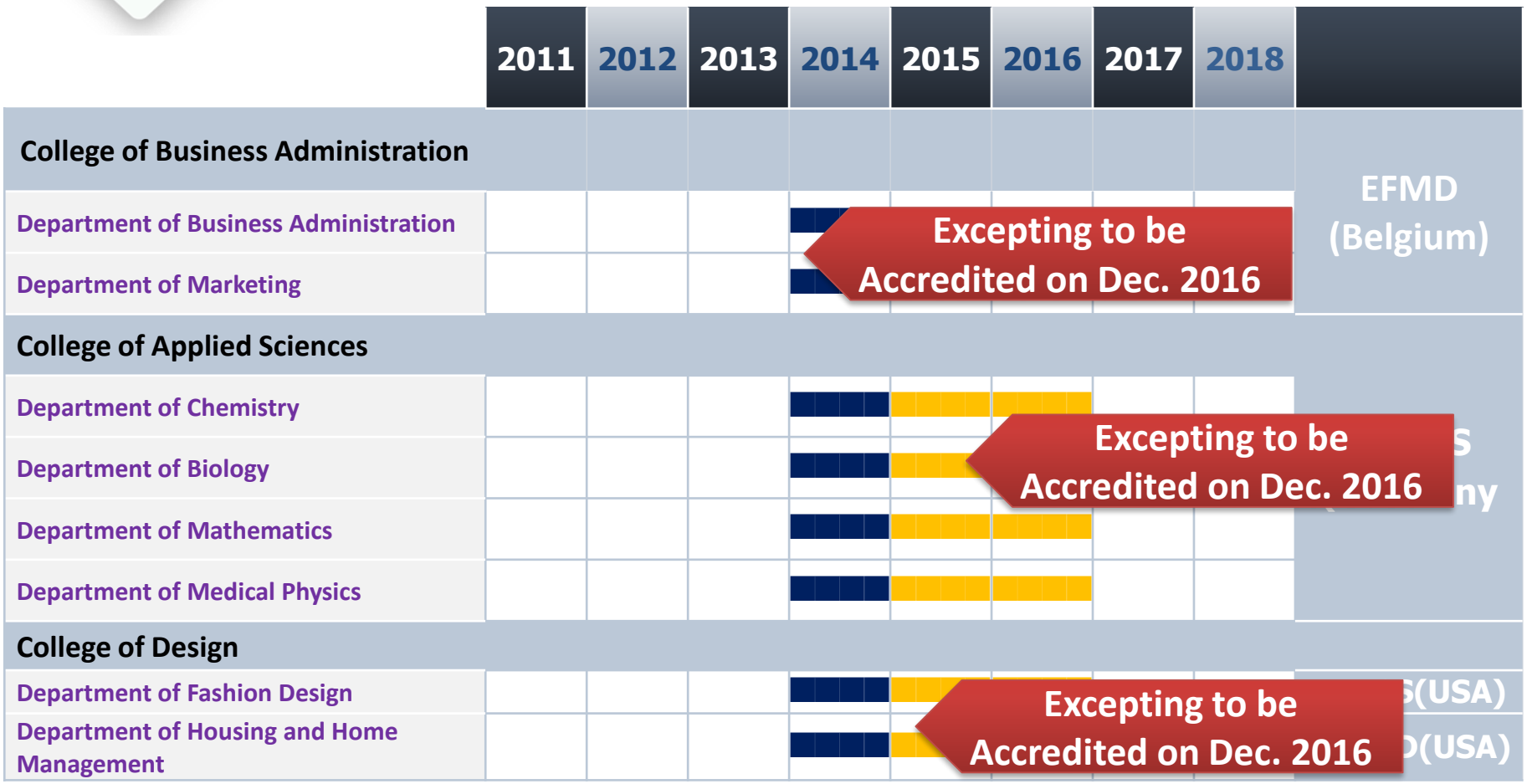

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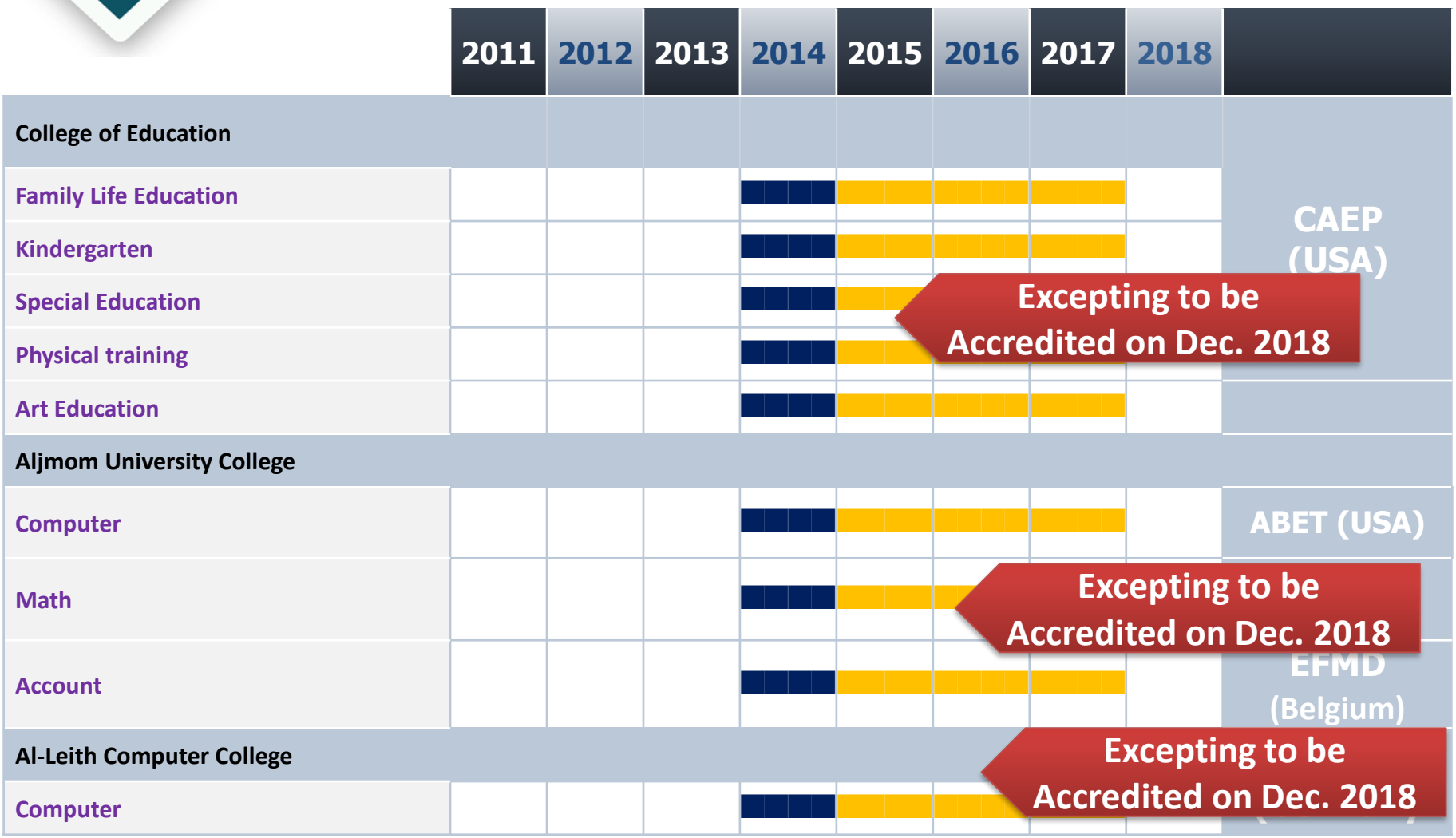

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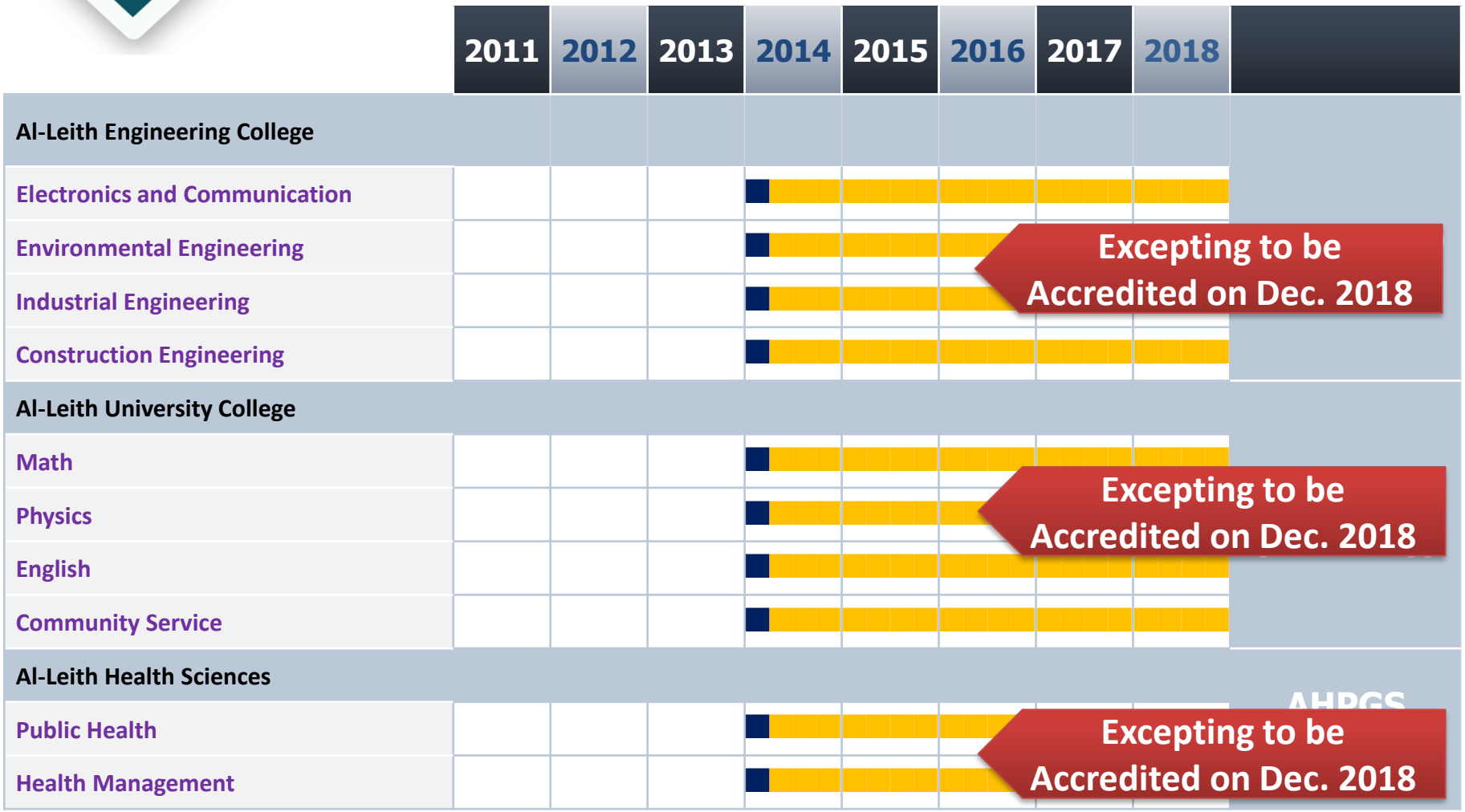

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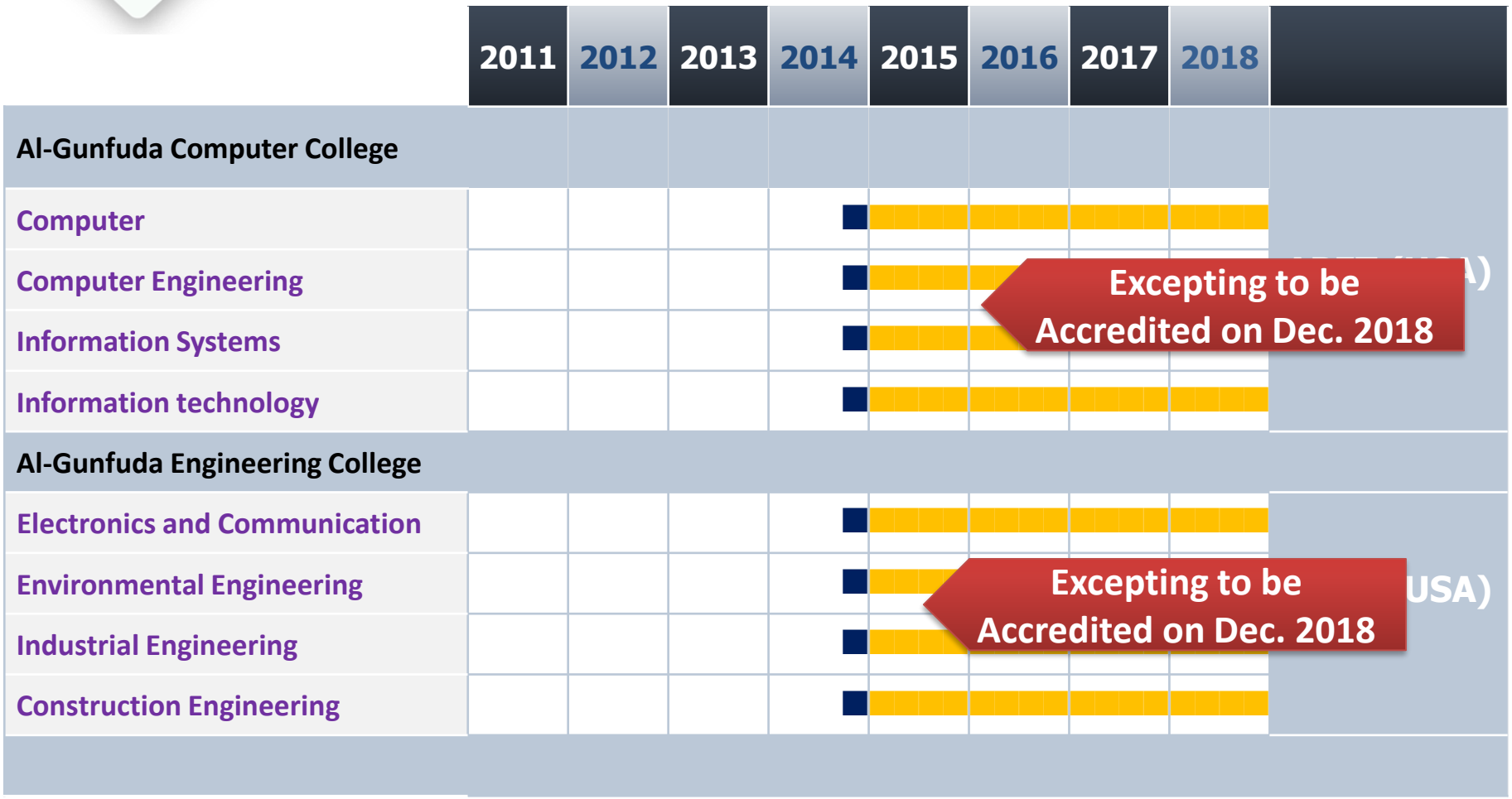

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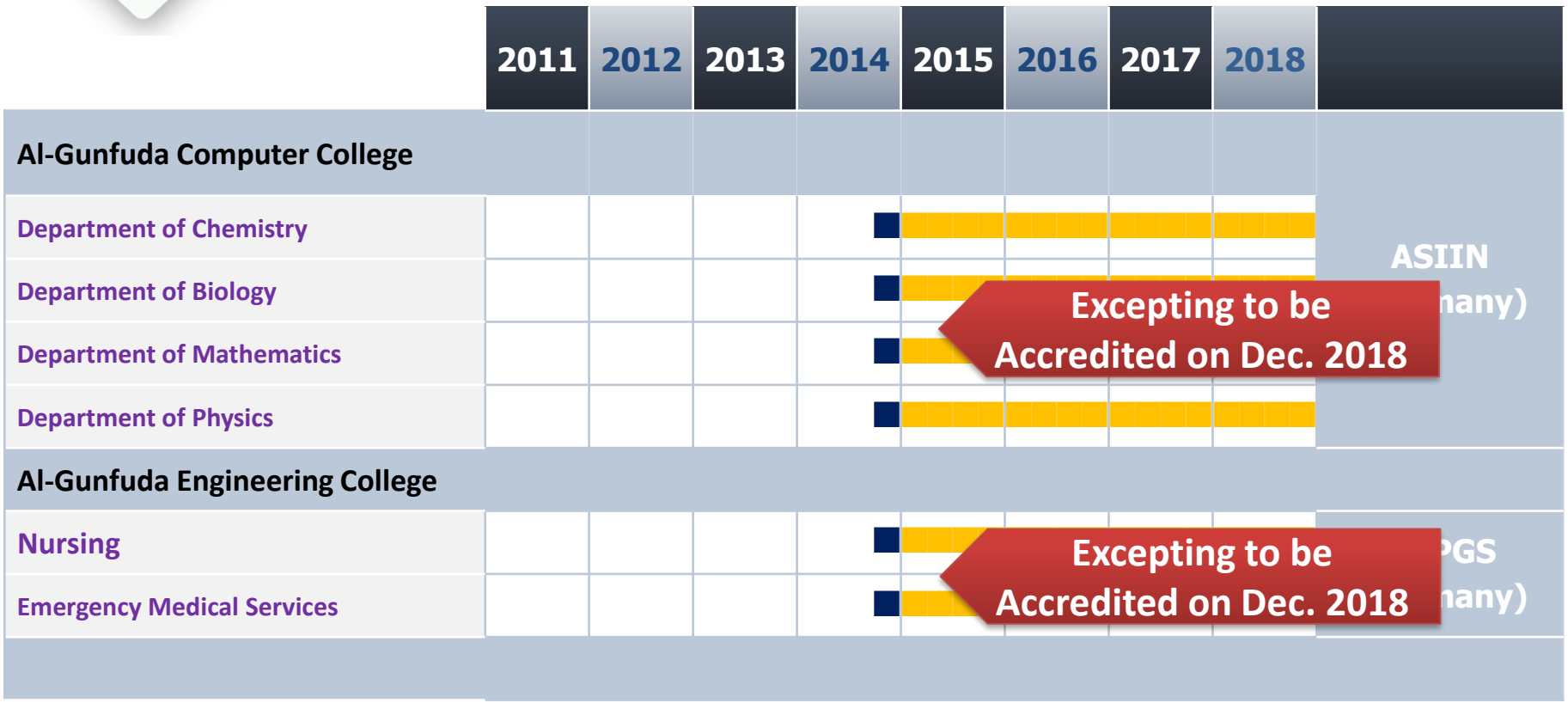

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