

King Saud University
College of Applied Medical Science
Department of Optometry and Vision Sciences

B.Sc. in Optometry Program Summary

The Optometry program was launched in 1980 in order to satisfy the growing need for eye care specialists at an intermediate level within the health care system of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Consequently, graduates have been provided with the latest knowledge and skills necessary to practice their profession efficiently and to perform scientific research.

The concept of the program is to provide the community with graduates who possess the ability for lifelong learning and who are able to utilize the available research facilities to conduct scientific research. This concept is among the main points of interest of the University, the Ministry of Higher Education and the nation as a whole. New research is anticipated to improve ocular health of the population and find solutions for frequently encountered ocular problems within the community such as corneal and retinal diseases and low vision problems.

Our B.Sc. Optometry program is a full time program divided into nine levels, with each level being taught in one semester. One semester is approximately five months long (winter and spring semester). The winter semester starts in September and ends at the end of January of the following calendar year. The spring semester starts in the middle of February and ends at the end of June of the same calendar year. Students can register twice a year, once in May for the winter semester and the other time in December for the spring semester.

The Optometry department is currently establishing a master program in Clinical Optometry to encourage the graduates for lifelong learning to enrich the field of Optometry with their contributions.