



University of
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Faculty of Social Sciences

HANDBOOK

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Welcome to the University of Tehran



“Rest not a moment from learning” - Our motto since 1934

University of Tehran is the oldest modern university in Iran and one of the most distinguished in the Middle East. Following in the footsteps of the *Darul-Funun* (Polytechnic) School founded in 1851, University of Tehran was officially ratified by the Iranian parliament in 1934.

UT is nicknamed “The Mother University of Iran” due to its research profile, as well as historical, political, and socio-cultural pedigree. It is indeed a pioneer in Iranian higher education. Every year about one million applicants take part in a national entrance exam, out of which only 10% have a chance to attend the top universities.

We are a community of more than:



- 2000 faculty members
- 260000 alumni
- 50000 students
- 1000 international students
- 160 departments
- 500 majors

Message from the Dean

“The stubborn critic would say: ‘What is the benefit of these sciences?’ He does not know the virtue that distinguishes mankind from all the animals: it is knowledge, in general, which is pursued solely by man, and which is pursued for the sake of knowledge itself, because its acquisition is truly delightful, and is unlike the pleasures desirable from other pursuits. For the good cannot be brought forth, and evil cannot be avoided, except by knowledge.”



– **Abu Rayhan al-Biruni**

Social Science is nothing but the study of social realities, and the conditions that made those realities possible, how we as humans live in a complex and constantly changing world.

Within the wide range of disciplines and subjects taught in our faculty, we learn how to ask important questions about our past, present, our imagined and likely future, and how to search for answers.

The degrees we offer in the Faculty of Social Sciences will equip you with the intellectual and practical skills as well as experience in empirical and critical research that are needed in gaining fulfilling and decent work in the global world. At the same time, studying in Iran will provide you with the chance to put your research and ideas about our country in real contexts, perspectives, and access to authentic historical archives.

As you lay the first stone of this journey, we want to welcome you and we look forward to you sharing this collective experience with us.

Professor Seyed Mehdi Etemadifard

Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

Message from the Deputy Dean for International Affairs

Dear International Students:

I want to take the opportunity to personally welcome you to the University of Tehran, Faculty of Social Sciences, where we study human societies and relationships among individuals within those societies because we simply believe it helps to improve our world, countries, communities, social, economic, and cultural life. We are genuinely thrilled to have you as part of the faculty community.



Admissions to our faculty's renowned undergraduate and graduate programs are very competitive and limited to the top one percent of Iranian students who pass the national entrance examination administered yearly by the Ministry of Science, Research, and Technology. The University of Tehran consistently ranks as the number one choice of qualifying applicants among other universities in Iran who have an interest in pursuing the social sciences. However, we sincerely believe that it is fundamentally essential to our academic mission that the doors of our faculty remain open and welcoming to curious students from different countries.

Among all the faculties at the University of Tehran, our faculty has a long history of international students from all over the world working side by side Iranian scholars, students, and researchers, building connections and friendship, conducting academic – theoretical, practical, and field – studies, as well as advancing scholarly knowledge in different fields of the social sciences.

Welcome again to the University of Tehran, Faculty of Social Sciences. Best wishes for a productive and enriching experience.

Sincerely,

Associate Professor Abbas Ghanbari

Deputy Dean for International Affairs, Faculty of Social Sciences

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Information about the Faculty

We believe universal education is a right, not a privilege.

In the summer of 1958 early steps to establish the Faculty of Social Sciences were taken by the foundation of the Institute of Social Research and Studies. The Institute recruited postgraduate students to pursue its educational and research goals. What is known today as the Faculty of Social Sciences, emerged in 1958 from the merging of two institutes: The Institute of Social Sciences and The Institute of Cooperation Research. After the establishment of The Faculty of Social Sciences, the Department of Social Science was renamed as the Department of Sociology. Subsequently the departments of Anthropology, Demography, Social Development Studies, Social Planning, and Communication, and recently Islamic Social Sciences joined the Department of Sociology to form the Faculty of Social Sciences. Having been actively engaged in education and research for five decades, the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Tehran has been able to attest to its position as the most renowned higher education entity in the field of social and communication science in Iran and in conducting immense qualitative as well as quantitative research.



➤ Missions and Ambitions

Sociology is the study of society and humans as social beings for which the Faculty of Social Sciences has goals and strategies at the macro level.

Since its foundation, the Faculty of Social Sciences has had the following missions and ambitions:

- ✓ Producing knowledge and building theories in various fields of the Social Sciences
- ✓ Training and educating students and academic leaders
- ✓ Conducting studies and researches on social issues, conditions, and structures, for the purpose of sharing the results with responsible and relevant state and civil society organizations, research institutions, as well as interested individuals through joint collaborations, journals, seminars and conferences

Internationalization is a recent strategy by the Faculty to improve its academic activities to align itself on par with its counterparts around the world. The Faculty attempts to expand its academic relations in the international arena with renowned academic institutions.

Another plan by the Faculty endeavors to create interactional relationship between education and research within the Faculty as well as to create collaborations with academic associations, industries, businesses, and relevant organizations. The Faculty also avails itself of virtual space and electronic teaching as a major strategy to make headway.

Faculty at a Glance

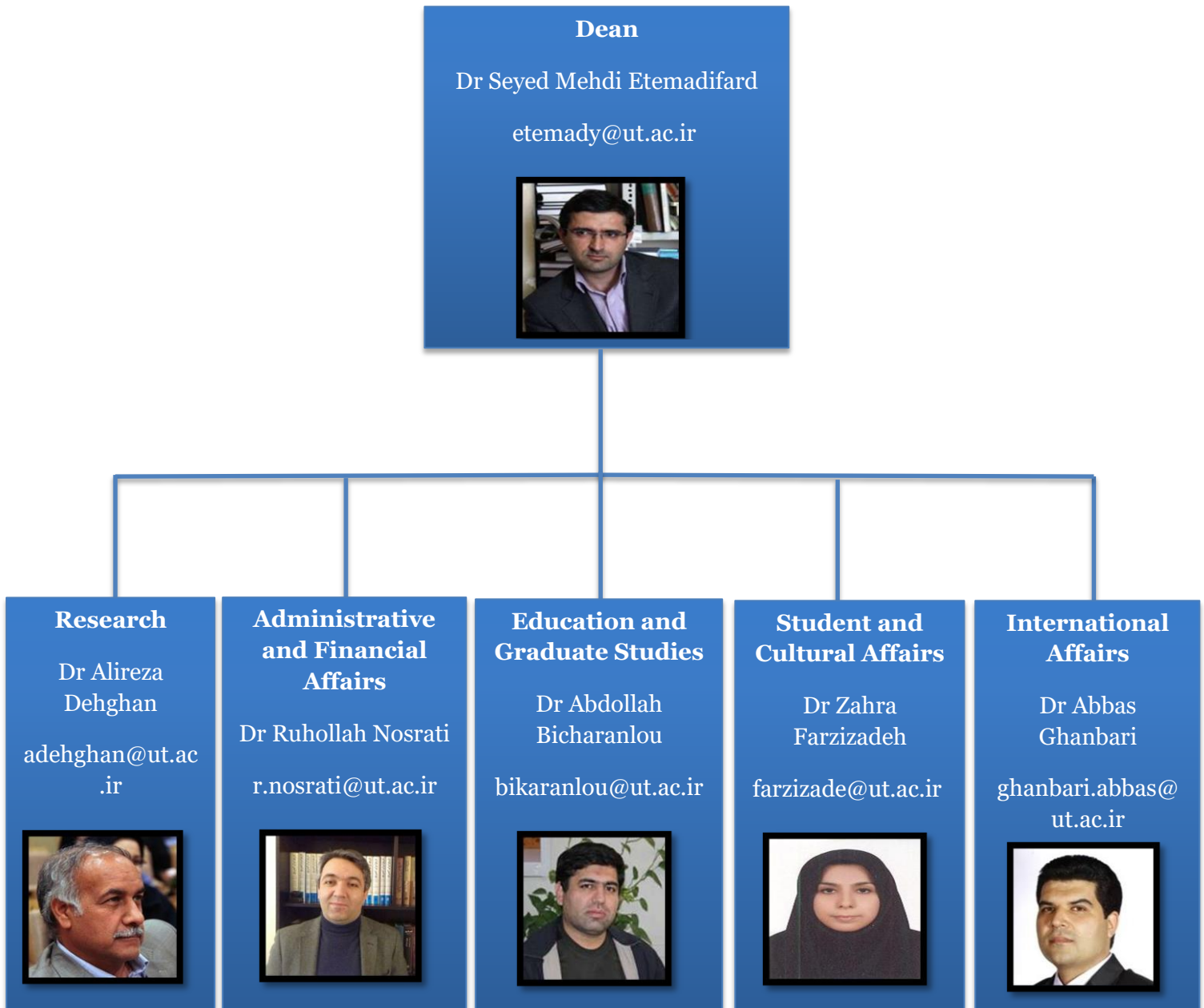
- More than 80 lecturers and professors
- More than 600 graduate students
- More than 50 staff and employees

International students:

There are more than 2800 international students from 50 nationalities currently enrolled in different programs from the Bachelor's to PhD levels and non-degree certificates (Persian language etc.) offered by UT, of which the Faculty of Social Sciences hosts around 100 students and researchers.



Organization Structure



Department of Sociology

Programs offered by the Department

- **Undergraduate Program**
 - ✓ **Sociology (Social Science Research)**

- **Master's Programs**
 - ✓ **Sociology**
 - ✓ **Social Science Research**
 - ✓ **Women's Studies**
 - ✓ **Youth Studies**

- **PhD Program**
 - ✓ **Sociology of Social Problems**
 - ✓ **Cultural Sociology**
 - ✓ **Economic and Development Sociology**
 - ✓ **Sociology of Social Groups**

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Department of Social Communication

Programs offered by the Department

- Undergraduate Program
 - ✓ Social Communication
- Master's Programs
 - ✓ Social Communication
 - ✓ Media and Cultural Studies
- PhD Program
 - ✓ Social Communication

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Department of Anthropology

Programs offered by the Department

- **Undergraduate Program**
 - ✓ **Anthropology**
- **Master's Program**
 - ✓ **Anthropology**
- **PhD Program**
 - ✓ **Anthropology**

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Department of Social Planning

Programs offered by the Department

- Undergraduate Program
- ✓ Social Planning and Cooperation
- Master's Programs
- ✓ Tourism Planning
- ✓ Planning for Social Welfare

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Department of Social Development Studies

Programs offered by the Department

- **Master's Program**
- ✓ **Community Development (Urban and Rural)**
- **PhD Program**
- ✓ **Sociology of Rural-Social Development**

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Department of Demography

Programs offered by the Department

- **Master's Program**
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- **PhD Program**
- ✓ **Demography**

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Department of Islamic Social Sciences

Programs offered by the Department

- **Master's Program**
 - ✓ **Philosophy of Social Sciences**
 - ✓ **Islamic Social Sciences (Social Thought of Muslim Thinkers)**

- **PhD Program**
 - ✓ **Islamic Social Sciences (Social Thought of Muslim Thinkers)**

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Affiliated Research Centers

Name of the Research Center	The Scope of Research	Head of the Center	Contact info
Institute for Social Studies & Research	<p>The Institute of Social Studies and Research was founded in 1959 to study social issues pertaining to Iran and to train specialist researchers in the fields of Urban, Rural, Nomadic, Comparative, Political, Social Psychology, Anthropology and Demography research.</p>	 <p>Dr Ahmad Naderi anaderi@ut.ac.ir</p>	<p>+98(21)88002271</p>
Cooperative Business Research Institute	<p>Founded in 1967, the major objectives of the Institute include the study and research of Urban Cooperation, Rural Cooperation, and Comparative Cooperation.</p>	 <p>Dr Maryam Najjar Nahavandi nahavand@ut.ac.ir</p>	<p>+98 (21) 88025997</p>
Centre for Tourism Studies	<p>The Center for Tourism Studies was established in 2005 in the University of Tehran following the signing of an agreement between the Iran Cultural Heritage, Handicraft, and Tourism Organization and the Faculty of Social Sciences.</p>	 <p>Dr Pouya Alaedini palaedini@uc.ac.ir</p>	<p>+98 (21) 61118742</p>
Centre for Women's Studies	<p>The Centre for Women's Studies (CWS) was established in 2001 in partnership with the "Centre for Women's Participation" in the Office of the President of Iran. The major goal of CWS is to support research projects and to conduct research on the welfare of women at the micro and macro levels.</p>	 <p>Dr Maliheh Sheyani mshiani@ut.ac.ir</p>	<p>+98 (21) 88012266 cws@ut.ac.ir</p>



Global Media Journal

Global Media Journal-Persian Edition is a platform for scholars from the network of communication and media studies. Global Media Journal-Persian Edition is the Persian Edition of Global Media Journal that now includes 24 editions internationally. Persian Edition is published bi-annually and follows the double-blinded policy. It publishes papers in various areas of communication and media studies. Global Media Journal-Persian Edition is organized and managed as an academic journal at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tehran, Iran. Manuscript subjects that are submitted for consideration include, but not limited to communication science, as these subjects extend also to the areas of media and cultural studies.

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Iranian Journal of Anthropology

IJAR is a biannual, peer-reviewed journal that publishes original research papers and book reviews. Published since summer 2010, it is the University of Tehran's first and only scientific journal solely dedicated to the field of anthropology. IJAR was created after the decision of the University of Tehran to divide the old Journal of Social Sciences published since the 1960s into a series of publications specialized in different social science disciplines. IJAR publishes papers across anthropological fields dealing with biology, archaeology, linguistic, and culture. It especially welcomes submission of papers written in emerging research areas focusing on urban, developmental, environmental, ethnical, medical, or legal issues as well as on habitat or art.

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IRANIAN JOURNAL OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS

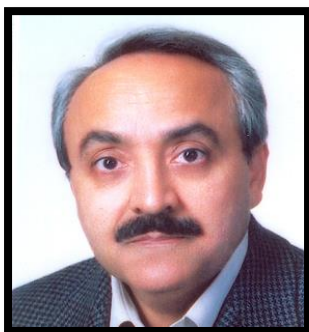
Iranian Journal of Social Problems

Journal of Social Problems of Iran is an academic journal that publishes experiential and theoretical researches in the fields of Social Problems of social sciences. The purpose pursued in publishing this journal is to introduce recent research and theoretic findings of scholars and researchers in the sphere of the social sciences. Within the professional framework of the journal, it welcomes scholars of other foreign countries to publish articles and scientific works in this journal.

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Journal of Community Development

(Rural and Urban Communities)

Journal of Community Development

The Journal of Community Development (Rural and Urban Communities) is an academic magazine that publishes applied, basic and developmental researches in the field of Community Development. The aim of this magazine is to publish the latest theoretical research-based studies of researchers.

It is recommended that submitted papers include abstracts, introduction, theoretical framework, methodology, research findings, discussion and references.

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Quarterly of Social Studies and Research in Iran

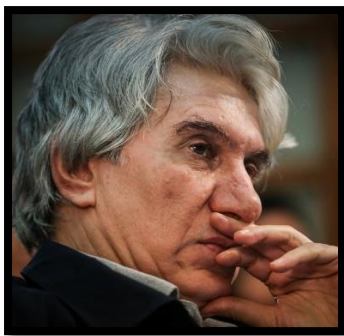
Quarterly of Social Studies and Research in Iran

Social Studies and Research is a quarterly journal that aims to publish theoretical and empirical studies in the field of the social sciences in general and in particular social problems in Iran. The peer-reviewed journal also accepts masters and PhD dissertations.

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Social Theories of Muslim Thinkers

Social Theories of Muslim Thinkers is a scientific journal that aims to reflect on and publish new research, studies, and reviews on social theories of Muslim thinkers around the world.

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SOCIOLOGICAL JOURNAL OF ART AND LITERATURE

Sociological Journal of Art and Literature

Sociological Journal of Art and Literature is a bi-annual publication. It publishes original research probing the relationship between any form of art or literature and the society. All scholars who conduct sociological research across different fields of art and literature are thus invited to contribute to the Journal.

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The Faculty library consists of reading rooms, book section, journal section, thesis section, electronic library and the Faculty website office. It holds over 35,000 Persian and foreign books, 4,000 volumes of theses and dissertations, and 75 complete issues of journal titles in Persian, French, and English. To facilitate the access of professors, students and researchers to various scientific resources, the electronic library was inaugurated in 2008 with various electronic resources including e-books (Persian, English, German, French, etc.), academic papers from international and Iranian journals, and Master's and Ph.D. theses and dissertations.

➤ **Websites**

<https://library.ut.ac.ir/>

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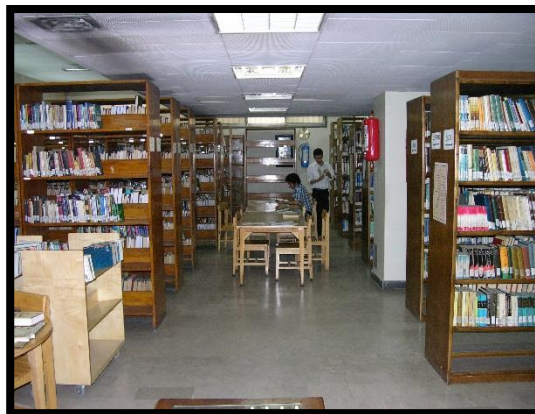
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Student Associations

Student Associations are units and societies operated by students; their membership consists only of students and alumni. Contact their offices for more information about events, lectures, workshops, as well as collective activities that relate to the different political currents in Iran, within and outside the faculty.

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Students' Guild Council	+9861117850
Student Mobilization Association (Basi)	+9861117862
Independent Islamic Association	+986111783

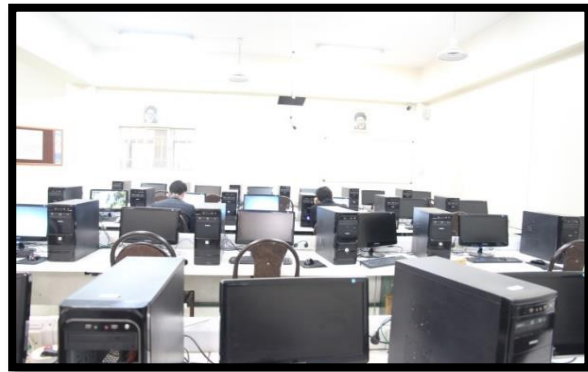
Sport Facilities

Students can enjoy an indoor sport complex as well as open fields and courts for football, basketball, and volleyball.



Computer Labs

There are three computer labs for both undergraduate and graduate students in which the faculty provides different printing and electronic facilities that meet the research and educational needs of students.



Conference Halls

The Faculty is home to the **Ibn-Khaldun auditorium** with 275 seats, the **Goft-o-Goo** (Dialogue) Hall, and the **Shari'ati auditorium** with over 100 seats for conferences and symposiums.

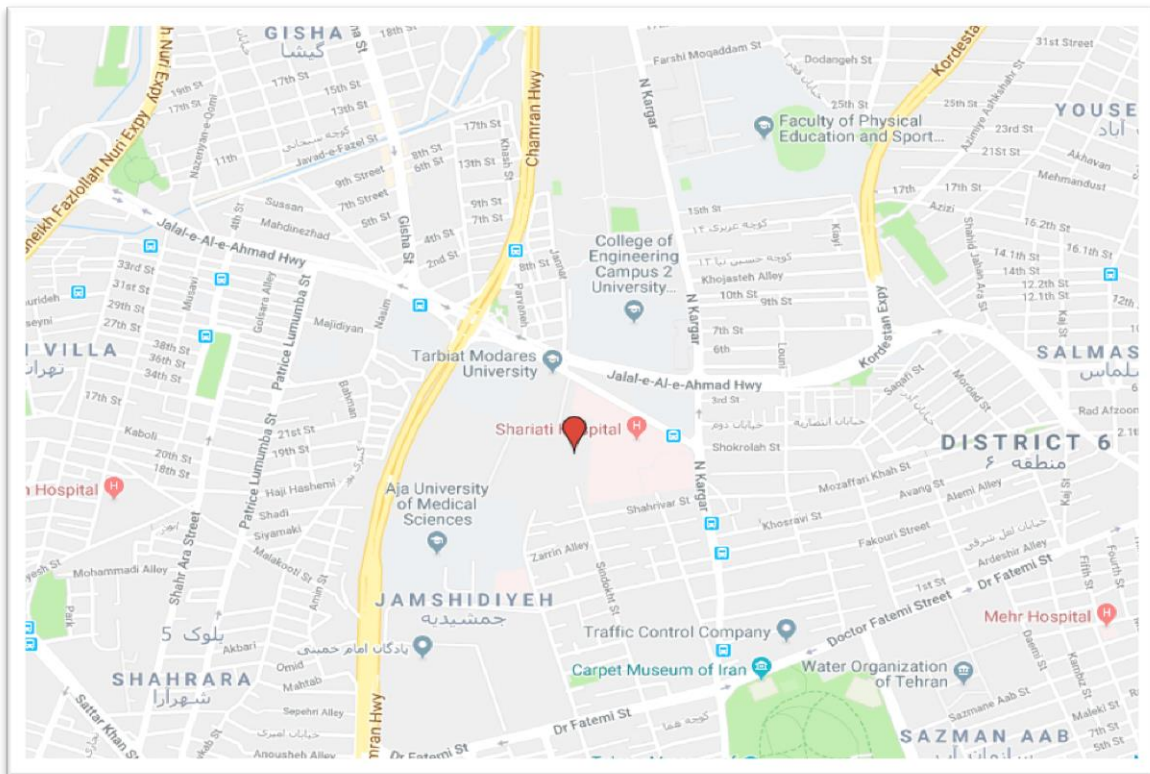


Dining Salon

The dining salon provides a varied and healthy weekly food program with subsidized prices. In addition, there are multiple student cafes that offer drinks, snacks, and light meals.



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