UNIVERSITY OF WARITH AL-ANBIYAA

KARBALA, IRAQ

SDG 2

Zero Hunger

Progress Report 2025



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2025 at a glance

UOWA serves low-cost meals, cuts food waste, supports local farming, and gives food to families in need.

86.7%
Of organic waste was treated in 2025

45–50%
Below market price for campus meals

300+
Food baskets given to needy families in Ramadan

165,000 m²
University date palm farm, a living lab

2025 in brief

JANUARY
Food banquets for the poor
At three houses in Karbala, by College of Administration and Economics students

FEBRUARY
Guidance on foot-and-mouth disease
Scientific advice to protect livestock

FEBRUARY
Healthy and sustainable food activity
College of Nursing, at the student cultural forum

MARCH
Iftar for girls without parental care
A Ramadan meal on campus

MARCH
Nutrition lessons in schools
Fourth-year community health nursing students

MARCH
300+ food baskets
Packed and delivered by student teams

JUNE
Panel on farming and livestock
College of Law, with the Karbala Agriculture Directorate

OCTOBER
2025 organic waste results published
Food, garden and other organic waste, measured

Partners
The Imam Hussain Holy Shrine, the Karbala Agriculture Directorate, the Local Union of Agricultural Cooperative Associations, and the student teams Irth Al-Hussain and Khairat Al-Warith.

1 · FOOD FOR STUDENTS

Affordable, healthy meals

UOWA's cafeteria sells meals at about 45 to 50% below market prices, so cost does not stop anyone from eating well.

EVERY DAY

Low-cost meals on campus

Fresh meals, with vegetarian, non-vegetarian and vegan choices.

Dishes change regularly. The cafeteria is inspected by the Ministry of Health, and the Imam Hussain Holy Shrine supports the low prices.

Some campus prices

CAMPUS MEAL	PRICE (IQD)
Rice and curry, with free bread	1,500
Chicken sandwich	2,000
Beef sandwich	2,500
Falafel wrap	1,000
Meat pie	1,000

Help for students in need

- Up to 50% off meals for students and staff
- Extra meal vouchers or meal plans for students in extreme hardship
- Vegetarian and vegan options

Learning about healthy food



25 FEBRUARY 2025

Healthy and sustainable food

The College of Nursing held an activity at the student cultural forum on healthy, sustainable food and why it matters for health.

20 AND 21 MARCH 2025

Nutrition lessons for pupils

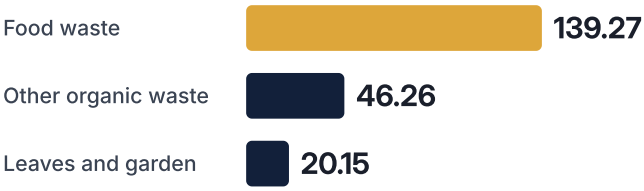
Nursing students taught pupils in local schools about proper nutrition and how it affects health and learning.

2 · LESS FOOD WASTE

Measuring and treating waste

UOWA measures its organic waste by type and treats most of it, turning food and garden waste into compost.

Organic waste, 2025 · tonnes



Total: 205.68 tonnes. 178.46 tonnes (about 86.7%) were treated.

How it is handled

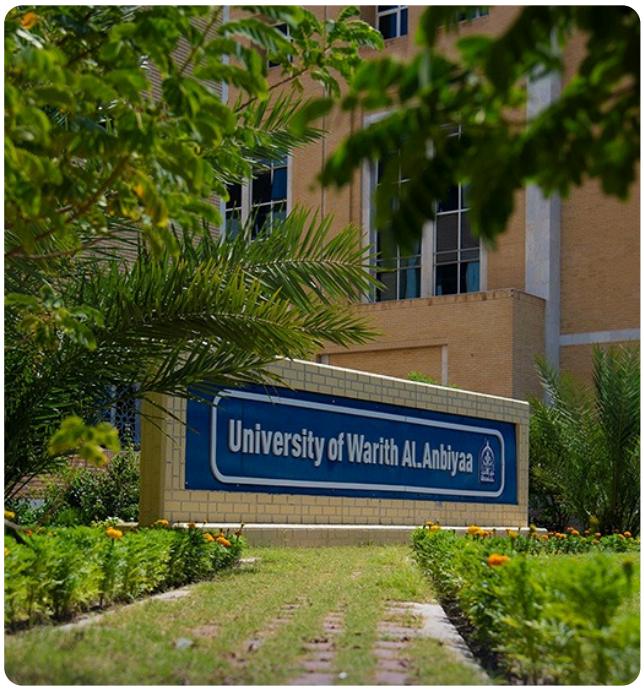
- Collected separately from cafeterias, grounds and student housing
- Food and garden waste composted on campus, for landscaping
- The rest goes to certified treatment plants, with the Imam Hussain Holy Shrine
- Down about 5% from 2024



ON CAMPUS

Colour-coded bins

Separate bins keep each type of waste apart, so more of it can be composted or recycled.



COMPOST

Back to the gardens

Compost from food and garden waste is used on campus grounds and in agricultural research.

Target for 2027

UOWA aims to treat 90% of its organic waste by 2027, keeping it out of landfill. Cafeterias also use reusable packaging.

Supporting local agriculture

UOWA runs a date palm farm for teaching and research, works with farms in Karbala, and brings farmers and officials together.



FADAK FARM

Smart farming with the Holy Shrine's farm

Sensors measure moisture in plants and adjust the water they get.

UOWA experts also research how to manage groundwater, and support solar power for farm machines and irrigation. Fadak Farm belongs to the Imam Hussain Holy Shrine.

165,000 M²

University date palm farm

A living gene bank for teaching and research. It runs workshops, field training and technical advice for local farmers.



15 JUNE 2025

Panel on farming and livestock

The College of Law held a panel on farming and livestock in Karbala, with the Agriculture Directorate, the farmers' cooperative union and members of parliament.

Protecting livestock

On 22 February 2025 UOWA shared scientific guidance on foot-and-mouth disease, a highly contagious disease of cattle, sheep and goats.

Food for families

UOWA's students and staff give meals and food baskets to people who need them.

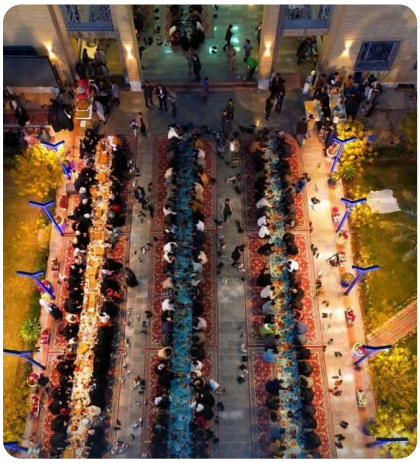


26 MARCH 2025 · RAMADAN

300+ food baskets

Students packed baskets and delivered them to needy families in Karbala.

Run by the student teams Irth Al-Hussain and Khairat Al-Warith with the Student Activities Department.



10 AND 11 MARCH 2025

Iftar on campus

A Ramadan meal for girls without parental care from the Holy Shrine's shelter home.

30 JANUARY 2025

Banquets for the poor

Students served meals at Al-Qazwini House, Dar Al-Salam and Al-Waeli House.

STUDENT TEAM

Sharing surplus food

Khairat Al-Warith, founded in 2024, collects surplus clean food from restaurants for people in need.

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