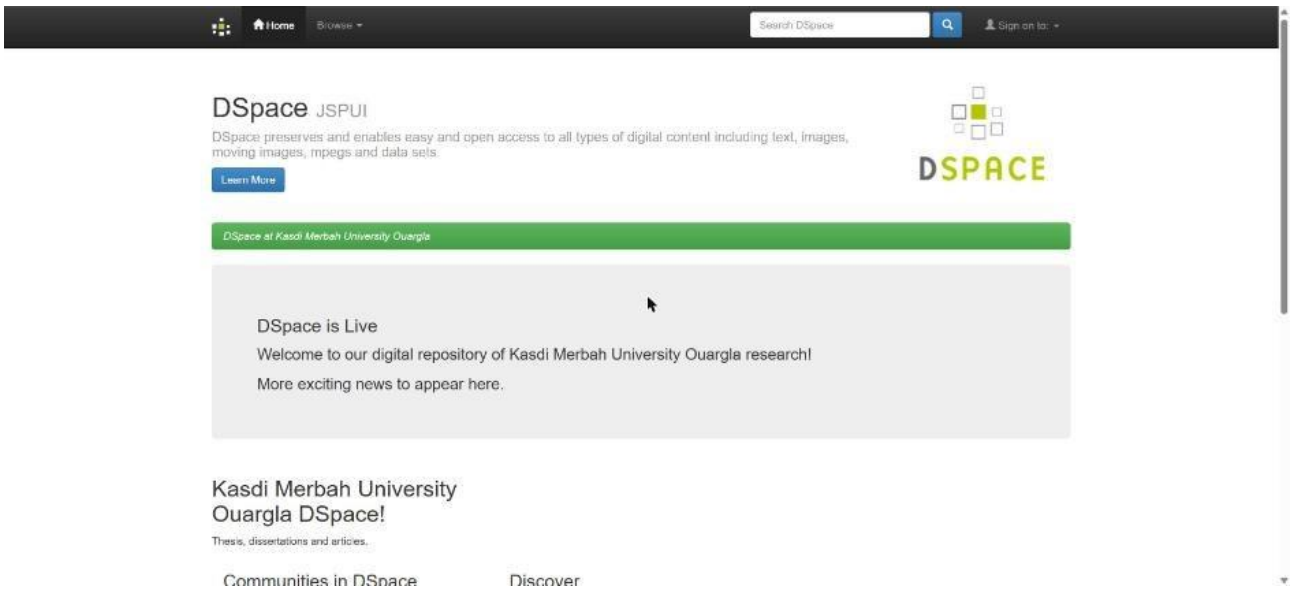
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SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

The University is committed to promoting sustainable, inclusive, and culturally vibrant communities by making its knowledge and publications accessible to the public, documenting the linguistic and historical heritage of south-eastern Algeria, supporting student artistic and cultural activities, and enhancing campus sustainability through green spaces and environmental initiatives. This document compiles documented activities from 2025 to 2026, organised according to the relevant SDG 11 metrics of the THE Sustainability Impact Ratings, with links to supporting evidence for each activity

Open access to the university's digital repository (DSpace)



Kasdi Merbah University Ouargla DSpace repository

Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla gives the public free online access to its scientific output through its institutional digital repository, DSpace. The repository preserves the university's research and makes it openly available to anyone, without registration, whether they are students, researchers, professionals or members of the public.

Its collections include Magister, PhD, Master, Licence and Engineer theses, the scientific publications of the university's staff, the university's journals (Revues Univ Ouargla), the Mastériales collection and medical sciences dissertations.

Through this open repository, the university shares the knowledge produced on its campuses with its region and with the wider community, and keeps a permanent record of its academic work.

Source : https://dspace.univ-ouargla.dz/jspui/

Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla accredited as a publisher by the National Library of Algeria



Accreditation of the university as a publisher

On 14 October 2026, Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla announced its accreditation as a publisher by the National Library of Algeria and the Ministry of Culture and Arts. The university congratulated all its officials, staff and employees, and the team of the Directorate of Publishing, headed by the Director of Publishing, Prof. Abdallah Kemassi, on this important scientific and institutional achievement.

This accreditation is a qualitative step in the development of university publishing. It strengthens the presence of the University of Ouargla in producing, publishing and promoting scientific and academic knowledge, and opens new prospects for professors and researchers to promote their scientific work and to publish books and university textbooks within approved frameworks.

The university also thanked everyone who contributed to this achievement, first among them the Rector, for his support for initiatives that develop the university and raise its scientific and cultural output.

Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=21543

Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla commemorates the 65th anniversary of National Emigration Day



Historical exhibition on the martyrs of 17 October 1961

On Sunday, 18 October 2026, Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla commemorated the 65th anniversary of National Emigration Day in front of the Scientific and Cultural Recreation Centre at University Pole 3, in the presence of university officials, professors, staff and students.

The ceremony opened with verses from the Holy Quran, followed by the national anthem. A wreath was laid and Al-Fatiha was recited for the souls of the martyrs of the events of 17 October 1961.

The event ended with a visit to a historical exhibition on the martyrs and mujahideen of the Algerian revolution, organised on the sidelines of the commemoration.



Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=21637

“Memory of struggle and a path of building”: National Student Day, 19 May 1956 – 2026



National Student Day: ceremony and exhibitions

On the morning of Tuesday, 19 May 2026, the main conference hall of the Rectorate of Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla hosted the celebration of National Student Day, marking the 70th anniversary of the strike of Algerian students of 19 May 1956.

The ceremony was held under the supervision of the Wali of Ouargla, Mr. Abdelghani Filali, in the presence of the Rector, Prof. Mohamed Tahar Halilat, his vice-rectors, the Secretary-General, the deans of the faculties and the university family, together with the local, security and military authorities and the revolutionary family.

The celebration began in front of the Rectorate before moving to the martyrs' memorial, where the national flag was raised to the national anthem, a wreath of flowers was laid and Al-Fatiha was recited for the souls of the martyrs.

A series of exhibitions was set up outside the hall: an exhibition of start-ups presenting promising projects, an exhibition on the historical memory of the student movement during the Revolution, and an exhibition of the university's international students. University sports teams gave several sports displays, followed by a visit to an exhibition of the subsidiary institutions.

In the main lecture hall, the Rector opened the ceremony, followed by speeches from a student representative and the provincial secretary of the Organisation of Mujahideen. Prof. Ibrahim Lahcen gave a historical lecture entitled "Milestones in the struggle of Algerian students in the liberation revolution". The celebration ended with the honouring of students who won national and international competitions, the winning sports teams, the staff who support student activities, and the student organisations.



Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=20713

Large tree-planting campaign at University Pole 3



Tree planting by the Faculty of Hydrocarbons at Pole 3

On the morning of 12 February 2026, the Faculty of Hydrocarbons, Renewable Energies and Earth and Universe Sciences of Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla carried out a large tree-planting campaign at University Pole 3, with the participation of professors, staff and students.



The campaign is part of the university's efforts to green its campuses and to improve the surroundings in which its students and staff study and work.

Source : https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Dw9dY7rch/

The Rector takes part in a large tree-planting campaign at University Pole 02



Tree-planting campaign around University Pole 02

As part of greening the university's surroundings and strengthening the environmental dimension of its institutions, the Rector of the University of Ouargla, Distinguished Professor Mohamed Tahar Halilat, took part on the morning of Thursday, 13 November 2025 in a large tree-planting campaign around University Pole 02.

The campaign was held under the supervision of the Wali of Ouargla, Mr. Abdelghani Filali, together with the local, security and military authorities.





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First edition of the art festival “Art Revives Science”



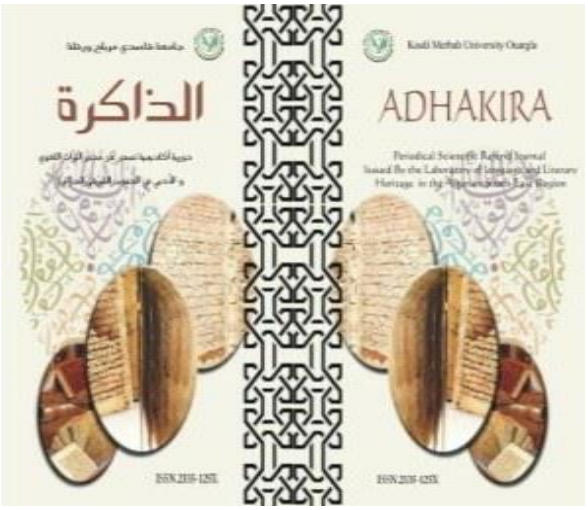
Closing day of the first “Art Revives Science” festival

On 24 April 2025, the last day of the event, the Creativity for Change Club of the Faculty of Hydrocarbons, Renewable Energies and Earth and Universe Sciences at Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla ran a plastic-arts corner, “Artsy”, as part of the first edition of the art festival “Art Revives Science”.

The plastic-arts corner gave students a space to show their artworks during the festival, whose closing ceremony honoured the participants and brought art into the university’s scientific life.

Source : https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19xXBU97oF/

Al-Dhakira: a journal that records the linguistic and literary heritage of south-east Algeria



Al-Dhakira journal (EISSN 2676-1734)

Since 2012, the Laboratory of Linguistic and Literary Heritage in South-East Algeria at Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla has published Al-Dhakira (“Memory”), a peer-reviewed journal issued twice a year, on 5 January and 1 June (EISSN 2676-1734).

The journal gives priority to research on Algeria's linguistic and literary heritage, biographies of the region's scholars and questions of heritage. It is freely available on the Algerian Scientific Journal Platform (ASJP) and has so far published 14 volumes, 26 issues and 355 articles, which together form a lasting record of the intangible heritage of south-east Algeria.

Source : https://www.asjp.cerist.dz/en/PresentationRevue/476

University of Ouargla commemorates the 72nd anniversary of the outbreak of the glorious liberation revolution



Honouring the mujahideen on the anniversary of 1 November 1954

On Tuesday morning, 3 November 2026, Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla commemorated the 72nd anniversary of the outbreak of the glorious liberation revolution (1 November 1954 – 1 November 2026) with a celebratory programme hosted by University Pole 1.

The ceremony was led by the Vice-Rector for External Relations and Cooperation, Prof. Mohamed Mehdi Kadri, on behalf of the Rector, Distinguished Professor Mohamed Tahar Halilat, in the presence of the Secretary-General and officials of the university, its staff and its students.

The programme included several celebratory and historical activities: the flag-raising ceremony and the national anthem, a tree-planting operation to mark the anniversary, a blood donation campaign, historical talks and testimonies about the liberation revolution, the honouring of mujahideen, a sports parade, workshops and various exhibitions.

These activities aim to anchor national memory in the university community, to promote the values of loyalty to the sacrifices of the martyrs and mujahideen of the glorious liberation revolution, and to pass the message of November on to the rising generations.



Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=21856

Teaching extended until 9 p.m. with university transport adapted to the new schedule



Evening classes at the Faculty of Applied Sciences

To implement the directives of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, which extend teaching activities until 9:00 p.m. (21:00) from the 2026/2027 academic year, the Faculty of Applied Sciences of the University of Ouargla has begun to adapt its teaching timetable to this decision.

To make the experience a success, the university administration has put in place a plan to prepare all the conditions for evening teaching, in particular by providing university transport and adapting its schedules, taking into account the various pedagogical, social and organisational conditions, so as to ensure the comfort and safety of students and suitable conditions for their studies.



Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=21561

Preparing university residences for the 2026–2027 academic year



The Rector's field visit to the university residences

As part of the preparations for the 2026–2027 academic year, on the morning of Sunday, 6 September 2026, the Rector of Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla, Prof. Mohamed Tahar Halilat, accompanied by the Vice-Rector, Dr. Abi Miloud Abdelfattah, the Director of University Services Ouargla – Pole, Mr. Tahar Benkhettou, and the Director of University Services Ouargla, Mr. Djamel Azzouz, made a field visit to several university residences: Ben Cheikh Telli, Hassani Mohamed Ben Brahim and Ben Dahmane Bachir, in the presence of the residence directors.

The visit aimed to check the readiness of the university residences and their facilities, and to review the progress of preparations and ongoing works, so that students can be received in the best conditions at the start of the new academic year.

It also strengthened coordination between Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla and the Directorate of University Services, in order to raise the level of services and improve the conditions of student accommodation.



Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=21342

Kasdi Merbah University Ouargla hosts the first national technical conference on “Rail Transport and Industry 4.0”



First national technical conference: Rail Transport and Industry 4.0

On Sunday, 19 April 2026, Kasdi Merbah University of Ouargla hosted a national event marking a significant milestone in the development of modern transport systems: the first national technical conference bringing together key stakeholders of the railway sector, under the theme “Rail Transport and Industry 4.0”.

The event was organised by the Faculty of New Information and Communication Technologies and attended by the Rector, Professor Mohamed Tahar Halilat, the vice-rectors and Dr. Bilal Ben Arab, Dean of the Faculty. It also brought together directors and executives of several major railway companies, including the National Rail Transport Company (SNTF), SETRAM, ESTEL and CITAL.

The conference opened with a keynote by Dr. Jamal Touati, an international expert in railway signalling systems and a leading figure in the engineering of control and safety systems for rail transport. Drawing on his professional experience in the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Italy and Algeria, he presented the latest global advances in signalling, automation and intelligent systems, and showed how Industry 4.0 concepts can be integrated into the realities and challenges of Algeria’s railway sector.

The conference addressed key themes of digital transformation, including smart mobility and digitalisation in rail transport, AI-driven predictive maintenance, control and automation systems, and safety and security in modern transport environments.

More than a conference, the event is a strategic step towards a future in which technology and infrastructure converge, opening the way for Algeria to enter a new era of intelligent transport.



Source : https://www.univ-ouargla.dz/?p=19657