

## QU to launch new courses related to blockade

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**Q**atar University has announced adding new courses related to blockade imposed on Qatar in the college programs of law, sociology and media.

QU President Dr Hassan Al Derham yesterday announced that Qatar University was launching four new courses related to the blockade which would be optional.

Giving details about the course will be presented at Law College and the subjects will be related to the blockade on the aspect of law. "College of Business and Economics will have a subject related to the economic aspect of the blockade and the College of Arts and Sciences will get two courses media and social sciences related to the blockade," he said, while addressing a press conference to announce the academic accreditation of QU colleges of Education (CED), Engineering (CENG), and Health Sciences (CHS).

Qatar University is mulling over launching new programs about food security, cyber

security and transport in a bid to meet the requirements of local job markets in public and private sector amid assuming importance for such specialisations due to blockade.

Qatar University also showed its readiness to help local farmers in sharing experiences related to setting up cooling system for their greenhouses. The details were given by the official of Qatar University in a press conference held yesterday to announce the new accreditation obtained by the varsity.

The College of Engineering of Qatar University received requests from government institutions to launch new programs in their specialisations. "The College received communications from Qatar Development Bank and state security agency about launching two programs – agricultural science and cyber security," said Dean of the College of Engineering, Dr Khalifa Al Khalifa. "We are conducting a feasible study to launch the programs. It could be bachelor courses or diplomas as per the needs of the institutions" he added.

Al Khalifa said that the College of Engineering is also in

touch with the Ministry of Municipality and Environment on launching a new program – agricultural science. "The College of Engineering has good experience related to cooling system as it coordinated with the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy in installing cooling system at stadiums. We received request from the Ministry of Municipality and Environment to transfer this experience in installing cooling system to some farms connected with the Ministry," said Al Khalifa.

Al Khalifa said that the new courses will be proposed to the Authorities Concerned in future for approval. "Qatar University as national varsity is keen to launch specialized courses to meet the needs of the country," he added.

The College of Health and Science is also working to launch new programs in food safety and processing. "The Ministry of Public Health requested to Qatar University to offer programs on food safety and processing," said CHS Human Nutrition Department Head Dr Tahra El Obeid. "The college will submit the proposals for approval next week," she added.