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The capstone project has become an integral part of the university degree curriculum. It can take many various forms, but its purpose remains the same. The capstone project is a unique opportunity to carry out independent group research in order to devise an innovative solution for a real-world problem. While a project of this scope and scale can be challenging, it can also be very rewarding.

The capstone project is usually the final assignment and plays a vital role in preparing students for the world of work thanks to its practical applications and ability to help hone students' professional knowledge and skills.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A CAPSTONE PROJECT?

- IT PREPARES YOU FOR THE WORKING WORLD

The capstone project is designed to consolidate final-year students' learning with valuable hands-on experience to help develop them into well-prepared and well-rounded graduates.

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Students work together in small groups to come up with innovative solutions for real-life problems, all while gaining valuable insights into the demands and responsibilities of the working world. This gives students a chance to bring their leadership and management skills alive and understand the consequences of their decisions in a 'safe space'.

gives students an insight into global affairs, international relations as well as social corporate responsibility and sustainability.

- IT HELPS BUILD YOUR CV AND HELP YOU STAND OUT AS A CANDIDATE

Undertaking a capstone project demonstrates to prospective employers that you're more than just a potential candidate with the necessary academic qualifications. It shows your dedication to an issue which demands time and effort, as well as strict professionalism, work ethic and experience working in a practical, hands-on setting.

- IT OFFERS VALUABLE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE – SOMETHING MANY GRADUATES DO NOT HAVE

As a graduate, the reality of securing a job can be difficult as many roles demand practical experience. Many graduates are conceptually strong and suitable candidates, but a lack of applied knowledge in practical settings can make it challenging to demonstrate such experience and skills on their CV or in an interview.

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capstone project is a great solution and is something which both Megan and Javeria felt helped bridge that critical gap and has given them a competitive advantage as young professionals.



It gave student an opportunity to learn outside a traditional academic setting and allowed him to explore his interest in sustainability and passion for social impact.

Bridging the lessons learnt during the capstone project such as the value of continuously learning, taking initiative, and working effectively with people from **diverse disciplinary** backgrounds has been invaluable work and his graduate studies.”

IT HONES ON SPECIFIC SKILLS THAT ARE HIGHLY VALUED BY EMPLOYERS

The capstone project encompasses a real-life working culture which aims to instill a set of specific skills that are both highly valued by employers and will ultimately serve students well into their careers.

ALAYEN IRAQI UNIVERSITY focuses on the development of a wide range of skills, including creative, critical, and strategic thinking, effective communication, teamwork, problem solving and research analysis through **diverse learning** approaches and perspectives. Students deepen their sense of social and ethical responsibilities as they learn to mobilize their knowledge across disciplines and work effectively in **interdisciplinary** teams while engaging professionally with their peers and professors.