





## Research Methodology:

Recipients of the DoS Scholarships were notified of the research through official email notifications. The survey took place January 10-24, at the AUK Library, selected for its computer lab, which would facilitate the administration of the survey.

To accommodate diverse class schedules and other student commitments, the survey sessions were scheduled multiple times during the weeks in January. This approach provided flexibility, allowing participants to choose suitable time slots. The survey was designed to be anonymous, ensuring that all students could participate knowing that their responses would be treated with utmost confidentiality.

## SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

Improvement in overall perception of US Culture after enrollment to AUK.

Figure 4 illustrates the transformation in the overall perception of the U.S. and its culture before and after the scholarship award. The most significant shift was observed in the "Very Positive" category, which increased from 28% to 36% after matriculation. This migration of respondents primarily originated from the neutral category, while the other categories remained relatively stable.

Enrollment at AUK has also promoted American Values, Culture and Lifestyles among friends and family members of the students.

Figure 7 demonstrates that a predominant percentage of respondents (93%) noticed enhanced comprehension of American values, culture, and lifestyles among their family and friends since enrolling at AUK.

DoS Scholarships play a crucial role in fostering stronger connections between the United States and the Iraqi people

Figure 8 demonstrates that 91% of respondents agree that these scholarships effectively enhance the connections between the people of the United States and Iraq.

## RESULTS OF THE SURVEY

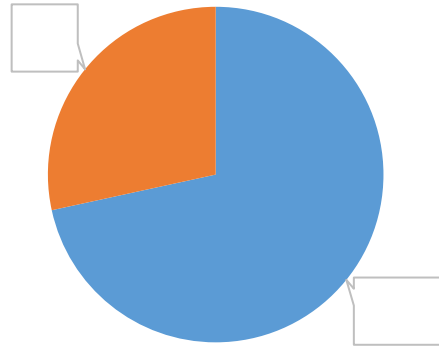
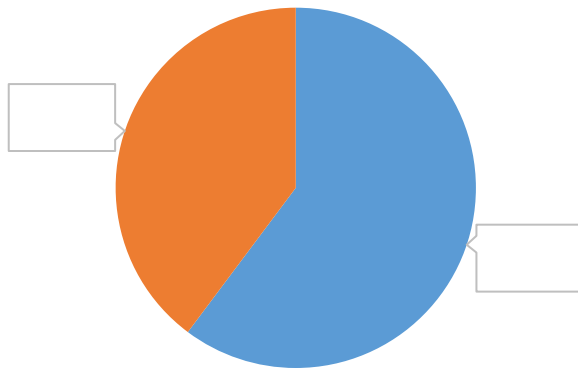


Figure 1 illustrates a higher response rate among females, primarily attributable to the fact that a majority of scholarships are awarded to women.



*Figure 2: Distribution among the stage of Students*

Figure 2 displays the percentage of students in the initial and latter halves of their academic careers at AUK. It's important to emphasize that only students with a minimum enrollment duration of one year were eligible to participate in the survey.



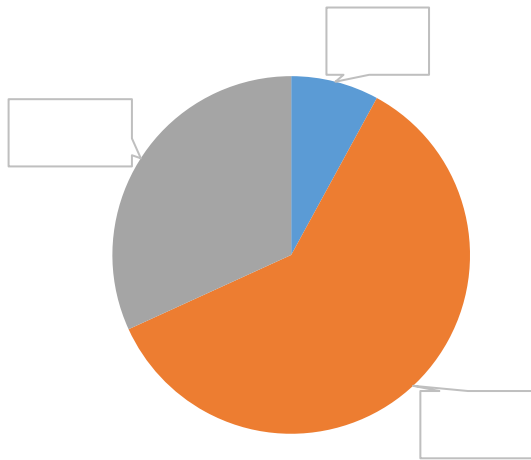


Figure 5: Acquisition of American Values and Culture during attendance at AUK.

Figure 6 illustrates the acquisition of American values and culture by students, with a majority of respondents expressing a partial understanding. This suggests that there is room for improvement in instilling American values in students at AUK

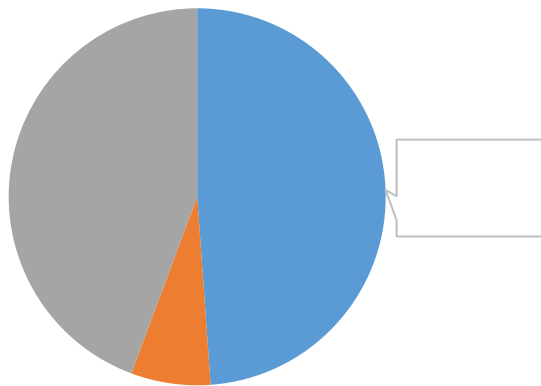


Figure 6: Improvement in understanding American Values, culture and ways of life among family and friends

Figure 7 Demonstrates that a predominant percentage of respondents (93%) have noticed enhanced comprehension of American values, culture, and lifestyles among their family and friends since enrolling at AUK.

*Figure 7: Scholarships' effect on improving ties between the people of the U.S. & Iraq*

Figure 8 demonstrates that 91% of respondents agree that these scholarships will effectively enhance the connections between the people of the United States and Iraq.