Man: *Tawjihi* is the twelfth year of study. It ends with a comprehensive exam. Based on this comprehensive exam . . . of course it’s prepared by the Ministry of Education; schools have nothing to do with this exam. Based on it, students are categorized. Categorizing students qualifies them to, depending on how they did on this exam, enter universities. In Jordan, certainly, currently there are about 17 universities, both private universities and state universities. Acceptance is called United Acceptance System¹; this United Acceptance System is the one that qualifies a student to enter a university, whatever is his first choice, with the major he wishes if his average allows it, if his average allows.

Mostly, the lowest average required to be accepted in different universities is 65; less than 65 . . . currently, there are universities that would raise this number to 70. Less than 70, 70%, a student who gets less than 70% in high school cannot enter the university.

A student is able of course to repeat the high school senior year up to three times. Three times qualify him to obtain 70%, if he has good mental skills, to enter the university. Entering universities is competitive, based on acceptance standards.

¹ This system is used in most Arab countries to decide the college for each student. It’s a computerized system with a special form to enter the data. Depending on several factors, including but not limited to: average, universities’ requirements . . . etc, a student is sent to a certain university.
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