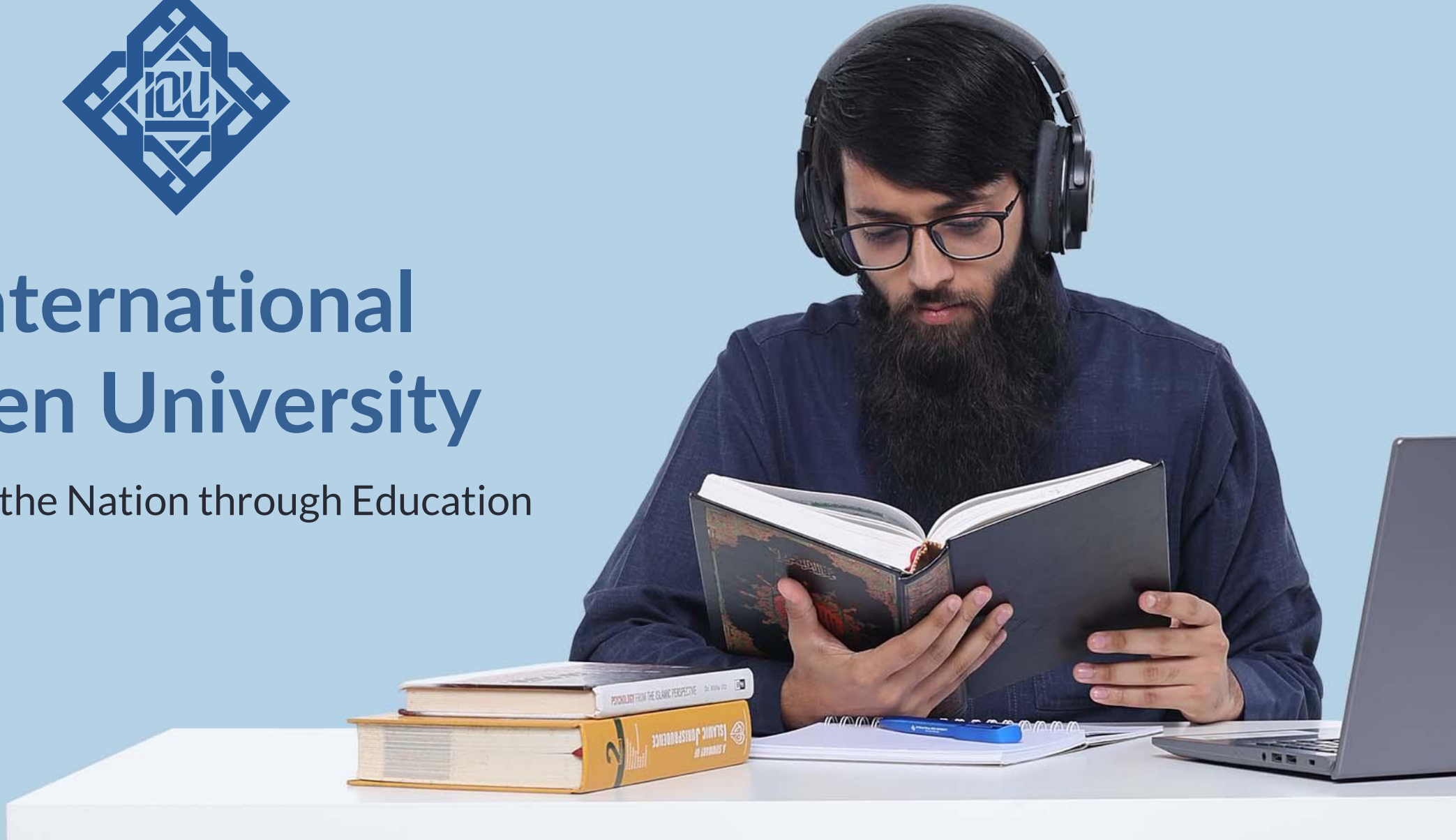




# International Open University

Changing the Nation through Education



# About

The International Open University (IOU) is a pioneer in online education founded in 2001 by the world renowned Islamic scholar, Dr. Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips. IOU provides accredited undergraduate and postgraduate certificates, diplomas and degrees in Islamic Studies, Arabic, and Islamized modern subjects, like psychology, economics, business and education. Its mission is to make authentic Islamic and Islamized modern education readily available and affordable to the world. Its vision is to be the global beacon of authentic Islamic and Islamized education, nurturing leaders who inspire positive change in diverse communities worldwide.



## Founder - Quotation



*"The goal of making authentic Islamic knowledge and Islamized modern knowledge readily accessible to the world through the medium of the internet is a noble mission worthy of dedicating and sacrificing all of one's life and all of one's means."*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bilal Philips', with a large, sweeping underline.

Dr. Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips



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# Chancellor - Biography

## Dr. Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips

- Jamaican – Canadian Islamic Scholar
- Converted to Islam in the early 1970's
- BA in Islamic Studies (University of Madeenah, KSA), MA in Islamic Theology (King Saud University, KSA), and PhD in Islamic Theology (University of Wales, UK)
- Taught Arabic and Islamic Studies in high schools and universities for over 20 years in Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Qatar
- Set up Islamic Studies departments in various universities
- Named in **The 500 Most Influential Muslims** publication
- Authored over 50 published Islamic books



# Vice Chancellor - Biography

## Dr. Cherno Omar Barry

- Gambian Diplomat and Professor
- Masters and Doctorate in Comparative Literature and Semiology (University of Limoges, France)
- President of the Writers' Association of The Gambia
- Received four distinguished awards from France, Senegal and The Gambia
- National Senior consultant on Education
- Authored 5 published books, including **A Brief History of Education in The Gambia**
- Joined IOU in 2021





- **Online eLearning:** Leveraging digital technology makes knowledge accessible to all in every corner of the globe, rather than just to a limited few.
- **Study Anytime:** With 2 study plans and the choice of how many courses to study, you can go at your own pace and also study at any time of the day.
- **Learn Anywhere:** Whether at home or work, on a bus or plane, or anywhere else, you can learn on any device - computer, laptop, TV, tablet or mobile.
- **Islamized Education:** In addition to Islamic Studies, IOU offers a unique approach of combining authentic Islamic knowledge into modern subjects.
- **Affordable Fees:** It is comparatively low and affordable, as fees are on a sliding scale based on the development score of a student's country.
- **Accredited Degrees:** IOU is a licensed online university and has both institutional and program accreditation for its degrees and certificates.

# Headquarters

IOU's headquarters is located in Kanifing city within the West African nation of The Gambia. It is situated 12 kilometers west of the capital city of Banjul, within the heart of Serrekunda, the largest urban center in the country.

The landmark three-story building has an imposing appearance and can't be missed along the Iceman Junction. It houses administrative offices, scholarship learning center, and library, as well as offering students free access to computers and internet.

IOU has made significant contributions to tertiary education in The Gambia through its collaboration with the Gambian government in various offline programs in English, education and law.



# Accreditation



## Ministry of Higher Education, The Gambia

The Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology in the Republic of The Gambia granted the International Open University a license to operate an online university in 2014.



## National Accreditation and Quality Assurance Authority, The Gambia

The National Accreditation and Quality Assurance Authority (NAQAA) granted the International Open University institutional and program accreditation for its Bachelor's and Master's degrees starting in 2019.



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# Acceptance

The International Open University's undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and certificates have been recognized by universities, evaluation services and governmental accrediting bodies in the various countries listed below.

## AMERICA



Canada



United States

## EUROPE



Switzerland



United Kingdom

## ASIA



Indonesia



Pakistan



Malaysia



Philippines

## AFRICA



Ghana



Sierra Leone



Kenya



Tanzania



Nigeria



Zambia

# History - 2001 to 2010

## 2001

- IOU launched as the Islamic Online University and offered paid baccalaureate courses, but stopped operation in 2002.

## 2007

- IOU relaunched with 22 free diploma level courses and had over 1,500 registered students.

## 2010

- IOU expanded by launching one of the world's first online Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies (BAIS), and registered students for the diploma courses increased to 30,000.



## History - 2011 to 2015

### 2014

- Four new departments were opened which offered Bachelor's degrees in Arabic, Education, Banking & Finance, and Psychology.
- IOU established its headquarters in the Gambia and received a university license from the Ministry of Higher Education.
- IOU began offering the BAIS program in Russian.

### 2015

- Two new departments were opened to offer Bachelor's in Business Administration and Information Technology.
- IOU began to offer a Master's in Islamic Studies (MAIS).



# History - 2016 to 2020

## 2017

- IOU began offering the BAIS program in Bahasa for Indonesians.
- The 1 Million African Scholarships (1MAS) initiative was launched to provide free Bachelor's degree scholarships to the underprivileged in Africa and its diaspora.

## 2019 & 2020

- The National Accreditation and Quality Assurance Authority (NAQAA) of The Gambia granted IOU institutional accreditation.
- IOU officially changed its name to the International Open University.



# History - 2021 to 2024

## 2021 & 2022

- NAQAA granted program accreditation for IOU's Bachelor's degrees in Arabic, Business Administration, Banking & Finance, Psychology, Education, and Islamic Studies, as well as the Master's in Psychology.

## 2023 & 2024

- NAQAA accredited IOU's Bachelor's degree in Information Technology, Postgraduate in Education, and Master's degrees in Arabic, Business Administration, Banking & Finance, Education and Islamic Studies.
- IOU began offering Master's in Psychology, Education, and Arabic, as well as a Postgraduate in Education.



# Statistics

- **41,300+** enrolled students since 2010 in **174 countries**
- **22,000+** students completed at least **one semester**
- **2,900+** graduates in **94 countries**
- **8 academic departments** with **30 programs**
- **84 student committees** in **61 countries**
- **2,600+** exam centers in **149 countries**
- **200+** staff and faculty in **35 countries**
- **9,400+** enrolled students for the **2023-2024 academic year**
- **7,100+** enrolled students in the **Spring 2024 semester**
  - **36%** on **scholarship**
  - **53%** are **female**



# Professors and Instructors



**Bilal Philips**  
Ph.D.  
Jamaica  
Aqeedah  
( Theology )



**Iffat Basit**  
Ph.D.  
Pakistan  
Education



**Riaz Ansary**  
Ph.D.  
USA  
Usool al-Fiqh  
( Law Principles )



**Muraina Olanrewaju**  
Ph.D.  
Nigeria  
Education



**Daud Abdullah**  
Ph.D.  
Grenada  
Seerah  
( Prophetic Bio )



**Ebrahim Abu Dawy**  
Ph.D.  
Egypt  
Arabic



**Nissar Ahmad Yatoo**  
Ph.D.  
India  
Economics,  
Banking & Finance



**Adnan Ashraf**  
Ph.D.  
Pakistan  
Information  
Technology



**James Jones**  
Ph.D.  
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Comparative  
Religion



**Shafiqur Rahman**  
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Australia  
Business  
Administration



**Francesca Bocca**  
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**Wessam Altom**  
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Quran



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**G Hussein Rassool**  
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**Mohd Anwar Sahib**  
Ph.D.  
Fiji  
Fiqh  
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**Sutan Emir Hidayat**  
Ph.D.  
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# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



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# Faculties and Departments

## Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies

- Department of Arabic Language
- Department of Islamic Studies

## Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Department of Business Administration
- Department of Economics & Finance
- Department of Education
- Department of Information Technology
- Department of Psychology



# Department of Islamic Studies



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# Islamic Studies – Bachelor of Arts (BAIS)

## Degree Program

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma or equivalent
- **Duration:** Four years (Minimum) to Nine years (Maximum)
- **Languages:** English, Russian, Bahasa Indonesia

## Program Content

- **Core:** Courses in all aspects of *Sharee'ah* (Islamic Law) including *Aqeedah* (Creed), *Fiqh* (Jurisprudence), *Seerah* (Prophetic Biography), *Tafseer* (Quranic Exegesis) and *Hadeeth* (Prophetic Narrations), as well as Arabic and *Da'wah* (Propagation)
- **Additional:** Modern subjects are taught with courses in Education, Psychology, Finance, Management, and Information Technology



# Higher Diploma in Islamic Studies (BMAIS)

- **Target:** Bachelor's degree holders in fields other than Islamic Studies
- **Courses:** Sharee'ah and Arabic from the Bachelors degree (BAIS)
- **Duration:** One and half years (Minimum) to Three years (Maximum)
- **Languages:** English, Bahasa Indonesia



# Islamic Studies – Master of Arts (MAIS)

## Degree Program

- **Requirement:** Bachelor in Islamic Studies from an accredited institution or a BA in another subject (e.g. B.Sc., B.Com.) with a Higher Diploma (BMAIS) from IOU
- **Options:** Coursework or Research-based
- **Duration:** Two years
- **Languages:** English, Bahasa Indonesia

## Program Content (Coursework)

- **Core:** Courses in Tawheed of Allah's Names, Criticism of Hadeeth, Contemporary Fiqh, Islamic Governance, Contradictory Verses and Hadeeths, and Objectives of Shari'ah
- **Research:** Methodology, Proposal
- **Thesis:** Minor Dissertation



# Islamic Studies – Doctor of Philosophy (**Coming Soon**)

## Degree Program

- **Requirement:** Master degree (ISCED Level 7) with a minimum completion of 240 credits in Islamic Studies or a related field.
- **Duration:** Three years (Minimum) to Six years (Maximum)

## Program Content

- **Research:** Courses in Methodology and Proposal
- **Thesis:** Major Dissertation



# Department of Psychology



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# Psychology - Undergraduate Programs

## Bachelor of Science in Psychology

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma
- **Duration:** Four to Nine years
- **Languages:** English, Bahasa Indonesia

## Associate in Psychology

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma
- **Duration:** Two to Six years

## Certificate in Psychology

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma
- **Duration:** One to Three years

## Sample Course Offerings

- Islamic Psychology
- Child Psychology
- Health Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Islamic Psychotherapy
- Perspectives on Psychology
- Adolescence Psychology
- Family Dynamics and Therapy
- Psychological Assessment
- Islamic Counselling





# Psychology - Master of Science (MSc PIC)

## Degree Program

- **Requirement:** Bachelor in Psychology or a BA in any discipline (e.g. B.Sc., B.Com.) from an accredited institution
- **Duration:** Two years
- **Languages:** English, Bahasa Indonesia

## Program Content

- **Core:** Courses in Islamic Psychology and Psychotherapy, Psychological Testing and Assessment, and Psychological Interventions
- **Research:** Methodology, Proposal
- **Thesis:** Minor Dissertation



# Department of Education



# Education - Undergraduate Programs

## Bachelor of Education

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma
- **Duration:** Four to Nine years

## Associate in Education

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma
- **Duration:** Two to Six years

## Certificate in Education

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma
- **Duration:** One to Three years

## Sample Course Offerings

- Educational Technology
- Educational Psychology
- Curriculum Design
- Teaching Methodologies
- Early Childhood Education
- Special Needs Education
- English Language Studies
- Teaching of English
- Teaching of Islamic Studies
- Islamic Studies



# Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)

- **Target:** Bachelor's degree or relevant Honor's degree holders
- **Courses:** Educational Studies, Islamic Pedagogy, Educational Psychology, Work Integrated Learning, Educational Administration, Pre-Primary Education, and Methodology & Practicum for Various Subjects
- **Duration:** One year (Minimum) to Two years (Maximum)

# Education - Master (MEd)

## Degree Program

- **Requirement:** Bachelor in Education or relevant degree/diploma/certificate from an accredited institution or a BA in any discipline (e.g. B.Sc., B.Com.)
- **Duration:** Two years

## Program Content

- **Specializations:**
  - Diversity and Equity in Education
  - Pedagogical Approaches for 21st Century Teaching
  - Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in Education
- **Research:** Methodology, Proposal
- **Thesis:** Minor Dissertation



# Department of Economics, Banking & Finance



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# Programs in Economics, Banking & Finance

## Bachelor in Banking & Finance

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma
- **Duration:** Four to Nine years

## Associate in Banking & Finance

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma
- **Duration:** Two to Six years

## Certificate in Banking & Finance

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma
- **Duration:** One to Three years

## Sample Course Offerings

- Islamic Finance
- Accounting
- Economics
- Risk Management
- Islamic Commercial Law
- Wealth Management
- Statistics and Analysis
- Capital Markets
- Cooperative Banking
- Islamic Studies



# Economics - Master of Science (MSc IEBF)

## Degree Program

- **Requirement:** Bachelor in Psychology or a BA in any discipline (e.g. B.Sc., B.Com.) from an accredited institution
- **Duration:** Two years

## Program Content

- **Core:** Courses in Fundamentals of Islamic Economics, Islamic Banking and Financial System, and Islamic Capital Markets
- **Research:** Methodology, Proposal
- **Thesis:** Minor Dissertation





# Department of Information Technology



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# Programs in Information Technology ( I.T. )

## Bachelor of Science in InfoTech

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma
- **Duration:** Four to Nine years

## Associate in InfoTech

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma
- **Duration:** Two to Six years

## Certificate in InfoTech

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma
- **Duration:** One to Three years

## Sample Course Offerings

- Object Oriented Programming
- Calculus and Analytical Geometry
- Digital Logic Design
- Web Systems and Technologies
- Database Systems
- Human Computer Interaction
- Network Administration
- Mobile App Development
- Artificial Intelligence
- Cloud Computing



# Department of **Business Administration**



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# Programs in Business Administration

## Bachelor of Business Administration

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma
- **Duration:** Four to Nine years

## Associate in Business Administration

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma
- **Duration:** Two to Six years

## Certificate in Business Administration

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma
- **Duration:** One to Three years

## Sample Course Offerings

- Islamic Management
- Marketing
- Accounting
- Organizational Behaviour
- Islamic Studies
- Business Communication
- Business Ethics
- Human Resource Management
- Sales Management
- Islamic Finance



# Department of Arabic Language



# Arabic Language – Intensive Diploma (IAP)

## Non-Degree Program

- **Requirement:** Able to read Quranic Arabic
- **Duration:** Two years
- **Sessions:** Every Three Months (March, June, September, December)

## Program Contents

- **Focus:** Grammar, Reading, Writing, Listening, and Conversation
- **Text Books:**
  - Arabic Grammar Made Easy ( Dr. Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips )
  - Madina Syllabus Books
  - al-Ajroomeeyah ( Muhammad Muhy ad-Deen ibn Abdul Hameed )



# Arabic Language – Bachelor of Arts (BA ALS)

## Degree Program

- **Requirement:** High School Diploma
- **Duration:** Four years (Minimum) to Nine years (Maximum)
- **Languages:** English, Bahasa Indonesia

## Program Contents

- **Core:** Courses in Arabic Grammar, Reading and Writing, Pre-Islam and Islamic Literature, Modern Literature, Rhetoric, Arabic Linguistics (Fiqh Al Lughah), Prophetic Narrations, Morphology, Quranic Texts, and Al-Madinah Series of Books
- **Additional:** Islamic Studies, English Language, and Introduction to Computers
- **Thesis:** Minor Dissertation in Arabic



# Higher Diploma in Arabic (BMARB)

- **Target:** Bachelor's degree holders in fields other than Arabic
- **Courses:** Grammar, Pre-Islam and Islamic Literature, Modern Literature, Linguistics, Lessons from the Noble Qur'an, and Morphology
- **Duration:** One year (Minimum) to Three years (Maximum)





# Arabic Language - Master of Arts (MA ALS)

## Degree Program

- **Requirement:** Bachelor in Arabic from an accredited institution, or a BA in another subject with either a Higher Diploma (BMARB) or passing an admission test
- **Options:** Coursework or Research-based
- **Duration:** Two years

## Program Content (Coursework)

- **Core:** Courses in Linguistic Study of Hadeeth, Schools of Arabic Grammar, Arabic Literacy Criticism, Noble Quran and Sciences of Arabic Language, Rhetoric of Literature, Linguistic and Literary Views of the Noble Quran, and Modern Arabic Literature
- **Research:** Methodology
- **Thesis:** Minor Dissertation in Arabic



# **STUDY PLANS, FEES & DATES**



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# Study Plans

	Part time	Full time
Courses	1 to 3	4 to 6
Credits	24 to 40	40 to 60
Commitment per week	6 to 18 hours	24 to 36 hours
Duration of Certificates	2 to 3 years	1 to 1.5 years
Duration of Associates	4 to 6 years	2 to 3 years
Duration of Bachelors	6 to 9 years	4 to 6 years
Duration of Masters	4 to 6 years <sup>1</sup>	2 to 4 years

<sup>1</sup> Some masters degrees do not have a part-time study option

# Semester Fees - Overview

Tuition fees are based on three factors: a student's study plan, country of residence, and program level. A sliding scale fee system is used according to the standard of living in a country, where countries are grouped into 4 development levels: **Low**, **Medium**, **High** and **Very High**.

	Undergraduate	Higher Diploma	Master	IAP
Low Developed	\$135	\$255	\$370	\$115
Medium Developed	\$185	\$360	\$505	\$155
High Developed	\$375	\$475	\$675	\$350
Very High Developed	\$525	\$725	\$925	\$500

Tuition fees above are for full-time study plans and are subject to change without notice. Visit [www.iou.edu.gm/fees](http://www.iou.edu.gm/fees) for more details.

# Semester Fees - Low Developed Country

The **Low development level** include countries in Africa like Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Gambia, Nigeria and Zimbabwe, in Asia like Afghanistan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, in South East Asia like East Timor and the Philippines, and in Arabia like Yemen.

	Part time (US\$)	Full time (US\$)
Certificates	\$90	\$135
Associates	\$90	\$135
Bachelors	\$90	\$135
Higher Diplomas	\$180	\$255
Masters & Postgraduates	\$255	\$370
Intensive Arabic Program	\$115	



# Semester Fees - Medium Developed Country

The **Medium development level** include countries in South East Asia like Cambodia and Indonesia, in Arabia like Egypt and Jordan, in Asia like Bangladesh and China, in South America like the Guyana and Jamaica, in Europe like Azerbaijan and Bosnia, and in Africa like Ghana and South Africa.

	Part time (US\$)	Full time (US\$)
Certificates	\$120	\$185
Associates	\$120	\$185
Bachelors	\$120	\$185
Higher Diplomas	\$260	\$360
Masters & Postgraduates	\$340	\$505
Intensive Arabic Program	\$155	



# Semester Fees - High Developed Country

The **High development level** include countries in Europe like Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland and Russia, in South East Asia like Malaysia, in Arabia like Bahrain, Oman and Saudi Arabia, in Asia like Mauritius and Turkey, and in South America like Brazil, Chile and Uruguay.


	Part time (US\$)	Full time (US\$)
Certificates	\$240	\$375
Associates	\$240	\$375
Bachelors	\$240	\$375
Higher Diplomas	\$325	\$475
Masters & Postgraduates	\$450	\$675
Intensive Arabic Program	\$350	



## Semester Fees - Very High Developed Country

The **Very High development level** include countries in North America like the Canada and United States, in Europe like France and United Kingdom, in South East Asia like Singapore and Japan, in Arabia like Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, and in Oceania like Australia and New Zealand.

	Part time (US\$)	Full time (US\$)
Certificates	\$350	\$525
Associates	\$350	\$525
Bachelors	\$350	\$525
Higher Diplomas	\$515	\$725
Masters & Postgraduates	\$650	\$925
Intensive Arabic Program	\$500	





# Important Dates

	Spring Semester	Fall Semester
<b>Early Registration</b>	1st week of October to February 28th	1st week of April to August 31st
<b>Registration</b>	March 1st to 30th	September 1st to 30th
<b>Classes (start)</b>	1st week of March	1st week of September
<b>Midterm Examinations</b>	2nd week of May	2nd week of November
<b>Assignment Deadline</b>	June 1st	December 1st
<b>Classes (end)</b>	4th week of July	4th week of January
<b>Final Examination</b>	First two weeks of August	First two weeks of February





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REGISTRATION FOR  
NEW STUDENTS**

# Requirements for eLearning - Language and Time

Studying online is challenging. Before you get started, here are some points to consider:

## Language Requirements

Students are required to possess proficiency in English, as it is the primary medium of instruction. Students may be asked to take an English placement test to assess their language abilities. Students with lower scores will be encouraged to enroll in short English courses designed to enhance their language skills. Arabic programs are taught in English, but a basic level of Arabic reading is required, with the exception of the master's degree.

## Time Management

Students need to allocate the necessary amount of time per week for them to complete their courses and be punctual in meeting deadlines for the module tests, assignments, and exams. IOU offers a time management course to help students.

# Requirements for eLearning - Education and Exams

## Educational Requirements

A high school diploma that is at ISCED level 3 is needed for undergraduate programs, while different countries have different credit requirements that must be met. Students who do not possess one can opt for the Audit Course of bachelor's and master's degrees.

## Examination Center Accessibility

Students are required to take exams at IOU approved exam centers, so the nearest one should be located, or a request for a closer one to be established should be made.

## Computer Literacy

Students should possess basic computer skills, including the ability to use the internet for research, use of a desktop or online word processor, sending and receiving emails, as well as how to open, save, download and upload files.

# Subsidiaries



## [Global Quran Memorization Center](#)

GQMC offers memorization and Tajweed programs to students who are 12+ years and classes are gender segregated. Fees for memorization start at \$10 to \$50 per month, based on a student's country of residence, and for tajweed is a one-time payment of \$60 or \$100.



## [General Diploma in Islamic Studies](#)

GDIS provides over 40 courses, spanning 6 levels of learning, at a small subscription fee of as little as \$1 per month. Students may obtain a diploma upon successful completion of 24 of those courses. They will also be given access to over 10 special workshops.



## [Ilm Institute](#)

Provides easy access to a multitude of professional, Islamic and modern short courses taught by highly qualified instructors from across the globe, without any educational requirements or time limits. Courses cover topics including education, finance, health, parenting, and psychology.



## [Solace Islamic Mental Health Services](#)

Offers online mental health services such as counseling, imam consultation, and workshops, as well as training for adults, youth and children. All of its services are provided by qualified Islamic professionals, with affordable fees starting at \$30 per session and \$15 for workshops.



IOU attempts to strengthen the capabilities of the underprivileged through the provision of quality higher education. Earning a university degree helps them create a better livelihood for themselves and their families, as well as empowers them towards the eradication of poverty in their communities. The United Nations has stated that the main difference between the first and third world is education. This is apparent with only 6% of sub-Saharan youth enrolled in higher education compared to the global average of 26%.

For this reason in 2017, IOU launched the African scholarships project with the aim of educating one million students in Africa and its diaspora. Alhamdulillah, within 6 years and with the support of our donors, we have reached 25 countries and have offered scholarships to almost 5,000 students. We've granted scholarships across Cameroon, Egypt, Eswatini (Swaziland), Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Jamaica, Kenya, Libya, Malawi, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.



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