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ACCREDITATION



MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION,
RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,
THE GAMBIA

The Ministry of Higher Education has granted a license to operate an online university in The Gambia to the International Open University (IOU) in 2014.



NATIONAL ACCREDITATION AND
QUALITY ASSURANCE AUTHORITY,
THE GAMBIA

The National Accreditation and Quality Assurance Authority (NAQAA) has granted IOU institutional accreditation in 2019.

ENROLLMENT

IOU is an affordable institution that only charges an administration fee per semester. The fee is based on three factors: a student's study plan, country of residence, and program level. Students can study anytime of the day and anywhere they prefer, like online at home on their computer or offline on their tablet riding the bus.

| | Part-time | Full-time |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Bachelor | US\$ 90 to 350 | US\$ 135 to 525 |
| Higher Diploma | US\$ 180 to 515 | US\$ 255 to 725 |
| Master | US\$ 255 to 650 | US\$ 370 to 925 |
| Commitment | 9 to 12 hours/week | 18 to 24 hours/week |

Note: The fees above will vary based on a student's country of residence and are subject to change without notice.

Enrollment for the Spring and Fall semesters begin in March and September. Students can enroll before the semester begins to get early access to its study materials. Each six-month semester ends with comprehensive, externally-supervised examinations in IOU approved exam centers around the world.

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"Seeking knowledge is a duty upon
every Muslim"

Sunan Ibn Majah

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ISLAMIC STUDIES

The study of Islamic Studies offers students the opportunity to fulfill their desire and obligation to learn about their religion. The Islamic programs at IOU include courses in *Aqeedah* (Theology), *Fiqh* (Jurisprudence), *Seerah* (Prophetic Biography), *Tafseer* (Quranic Explanation), *Hadeeth* (Prophetic Narrations), and *Da'wah* (Propagation).

Bachelors Degree (BAIS)

Launched in 2010, this four-year program was one of the first online degrees in Islamic Studies. The curriculum is based on the baccalaureate program in *Usool ud-Deen* (Religious Foundations) of Madeenah University and similar institutions.

| SEMESTER 1 | SEMESTER 2 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Fiqh 1: Schools of Thought | • Fiqh 2: Worship |
| • Aqeedah 1: Monotheism | • Aqeedah 2: al-Asmaa was-Sifaat |
| • Arabic 1: Al Madeenah Book 1 | • Arabic 2: Al Madeenah Book 2 |
| • Introduction to Computers | • Seerah 1: Life of the Prophet |
| • English Language Studies | • Tafseer 1: Uloom al-Quran |
| • Etiquette of Seeking Knowledge | |
| SEMESTER 3 | SEMESTER 4 |
| • Fiqh 3: Business Law | • Fiqh 4: Family Law |
| • Aqeedah 3 | • Aqeedah 4 |
| • Arabic 3: Al Madeenah Book 3 | • Arabic 4: Al Madeenah Book 4 |
| • Hadeeth 1: Methodology | • Hadeeth 2: Virtues of Actions |
| • Seerah 2: Madeenan Period | • Tafseer 2: Soorah Yaaseen |
| SEMESTER 5 | SEMESTER 6 |
| • Fiqh 5: Principles | • Fiqh 6: Inheritance |
| • Aqeedah 5 | • Aqeedah 6 |
| • Arabic 3: Al Madeenah Book 5 | • Arabic 6: Al Madeenah Book 6 |
| • Tafseer 3: Soorah al-Kahf | • Hadeeth 3: 40 Hadeeth |
| • Da'wah and Du'aat | • Teaching of Islamic Studies |
| SEMESTER 7 | SEMESTER 8 |
| • Fiqh 7: Criminal Law | • Fiqh 8: Legal Maxims |
| • Aqeedah 7 | • Islamic Civilization |
| • History 1: Four Caliphs | • History 2: Umayyad till Ottoman |
| • Research Methodology | • Islamic Research Treatise |
| • Contemporary Da'wah Movements | |

Higher Diploma (BMAIS)

This year and a half program is a bridge to the Masters degree (MAIS) program that is offered to students who already possess an undergraduate degree or its equivalent in another discipline. It contains courses from the Bachelors degree program.

| SEMESTER 1 | SEMESTER 2 | SEMESTER 3 |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| • Fiqh 1 & 2 | • Fiqh 3 | • Fiqh 5 & 8 |
| • Arabic Grammar 1 | • Arabic Grammar 2 | • Arabic Grammar 3 |
| • Aqeedah 1 | • Aqeedah 6 | • Seerah 2 |
| • Seerah 1 | • Hadeeth 1 | • Hadeeth 2 |
| • Tafseer 1 | • Tafseer 2 | |

Masters Degree (MAIS)

This two-year program is designed to benefit academics and translators of Islamic material. It contains 8 courses during the first year and the second year is focused on the dissertation.

| SEMESTER 1 | SEMESTER 2 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Research Methodology | • Research Proposal Development |
| • Tawheed of Allah's Names | • Exegesis of Contradictory Verses |
| • Quranic Studies: Shubhaat | • Islamic Governance |
| • Criticism of Hadeeth | • Maqasid al Shari'ah |
| • Contemporary Fiqh | • Contradictory Ahadeeth |

Masters Degree - Research (MAIS-R)

This two-year research-based program is similar to the course-based program, but instead focuses solely on the student producing a dissertation after two courses in research methodology and research proposal development.

Doctorate Degree (PhD IS)

This upcoming three-year program will allow candidates to produce an original and independent research project, with support by a dedicated team of highly qualified and experienced professors.

WHY STUDY AT IOU

- **Online** eLearning
- **Affordable** Fees
- **Study Anytime**
- **Learn Anywhere**
- **Accredited** Degrees
- **Islamized** Education



ABOUT IOU



Launched in 2001 by Dr. Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips, the International Open University (IOU), previously known as the Islamic Online University, is committed to spreading beneficial knowledge across the globe. For over a decade since its inception, the university has evolved from providing free certificate and diploma level courses to offering affordable and accredited BA and MA degrees in various fields of study. IOU has a student body made up of over 450 thousand students from over 200 countries.

MISSION



The International Open University (IOU) aims to grant global access to quality undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate level Islamic and Islamized educational programs for students at virtually no cost. Its mission is to be a catalyst for change in the global Muslim nation in order to facilitate their contribution to the progress of human civilization.

FOUNDER



"Seeking authentic knowledge of the True Religion in order to practice and teach it should be our goal."

Dr. Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips is a Jamaican - Canadian Islamic scholar who converted to Islam in the early 70s. He completed a BA in Islamic studies in Madeenah, MA in Islamic Theology in Riyadh, and PhD in Islamic

Theology in the University of Wales, UK.

Dr. Bilal Philips has written, translated and commented on over 50 books on various Islamic topics. He has also edited and published The Eemaan Reading Series for use by children in international Islamic schools.

He has taught Islamic Studies and Arabic in different schools and universities and has presented Islamic programs on the several global Islamic TV channels. His many achievements have made him listed in the Jordanian publication "The 500 Most Influential Muslims."