

Vision

Our vision is to establish IUM as a pre-eminent institution of higher Islamic education in the western hemisphere over the next 20 years. We wish to see IUM have its own beautiful campus, that it be able to invite students from all over the world for higher education. We want to enable IUM to provide first class Islamic education in an Islamic environment through renowned scholars of Islam invited from all over the world to further the dissemination of this sacred knowledge.

We plan to provide Islamic higher education in the United States and with this type of education to develop committed and learned scholars and community builders. Our effort is to tirelessly serve Muslims and guide them to peacefully work to further Islamic scholarship. With independent study and online courses, as well as live lectures and classroom instruction IUM will make education convenient and less costly. A student can study any time of the day, making it easier to fit in his/her daily schedule. The younger generation deserves to have the opportunity to acquire the needed Islamic knowledge here in the United States. The time has come to work on these objectives. Our goals include the following:

- Produce a new generation of Muslims to serve Islam and Da'wah (orator) according to the principles of Qur'an and Sunnah (the Prophet's sayings and practice).
- Attract both Muslims and people of other faiths in North America to pursue Islamic studies and achieve academic degrees in order to widen their knowledge from authentic sources, and strengthen their faith and establish their conviction in the peaceful nature of Islam.
- Produce highly educated and trained Islamic researchers and scholars, who have a good understanding of Islam and who practice Islam to convey their knowledge to the larger Muslim communities.
- Bring the Qur'an once again to the forefront of Muslim daily life.
- Provide intensive courses in Arabic and English.
- Initiate joint research and cooperation with other universities and research centers in North America to provide practical solutions for issues facing the American society.
- Establish a residential university dormitory supervised by highly skilled specialists in education.

Mission

To further the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) by sharing the knowledge and wisdom of Islam in an academic setting. With the help of Allah we will:

- Provide a comprehensive understanding of the Islamic faith and civilization
- Provide Direct teaching in English & Arabic
- Provide E-Learning and distance teaching in Arabic & English
- Establish a comprehensive Islamic Library
- Open channels of education and research with universities and other research institutions
- Conduct programs to address contemporary issues

What Makes Us Special?

- Our students can pursue independent study and take tests to complete courses and earn credit.
- IUM classes are taught in English and Arabic
- Flexible class schedules. Weekends and evenings.
- Download course material for independent study or receive classroom instruction or live on line instruction for the Mahad students.
- Scholarships & financial aid when available.
- Jobs preparation assistance in finding employment.
- Our faculty members are highly qualified and have degrees from renowned institutions.
- Some of our scholars have studied with renowned scholars.
- IUM offers instruction in multiple languages
- IUM is also working on offering degree programs in non-religious disciplines.

Applying to IUM

Prospective students can visit our website at www.iuimbloomington.com and click on 'Apply Online'. There are detailed instructions on the exact steps you need to follow to complete the process.

Students can also upload scanned copies of your transcripts & diploma from the same portal.

If the student application is complete the student will receive an acceptance letter. Thereafter, the student may choose courses and register and enroll through email, giving us details about their plan. For enrollment information email us at iuimnnesota@gmail.com.

For non-credit community education classes you do not need to apply or register. Just visit 'Community Education' on our website at 'www.iuimnnesota.com' or stop by at the office and fill out a small form.

For our Arabic website, please visit: 'www.iuofm.com'.

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Why Islamic University of Minnesota?

American Muslims have established many religious academic institutions specializing in the study of Islam and Islamic Sciences, its civilization and history. We recognize that religious education and guidance in the West requires a type of scholarship that in some ways is different from the scholarship available in Africa, Asia or the Middle East.

Muslims living in the west face several challenges. In most Muslim communities these challenges are being faced largely with the guidance of nominally-trained scholars. In matters of religion, Muslim communities in the West have come to rely for religious leadership on Imams and scholars whose training is mainly rooted in the cultural and educational environment of their countries of origin.

This training is not always sufficient to deal with the cultural environment of the West, nor with the challenges arising from interaction with Western societies. With the rising number of Muslims living in the West, and the accelerated movement of people and ideas across national and cultural borders, Muslims today are living an unprecedented experience of multiculturalism.

This widely recognized development in the nature of relations between religions and cultures imposes new theoretical as well as practical issues on Muslims whether in minority or majority situations. Western societies also face no less acute questions. A greater degree of mutual understanding cannot be to the detriment of either; Muslims and non-Muslims in the West and Muslims in the Muslim world stand to gain a great deal from such enterprises.



Sheikh Dr. Walid Muneer



Sheikh Jamal bin Ahmad



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Dr. Faten Khanjari



Sheikh Hassan Mahamud



Imam Ahmed Khayr

Why IUM? (cont.)

The West in general and the Muslim World are now much more aware of each other than in previous centuries. This calls for a new and more objective analysis of their common characteristics and differences. Islam is a religion of long and established traditions of learning. These traditions, however, developed in a largely favorable milieu, and by absorbing various elements of their local environments became highly diversified and differentiated. It is, therefore, vital to understand Islamic traditional culture in its historical and social context. This is a prerequisite for the revitalizing of Islamic thought and making Islamic contributions in the realm of ideas relevant to the human condition. As an answer to these needs, Islamic University of Minnesota came into being.

Degree Programs (English or Arabic)

AA in Islamic Studies

This is a two year program that can be completed after earning 60 credits in Qur'an & its Sciences, Hadith, Fiqh, Aqeedah, Islamic Finance & Ethics, Arabic Language and Islamic Civilization Courses.

BA in Islamic Studies (English or Arabic):

BA is a four year degree program that can be earned after completing 120 credits

MA in Islamic Studies (Arabic or English):

Track 1: Fifteen Graduate level courses for a total of 45 credits
OR
Track 2: Completion of Ten Graduate level courses (30 Credits) and a 100 page thesis paper (15 Credits)

PhD in Islamic Studies (Arabic only)

Track 1: Completion of Ten post graduate level courses (30 Credits) and a 200 page dissertation and its defense (30 Credits)
OR
Track 2: Completion of Fifteen Post Graduate level courses (45 Credits) and a 100 page dissertation and its defense (15 Credits).

GIAD (Graduate Institute for Aalims & Da'is)

Alternative Learning through the GIAD's Graduate, Intermediate or Secondary Program of Studies is now possible for AA, BA and MA degrees. Through the resurrection of this uniquely traditional program called 'Mahad', IUM has made it easy for prospective students seeking careers as Daais, Teachers and Imams to attend fewer classroom sessions in favor of a single weekly session that is 5 hours long. A diversity of coursework is covered in this session, usually by a single professional instructor. This is proving to be a very popular way for certain students, who have other commitments to earn a degree in Islamic Studies. The Mahad program is offered in Arabic, English, and Somali languages.

Special BA Degree Program in Islamic Studies

majoring in Qiraat
This is another unique program offering at IUM. 90 college credits can be earned through completion & validation of all ten Sahih Qiraat. The remaining 30 credits can be earned upon completion of 10 courses as independent study or through classroom instruction.

Non-Degree Programs

IUM seeks to serve the community at large through the following initiatives:

Ijazah Quran: Memorizing and reciting Allah's Kitab in many of the various Qiraat. Either an IUM instructor or any qualified instructor can validate your recitation. Upon completion a Sanad Certificate will be issued by IUM.

Classroom Instruction: Attend live classes with our resident scholars and students and receive instruction in Fiqh, Hadeeth, Tafseer and Aqeedah in an interactive and lively environment. Certificates will be granted to community members, who attend lectures for at least 80% of the texts covered.

Community Education: Enriching workshops & seminars are continuously offered throughout the year for broader participation for the community on a variety of topics. Such as Hadeeth courses for Ijazah and other subjects. Usually such workshops and seminars are conducted by renowned scholars from around the world at the invitation of Islamic University of Minnesota.

After Graduation

Students have the option to continue working toward a higher degree or join the community as Imams, Daais, Islamic Family Counselors, Islamic Studies Teachers, Administrators in Islamic Community organizations. They can also continue their higher education at other professional institutions as soon as IUM receives its formal accreditation.

Future Degree Programs

We are actively working to establish new degree programs in the following areas of scholarship:

- Islamic Banking & Finance
- Islamic Mediation & Arbitration
- Islamic Family Counseling
- Arabic Language & Linguistics
- Islamic Education

Accreditation

Accreditation is a very important objective of IUM and our efforts are invested in the realization of this goal. We are working toward getting accreditation through SACS in the US. In the meantime we are recognized by the Quran University in the Sudan. Our graduates can continue higher studies at that university should they wish to.

We are locally registered with the Minnesota Secretary of State as well the Minnesota Department of Higher Education as a degree granting institution.