



## Diploma in Islamic Studies 2018

The Diploma in Islamic Studies is a continuing education program for those who want to learn more about Islam and its role in shaping the beliefs, practices, institutions and history of Muslim peoples. It is designed to provide a sound introduction to key Islamic concepts in doctrine, law, politics, history and culture, with a particular focus on Islam in the Balkans and Bosnia-Herzegovina. The program is offered separately in English and Bosnian and is taught by some of the leading Bosnian Muslim scholars in the field of Islamic Studies. Participants who successfully complete the course requirements receive a certificate.

## Why enroll for the Diploma in Islamic studies?

There has probably never been a time of greater need for a better understanding of Muslim religion, culture, history and politics. Do Muslims worship the same God as the followers of the other monotheistic religions? What are the sources of Muslim religious, legal and political authority? What do these Muslim sources say about other religions? How do Muslims relate their religious belonging to the challenges of living in the modern world? What are the experiences that have shaped Bosnian Muslim self-understanding? These are some of the many questions addressed in the program. Rooted in a centuries-long Muslim tradition of learning, the Faculty of Islamic Studies

of the University of Sarajevo is a unique place to examine them. The Faculty's Habsburg-era Neo-Moorish building provides a great venue for exploring the Muslim intellectual tradition in all its richness and complexity - in a city and a country often seen as lying on the faultlines of the great religious divides of European history and its present realities. The program is particularly suitable for students of comparative religion, history, law, international studies, anthropology and those working in the NGO sector, media and diplomacy, or indeed anyone who wants to expand their horizons and be challenged.



## Program structure

The course program comprises seven modules grouped under two major themes: An Introduction to Islam and Islam in Bosnia. They cover the following topics: A Survey of Islamic History, Islamic Texts, Islamic Doctrine, Islamic Law and Ethics, Islamic Culture in Bosnia, Islamic Institutions and Thought in Bosnia. The program includes site visits to Islamic institutions in Sarajevo. In principle, classes are held in the late afternoon, twice a week (usually Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m.), at the Faculty of Islamic Studies. Schedule details are fine-tuned with participants on the first day of the program.

## Evaluation

Evaluation for the Diploma is as follows:

Attendance and Class Participation	40 %
Project paper or essay	60 %

At least 80% attendance is required. The minimum requirement for a passing grade is 60% out of a total of 100 %.

## Entry requirement

To be admitted into the program a candidate must:

1. Be a university graduate or a current undergraduate student, or
2. Have a GCE 'A' level certificate or its equivalent, with at least three years of working experience.

## Fees

Tuition fees of 1,100 KM (one thousand and one hundred KM/BAM) are payable before commencement.

## Application and registration

Applicants must fill out the application form and submit it, by hand, mail, fax or email ([diploma@fin.unsa.ba](mailto:diploma@fin.unsa.ba)), before the deadline of 4 p.m. on Friday, January 19, 2018. (Please make sure that your application reaches the Faculty on time.) The application form is available at [www.fin.unsa.ba](http://www.fin.unsa.ba). Successful applicants will be notified the following day. The deadline for payment of fees and registration is Friday, January 26, 2018, 4 p.m. The account number is: Rijaset islamske zajednice, 1602005500015065 Vakufska banka d.d. Any payment should include the following statement of purpose: "Uplata za program Diploma u islamskim naukama". The program will commence on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., and is expected to run until early May 2018.

For further inquiries please contact us at: [diploma@fin.unsa.ba](mailto:diploma@fin.unsa.ba).



## About The Faculty of Islamic Studies

The Faculty of Islamic Studies is the leading institution of higher Islamic education in Bosnia and South-east Europe. In its current form, it was established in 1977, but it is heir to an older tradition of Islamic education going back centuries, starting with the Bosnian madrasas of the Ottoman period. The Faculty is also heir to the Shari'ah School for Shari'ah judges (est. 1887), later the Higher School of Islamic Theology and Shari'ah, whose neo-Moorish building it now calls home. Since 2013, the Faculty has been a full member of the University of Sarajevo.

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