



## **PROSPECTUS**

### **DIPLOMA IN ISLAMIC STUDIES 2020**

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## **DIPLOMA IN ISLAMIC STUDIES**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Diploma in Islamic Studies is 72-hour special program for those who want to know more about Islam in general and Islam and Islamic culture in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Program is offered in English and Bosnian languages. All classes are held at the historical premises of the Faculty. Lecturers are mainly from the Faculty of Islamic Studies. The program is intended for mature English speaking audience who meet the admission requirements. It is designed to provide introductory insight into the knowledge of doctrine, law, history and culture of Islam with special focus on Islam in the Balkans and Bosnia and Herzegovina. This year the program is offered for the seventeenth time. The Faculty of Islamic Studies will award certificate to participants who successfully complete the course requirements.

### **THE FACULTY OF ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Faculty of Islamic Studies is the oldest and most prestigious institution of higher Islamic education in Europe. It was established in 1977 by the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina. However, the Faculty builds upon much longer tradition of higher Islamic learning in Sarajevo which started in 1537 by the establishment of Gazi Husraw-bey Madrasa. The Faculty is also a 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 styled building is contemporary home to it. In 2013 the Faculty became a member of the University of Sarajevo.

The study is organized in three cycles. The first cycle (BA) has three programs: Islamic theology, Islamic religious instruction and religious pedagogy, and a degree program for imams, khātibs and mu'allims. The second cycle (MA) also has three programs: program in bosnian by which the title MA in Islamic studies is aquired, MA program in islamic studies in English and Interreligious program and peace building in cooperation with Catholic Theological Faculty University of Sarajevo and Faculty of Orthodox Theology University of Eastern Sarajevo. The third cycle (PhD) leading to the degree PhD in Islamic studies.

### **PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

This diploma program involves seven modules grouped into two courses, *Introduction to Islam* and *Islam in Bosnia and Herzegovina*, covering the following themes: Survey of Islamic History, Islamic Texts, Islamic Doctrine, Islamic Law and Ethics, Islamic Culture in B&H, Islamic Institutions and Thought in B&H. The program includes site visits to Islamic institutions in Sarajevo. In principle, classes are held in the late afternoon twice a week (most probably Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 PM) at the Faculty of Islamic Studies. The exact schedule may be fine-tuned with the participants on the first day of program.

**EVALUATION**

Evaluation for the Diploma is as follows:

Attendance and Class Participation	40%
Project paper	60%

At least 80% attendance in the classroom is required. The minimum requirement for successful completion is 60%. Those who miss more classes than permitted are asked to write one paper for each unattended module.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENT**

To be admitted into the program a candidate must:

1. Possess a degree of any discipline or be an undergraduate student,
2. Obtain a full GCE 'A' level certificate or its equivalent with at least three years of working experience.

**PAYMENT OF FEES**

Participants must pay their fees of KM 1,000.00 (one thousand KM/BAM) before the commencement of the course.

**APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION**

Anyone who is interested in pursuing this diploma program must fill up the Application form and submit it to the Faculty's reception or send it to the Faculty's fax, or email ([azra.kulenovic@fn.unsa.ba](mailto:azra.kulenovic@fn.unsa.ba)) not later than 4:00 pm on Friday, January 10, 2020. (Please make sure that your application reaches the Faculty on time.) Application form is available at [www.fn.unsa.ba](http://www.fn.unsa.ba). Successful applicants will be notified by Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Payment of fees and registration should be done by Friday, January 17, 2020. Account number is: Rijaset islamske zajednice, 1602005500015065 Vakufska banka d.d. Specification: "Uplata za program Diploma u islamskim naukama". The program shall commence on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 6:00 pm and is expected to finish by the end of April 2020.

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## MODULES

### I. SURVEY OF ISLAMIC HISTORY (12 HOURS)

#### a. Course description

This module is designed to give a brief overview of the fourteen centuries of Islamic history, its main periods, events, personalities, themes, and processes. This should enable the Diploma participants to follow other modules easier.

#### b. Readings:

1. Akbar S. Ahmed, *Islam Today: A Short Introduction to the Muslim World* (London: I. B. Tauris, 1999).
2. Karen Armstrong, *Islam: A Short History* (London: Phoenix, 2004)

### II. INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC TEACHINGS ON GOD, WORLD, AND MAN (12 HOURS)

#### a. Course description

The course will offer brief survey of contents of six fundamental articles (principles) of Islamic faith with relevant texts and interpretative theological support from Islamic classical and modern literature. All necessary comparisons with Judeo-Christian religions and theologies will be underlined whenever appropriate. Topics include:

1. Islamic doctrine of God (Religious metaphysics and cosmology)
2. Islamic doctrine of Angels (Angelology)
3. Islamic doctrine of Holy Books (Revelation)
4. Islamic doctrine of Divine Messengers (Prophetology and theological anthropology)
5. Islamic doctrine of The Last Day (Eschatology)
6. Islamic doctrine of Predestination (Theodicy)

#### b. Readings:

1. Ruqaiyyah Waris Maqsood, *Teach yourself Islam* (McGraw-Hill)
2. S. H. Nasr, *Islamic Spirituality I* (London & New York, 1990).
3. S. H. Nasr, *Ideals and Realities of Islam* (London 1994).
4. S. H. Nasr, *The Heart of Islam: Enduring Values for Humanity* (San Francisco, 2002).
5. A. J. Vansinck, *The Muslim Creed* (Cambridge 1932).
6. W. Montgomery Watt, *Free Will and Predestination in Early Islam* (London 1948).
7. D. B. MacDonald, *Development of Muslim Theology, Jurisprudence and Constitutional Theory* (New York 1903).

### III. ISLAMIC TEXTS: QUR'AN & SUNNAH (12 HOURS)

#### a. Course Description

This Course deals with the meaning of the Revelation and Sunnah (Tradition), explains these terms in details and various issues related to the development of the sciences of the Qur'an and Islamic Tradition (Sunnah). Special focus will be on the Qur'an and Sunnah's sources of knowledge, action, and civilization. Some modern interpretations of the above mentioned topics would be emphasized. Topics include:

1. Meaning of the Qur'an and its definition
2. Central themes of the Qur'an
3. Word of God as source of knowledge and action

4. Origin and development of the Tradition
5. Way of the transmission and learning of the Sunnah during the period of the Prophet Muhammad and his companions
6. Doctrinal and cultural importance of the Sunnah

#### **b. Readings**

1. Sohaib Sultan, *The Koran for Dummies* (Indianapolis: Wiley, 2004).
2. Sachiko Murata and William C. Chittick, *The Vision of Islam* (London-New York, 1996), p. 14-31; 175-184; 287, 306.
3. Fazlur Rahman, *Islam* (New York, Chicago, San Francisco, 1966), p. 11-43.
4. Victor Danner, *The Islamic Tradition: An Introduction* (Warwick, N.Y.: Amity House, 1988).
5. F. M. Denny, *An Introduction to Islam* (New York, 1985).
6. S. H. Nasr, *Ideals and Realities of Islam* (London, 1979), p. 41-93.
7. S. H. Nasr, *The Heart of Islam (Enduring values for Humanity)* (Harper-San Francisco, 2002), p. 43-63.
8. Muhammad Azizullah, *Glimpses of the Hadith* (Karachi, 1973), p. 1-17.; 73-87.
9. Munawar Ahmad Anees, *Hadith and Sira Literature in Western languages* (Bloomington-Indiana, 1980), p. IX- XXV.
10. M. A'zami, *Studies in Hadith Methodology and Literature* (1977).

### **IV. ISLAMIC LAW (12 HOURS)**

#### **a. Course Description**

This module aims to acquaint student with origins and nature of Islamic law, its historical development and mechanism of application in Muslim societies. Topics include:

1. Concept and sources of Islamic law
2. Objectives of Islamic law
3. A Survey of historical development of Islamic law
4. Major legal schools in Islam
5. The application of Islamic law in contemporary times
6. Some contemporary issue in Islamic law

#### **b. Readings**

1. Muhammad Hashim Kamali, *An Introduction to Shari'ah* (Kuala Lumpur: Ilmiah Publishers, 2006).
2. Louay M. Safi, "Islamic Law and Society", *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, 7: 2 (1990), 177-191.
3. Subhi Mahmassani, *The Philosophy of Jurisprudence in Islam* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1961), pp. 15-39.
4. Fikret Karčić, "Applying the Shari'ah in Modern Societies: Main Developments and Issues", *Islamic Studies*, 40: 2 (2001), 207-226.
5. Mohammad Hashim Kamali, "Shari'ah and the Challenge of Modernity", *IKIM Journal* (Kuala Lumpur), 2: 1 (1994), 1-26.

## V. ISLAMIC CULTURE IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (9 HOURS)

### a. Course description

This course is designed to provide students with basic information about the nature, characteristics, main contents and achievements of Islamic culture of Bosniaks. Topics include:

1. The origin of Bosnian Muslims
2. Muslim town and its life (transformation of medieval settlements into Islamic type towns)
3. Alphabet, book and education
4. Woman and family
5. Sacral and profane architecture
6. Spiritual culture

### b. Readings

1. *The Encyclopedia of Islam*, new ed. (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1979), s.v. "Bosna".
2. Noel Malcolm, *Bosnia: a short history* (New York : New York University Press, 1994).
3. Ismet Kasumović, "Summary" in *Školstvo i obrazovanje u Bosanskom ejaletu za vrijeme osmanske uprave* (Mostar: Islamski kulturni centar, 1999), 297-311.
4. Kasim Dobrača, "Introduction" in *Katalog arapskih, turskih i perzijskih rukopisa* (Sarajevo: Starješinstvo IVZ za SRBiH), 1: xix-xxvi.
5. Tone Bringa, *Being Muslim the Bosnian Way* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995), 37-196.
6. Amir Pašić, *Islamic architecture in Bosnia and Hercegovina*, (Istanbul: OIC, Research Centre for Islamic History, Art, and Culture, 1994).
7. Džemal Čelić, "The Domestic and the Oriental in the Material Cultural Heritage of Bosnian-Herzegovinian Muslims", *Contributions to oriental Philology*, 50 (2002), 353-364.

## VI. ISLAMIC INSTITUTIONS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (9 HOURS)

### a. Course Description

This module is developed to familiarize students with the historical development and organizational structure of the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina, its educational and *waqf* institutions, Sufi orders and titles used for Muslim learned hierarchy. Topics include:

1. Historical Development of the Islamic Community (1882-2002)
2. The Organizational structure of the Islamic Community today
3. *‘Ulama*: *Rais al-‘ulama*, *mufti*, *mudarris*, *imam*, *hatib*, *muallim*, *qadi*, etc.
4. Educational institutions of the Islamic Community: *madrasas*, academies, Faculty of Islamic Studies, Gazi Husrev-bey Library
5. *Waqf* (Definition; Types and role; Current situation; Restitution issue)
6. Sufi *Tariqahs* / Mystical orders in Bosnia and Herzegovina

### b. Readings

1. *Constitution of the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Hercegovina* (Sarajevo: Rijaset Islamske zajednice u BiH, 1997).

2. Enes Durmišević, *Uspostava i pravni položaj Rijasetu Islamske zajednice u Bosni i Hercegovini 1882-1899* (Sarajevo: Magistrat, 2002), pp. 173-181.
3. Fikret Karčić, "The Office of Ra'is al-'ulama' among the Bosniaks (Bosnian Muslims)", *Intellectual Discourse*, 5: 2(1997), 109-120.
4. Fikret Karčić, "Administration of Islamic Affairs in Bosnia and Herzegovina", *Islamic Studies*, 38: 4 (1999), 535-561.
5. E. J. Brill's *First Encyclopedia of Islam* (1913-1936) vol. 2 of reprint (1993), s. v. "Bosnia and Herzegovina".
6. John L. Esposito, ed., *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1995, s.v. "Ulama", "Sufism – Sufi Orders", "Waqf", "Madrasah", "Ayatollah", "Mufti", "Qadi", "Shaykh", "Shaykh al-Islam".

## VII. CONTEMPORARY ISLAMIC THOUGHT IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (6 HOURS)

### a. Course description

This module is intended to introduce the students to history and current situation of Islam in the Balkans as well as history, main representatives and issues of the contemporary Islamic thought in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Topics include:

1. Institutional Centers of Islamic Thought
2. Islamic Thought in B&H on the frontiers of the old and the new (1878-1945)
3. Bosnian Muslim Debates on Reform and Renewal in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century
4. Islamic Thought in B&H during the Socialist period (1945-1990)
5. Recent developments in Islamic Thought in B&H (1990-present)
6. Qur'anic Studies in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

### b. Readings

1. Enes Karić, "Islamic Thought in Bosnia-Herzegovina in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Debates on Revival and Reform", *Islamic Studies*, 41: 3 (2002), 391-444.
2. Enes Karić, *Twentieth Century Islamic Thought in Bosnia and Herzegovina* (Sarajevo: El-Kalem, forthcoming).
3. Fikret Karčić, *The Bosniaks and Challenges of Modernity: Late Ottoman and Hapsburg Times* (Sarajevo: El-Kalem, 1999), 109-159.

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