

## WHAT IS DIPLOMA IN ISLAMIC STUDIES

The Diploma in Islamic Studies is a continuing education program for those who want to know more about Islam in general and Islam and Islamic culture in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Program is offered English and Bosnian languages. Minimum number of participants in Bosnian is 20 and in English is 10. 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. The Faculty of Islamic Studies will award certificate to participants who successfully complete the course requirements.

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

This 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 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.

#### APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION

Anyone who is interested in pursuing this program must fill up the Application form and submit it to the Faculty's reception or send it to the Faculty's fax (+387 33 251 044) or email address (azra.kulenovic@fin.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 <a href="www.fin.unsa.ba">www.fin.unsa.ba</a>. Successful applicants will be notified by Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

The program shall commence on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 6:00 pm and is expected to finish by the end of April 2020.

#### **PAYMENT OF FEES**

Payment of fees (1.000 BAM or 520 Euro) 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".

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### 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-bev 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 Saraievo.

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 Muʻallims. 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.



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