

## Criteria for enrolment

Enrolment in the MA program in Islamic studies is open to candidates who have completed a three-year undergraduate degree (BA) in Islamic theology, Islamic sciences, or Islamic studies, and so have acquired a total of at least 180 ECTS study points. Enrolment is also open to graduates of a three-year undergraduate degree in Islamic religious education, religious pedagogy, or other programs of study that include a significant number of subjects from the field of Islamic studies, subject to additional exams. Students with 240 ECTS points from their BA level will receive a credit of 60 ECTS points.



Proof must be provided of adequate mastery of English and Arabic languages. For details please see the full program's brochure. Students intending to work in the community as imams, muallims, or in a similar capacity, will be tested on Qur'anic recitation (Qira'ah or Tilawa).

The Masters program is open to students regardless of their gender and faith backgrounds.



## Courses

It is expected that students enrolling in the program will come from different academic backgrounds, and will have different expectations. Consequently, the first year of the program is designed to be flexible enough to allow students to fill any gaps in their education related to core areas of Islamic studies, while at the same time covering the subjects they will need for progression in their careers and their further academic development. It is expected that students will likely form two groups, one primarily interested in the group of subjects of interest to future imams, the other with a greater degree of interest in subjects of a more general and theoretical nature.

## Costs and Accommodation

Tuition Fee: 3,300 Euros. Estimated cost of living in Sarajevo for a student: 280-435 Euros per month or 3,400-5,200 Euros per annum). A number of full and partial scholarships will be available. Students may choose to stay at the newly built nearby student dormitory.

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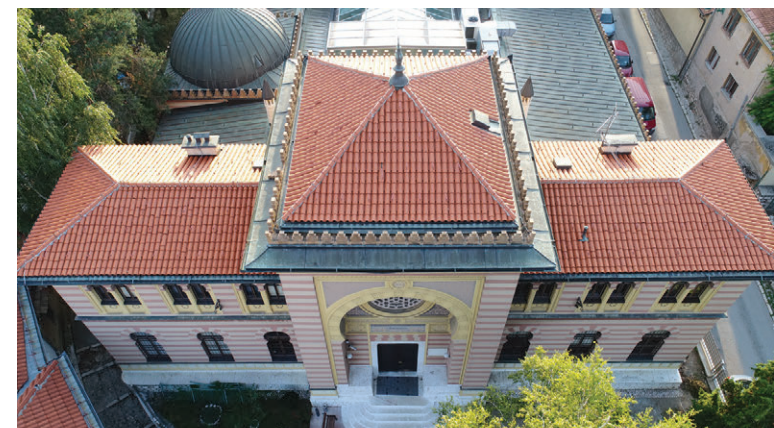
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M.A. IN ISLAMIC STUDIES  
ISLAM IN EUROPE





*The Faculty of Islamic Studies of the University of Sarajevo, established in 1977, is heir to a number of earlier Islamic educational institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, such as the School for Shari'a Judges (1887) and the Higher Islamic Sharia Theological School (1937). The Faculty has been a part of the University of Sarajevo since 2004.*

## Masters Program in Islamic Studies "Islam in Europe"

The MA program in Islamic Studies is conceived as a response to the need for training in Islamic Studies in the European education area. The question of how to educate the different profiles of religious leaders in the Muslim communities (imams, chaplains, basic religious education teachers, etc.) has become increasingly urgent over the past two decades in Europe. The Masters program was approved by the Council of Muftis and Riyasat of the Islamic Community of Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as the University of Sarajevo. Language of instruction is English. Upon completion of the Masters program, participants will be awarded the academic title of Master of Islamic studies. Graduates will be in a position to look for employment as imams, religious instructors (muallims), teachers of theological disciplines at Islamic schools, Islamic spiritual counselors, researchers into Islamic and Muslim themes, and in the business and tourism sectors, or pursue further studies.

## Program Objectives

The MA in Islamic studies "Islam in Europe" is envisaged as offering students a broad overview of key themes in Islamic studies within contemporary European societies such as: loyalty to faith and state, belonging to the global Muslim community and to one's local society, civic and political participation in secular democratic states, relating to the "other" within the Islamic interpretive tradition, religious and cultural pluralism, the relationship between the state and the religious communities, the institutionalization of Islam, human rights, radicalization of the young, the abuse and instrumentalization of religion for political and ideological purposes, manifestations of faith in the secular public sphere, and the culture of recreation and entertainment.

The program will combine and balance a normative, applied approach to the study of Islam and the Islamic sciences with a reflective and contextualizing one. It will endeavor to preserve the connection to traditional Islamic learning, without losing sight of the social context in which European Muslims live.

Participants in the program will learn to look at the place and role of Islamic theological themes in their everyday lives independently and critically, as well as to relate the interpretation of Islam and Islamic practice with their European and domestic national contexts.



## Program Structure

The MA program lasts two academic years, organized over four semesters, one of which will preferably be taken at a partner institution. Completion carries a total of 120 ECTS points. The program will be offered in both full-time and part-time formats. An option for distance learning is also envisaged once the necessary technical infrastructure is in place.



The first two semesters are flexible in structure to allow students coming from different educational backgrounds to fill any gaps with regard to the core Islamic disciplines in their respective educations.

When choosing courses, attention will be paid to the students' career plans, so that students planning careers working in the community will be streamed primarily towards the courses meant for prospective Imams. It is planned that students will spend their second semester at a partner institution, with the option of auditing a second set of elective subjects at the Faculty.

The third semester is focused on contextualized Islamic studies in five subject areas, while students will focus during the fourth semester on their Masters theses, taking in addition one subject from their academic area of specialization.