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University President Participates in Quranic Conference

Professor Walid bin Idris Al-Manisi, President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, announced his participation in the conference titled "Quranic Guidance in Building the Human" organized by the Makkah Global Center for Quranic Guidance Foundation, taking place from September 1 to 4 in Makkah.

In a post on his personal Facebook page, Al-Menisi expressed his honor in presiding over one of the conference sessions, which is held to celebrate the completion of academic theses in the Quranic Guidance Project. This project initially began with a chair at Umm Al-Qura University for Quranic Guidance and has since evolved into the Makkah Global Center for Quranic Guidance Foundation.

Al-Menisi explained that the Quranic Guidance Project aims to prepare 60 doctoral theses, each focusing on extracting Quranic guidance from a specific section of the Quran according to a carefully developed unified methodology. Researchers have been trained on this methodology through multiple courses, tested, and assigned to write smaller research papers to ensure their mastery of the required writing methodology. As a result, researchers extracted over 300,000 pieces of guidance from the Quran, including lessons and insights drawn from the verses, along with doctrinal, jurisprudential, linguistic, social, educational, and behavioral benefits.

The university president also noted that the organizers of the guidance chair have selected 30 universities from around the world to be partners in this project. He clarified that each university has registered a doctoral thesis within the guidance project in collaboration with the Quranic Guidance chair at Umm Al-Qura University, expressing his pride in being one of the supervisors for one of the theses in this blessed project



Islamic University of Minnesota Welcomes 450 New Students

Minnesota, August 3/2024 - The Islamic University of Minnesota has announced the acceptance of 450 new students as the registration period concluded on August 2/2024.

Dr. Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrami, the university's vice president and head of the main center, praised the significant efforts of the Office of Admissions and Registration, which worked diligently in coordination with the Media Center, the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of Academic Affairs, and the Office of Information Technology.

He extended his gratitude to the office director, Dr. Khadija Abdulwareth, and the registration department head, Dr. Sonia Sheikh Salama, for their tireless efforts in processing registration applications and responding to inquiries.

Dr. Al-Maqrami emphasized that the trust and responsibility grow with each new student who joins the university, urging everyone to give their best to fulfill the aspirations of these students who have chosen the Islamic University over other institutions.

He concluded his message with a prayer, wishing the new students success and prosperity in their academic journey.

Registration Open for Second Semester 2025/2024



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Opportunity for Students to Join 33 Diverse Academic Programs

The Admissions Office at the Islamic University of Minnesota has announced the opening of registration for the second semester of the academic year (1446) 2025/2024 AH), allowing students to enroll in one of the available academic programs across 33 departments within 8 colleges.

Dr. Khadija Abdulwareth, Director of the Admissions Office, confirmed that tuition fees can be paid in manageable installments throughout the study period, noting that payments are due at the end of each semester. She explained that the required documents for undergraduate registration include a copy of the high school diploma and a clear copy of the passport or national ID. For master's registration, the required documents are a clear and certified copy of the bachelor's degree, a copy of the transcript (if available), and a copy of the passport or national ID. For doctoral registration, applicants must submit a clear and certified copy of the master's degree, a copy of the transcript (if available), and a copy of the passport or national ID.

The office highlighted that filling out the registration form takes no more than 60 seconds, emphasizing that the university offers high-quality education, modern and advanced academic programs, a highly qualified academic staff, and an encouraging educational environment for excellence.

The Admissions Office urged all students to register promptly to take advantage of the flexible and advanced educational opportunities through the direct registration link provided for the university:

<https://site.iu.edu.so/register-iu>

For further inquiries, students can communicate via WhatsApp through the published links:

<https://wa.me/905317389279>

<https://wa.me/201158640007+>

Additionally, another link has been provided to join the university's admissions and registration group on the same application.

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Dean of the College of Development Studies Chairs College Council Meeting

Minnesota, August 26/2024 - The College of Development Studies Council at the Islamic University of Minnesota held a meeting chaired by the College Dean, Professor Dr. Eidur Ghniat, on Friday, August 16/2024.

Dean Eidur Ghniat welcomed the new Associate Dean, Professor Abdullah Al-Wazzan, as well as the rest of the College Council members at the start of the meeting. He expressed his gratitude to the University Vice President and Head of the Main Center, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, his Deputy Dr. Zinab Basiouni, the Dean of Faculty Affairs Dr. Marwan Bataineh, and Dr. Mohammed Abdulaziz, whom he wished a speedy recovery.

The Council discussed several important topics, including presenting the College's vision, commitment to delivering lectures, educational process requirements, a proposal to establish a peer-reviewed scientific journal specific to the College, make-up lectures, and other related issues.

The meeting witnessed the participation of the new Associate Dean, Professor Abdullah Al-Wazzan, who introduced himself and extended greetings and thanks to everyone, especially Dean Ghniat.



Curriculum and Educational Plans Unit Unveils Plan to Design University-Specific Curricula



The Curriculum and Educational Plans Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota revealed a plan to design curricula specific to the university. This was announced during a live survey conducted by Dr. Mohammed Younis, Deputy Director of the Unit, to gather the opinions of faculty members on a proposal for selected colors for the covers of the curricula (courses) that will be designed specifically for the university.

Dr. Younis pointed out that the unit is working on designing a visual and scientific identity for the books specific to the university, from bachelor's to master's and doctoral levels, with the aim of "creating curricula specific to the university, and the first thing we start with - and this is Dr. Mohammed Younis speaking - is the cover; I wanted to get your opinion, after consulting many specialists in the appropriate color for each stage, and each year of the academic years for all colleges."

The proposal for the colors of the course covers received the approval of all the doctors who participated in the survey, except for some comments from some of them. These colors

as mentioned in the survey post - are:

- Sky Blue for the first academic year; symbolizing new beginnings and exploration.
- Emerald Green for the second academic year; symbolizing growth and development.
- Deep Orange for the third academic year; symbolizing creativity and challenge.
- Navy Blue for the fourth academic year; symbolizing maturity and readiness for graduation.

- Royal Purple for the master's level; symbolizing excellence and academic depth.

- Gold for the doctoral level; symbolizing achievement and high scientific recognition.

In a related context, Dr. Zainab Ali Basyouni, Director of the Curriculum Unit, submitted a copy of an official document to the News Administration containing a proposed work plan for the Curriculum and Educational Plans Unit at the university, prepared by her and her deputy, Dr. Mohammed Younis.

The plan includes seven sections, and each section contains specific points or procedural steps; these sections are:

- 1 Determining the objectives and general principles.
- 2 Evaluating the current curricula.
- 3 Developing new curricula.
- 4 Implementing curricula and training professors.
- 5 Monitoring and evaluating performance.
- 6 Communication and marketing.
- 7 Continuous improvement and development.

The plan aims to improve the quality of curricula and their compatibility with market and work requirements, enhance the use of modern technology in education, develop interactive curricula suitable for distance learning, and ensure the flexibility of curricula to meet the diverse needs of students. As for the general principles, they are represented by relying on higher education quality standards, taking into account the cultural and intellectual diversity of students, and commitment to the continuous updating of curricula.



Our University Signs New Agreements and Renews Old Ones

Dr. Hanan Mukhtar, Director of the Department of External Relations and International Cooperation at the Islamic University of Minnesota, announced the completion of a number of new agreements with universities and educational institutions, and the renewal of old agreements, with plans to work on other agreements.

Among the most prominent new agreements are the University of Maysan in Iraq, the Center for Teaching Arabic to Non-Native Speakers affiliated with the Jordanian University, and the Global City University in Cairo.

The administration is still awaiting a response from several other universities, including the International Islamic University of Malaysia, Djilali Liabes University of Sidi Bel Abbes in Algeria, King Khalid University in Saudi Arabia, and the Alexandria Library (participation in the Narrative Studies Laboratory).

The administration is also working on renewing old agreements with several Sudanese and Algerian universities.

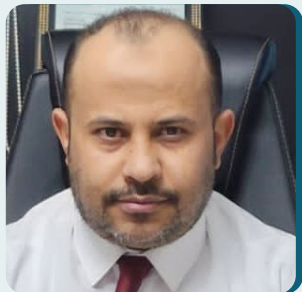
In addition, the Department of External Relations, in cooperation with the Department of Political Science at the university, is working on preparing for the Diplomatic Qualification Course, which is open to all specializations and is considered one of the strongest global courses with international accreditation, enabling those interested to pass the foreign affairs exam.

The course is distinguished by advanced and specialized lectures that cover advanced aspects of diplomacy and international politics, with a special focus on diplomatic qualification. It also provides a unique opportunity to learn from international trainers at the level of ambassadors and ministers, and to acquire the skills and experience necessary to excel in the field of diplomacy and international affairs.

In addition, the course will contribute to the exchange of expertise and knowledge between researchers and academics from the Islamic University of Minnesota and Ain Shams University, and will enrich the academic and research content. Platforms will also be created for continuous communication between participants and trainers to strengthen networking and long-term cooperation.

The course will grant certificates accredited by the Islamic University of Minnesota and Ain Shams University.

In a related context, Dr. Hanan Mukhtar published a special illustrated report on the achievements and projects of the administration until August 2024, consisting of eight sections, each section containing a list of the administration's achievements in that section. The sections include agreements, conferences, international representation, programs, educational and student communication, regulations, meetings, administrative communication, training, and workshops.



Thank You Message from University Vice President

Dr. Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrabi, the Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, expressed his gratitude to the faculty members through the university's main group, conveying the sentiments of the students towards them. In the opening of his message, Al-Maqrabi emphasized that these words reflect the feelings of the students "who hold you in deep affection and appreciation, unable to express their thanks for all that you do."

He noted that the message summarizes students' responses to the question: "Why did you choose the Islamic University of Minnesota?" Students expressed pride in the competence of their professors and the specialized teaching staff.

Al-Maqrabi underscored the faculty's efforts in delivering education in the best possible ways, stressing the importance of knowledge as a noble mission. He urged them to continue giving their best, seeking reward from God, and fulfilling the aspirations of students who see their teachers as role models.

The message received a positive response from the faculty members, with Dr. Walid Al-Kurdi expressing his pride in belonging to this educational institution, while Dr. Mazahim Al-Mustafa praised the dedication of his colleagues, confirming that this is the main reason for the university's excellence.

Additionally, Dr. Abdullah Hamat wrote words expressing his appreciation for Al-Maqrabi's efforts in supporting the faculty, while Dr. Imad Ali Al-Khatib provided a critical reading of the message, highlighting its significance and unique style.

This message reaffirms the strong ties between students and professors, reflecting the university's commitment to delivering distinguished education, thus contributing to the formation of a creative generation capable of transferring knowledge to future generations.



Dean of the College of Sharia and Law Holds Meeting

The Dean of the College of Sharia and Law, Dr. Muzahem Tareq Al-Mustafa, held a meeting on Friday, August 2024 ,9, with members of the Council of Department Heads, some faculty members, and students at the Islamic University of Minnesota.

The dean opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and congratulating Dr. Muayad Zaidan on his appointment as Head of the Law Department, expressing appreciation for Dr. Mohammed Shoab Abdulmaqsood's continuous efforts in the department.

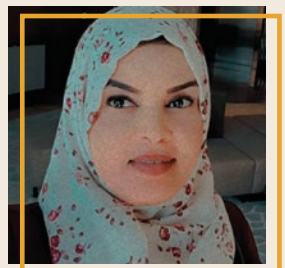
The dean highlighted the important role of department heads in enhancing the educational process and easing difficulties for students, thanking the university's vice president, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, for preparing the library to meet students' needs.

He emphasized the necessity of respecting the relationship between students and faculty, stressing that students should first approach their department head with any issues, then the dean, and finally the university's higher administration.

The dean also announced that no thesis from graduate students will be discussed unless the student presents a peer-reviewed paper to the Journal of Sharia and Law, confirming that publication will be free of charge. He appointed Dr. Asma Suwaileh to supervise these research papers. Dr. Salah Farraj, Head of the Jurisprudence and Its Principles Department, emphasized the importance of collaboration between students and their supervisors during the preparation of their theses.

The dean urged faculty members to author books in their specialties, noting the importance of listening to students' opinions regarding the challenges they face. He also suggested studying courses in public law to enhance students' qualifications to become legal consultants.

In conclusion, the dean expressed his hope to establish a library for students from other undergraduate disciplines who wish to join the College of Sharia and Law for their master's degrees, to help them learn the fundamentals of law and judiciary.



Dean of Faculty of Economics Holds Fourth College Meeting

Minnesota, August 23/2024 - Dr. Shereen Mamoun, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held the fourth meeting of the college since the beginning of the first semester of the academic year 2025-2024, on Friday, August 2024 ,23, between 9:00 PM and 10:30 PM Makkah time.

The dean, Dr. Shereen, began the meeting by welcoming the college council, faculty members, administrative affairs, and the college registrar, before discussing the points included in the meeting agenda, the most prominent of which was the students' midterm exams. The dean stressed the need to clarify the exam method for students in advance, the presence of professors during the exam to monitor students and answer their questions, as well as the need to record exam grades in a timely manner and avoid delays.

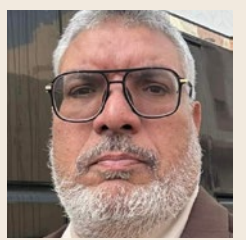
Dr. Shereen also expressed her gratitude to the faculty members for completing the lectures and midterm exams on time, and praised the efforts of the Department of Economics and Islamic Banking, led by Dr. Hiyam Al-Zuabi and her deputy, commending the unity of the department's plans and curricula. She also praised the efforts of the University Provost, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, and his deputy, Dr. Zainab Bassiouni, in the service of the department's advancement.

Dr. Mohammed Younis, head of the Department of Business Administration and deputy director of the Curriculum Planning and Development Unit, discussed the project of developing university-specific curricula, emphasizing the participation of faculty members in this project through authorship.

The dean concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance.

Meeting of the College of Educational Sciences Council

Educational Sciences Announces the Organization of a Scientific Conference in Jordan



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The regular meeting of the College of Educational Sciences Council at the Islamic University of Minnesota was held, chaired by Dean Dr. Abdullah Abdelnabi, on Wednesday, August 7/2024, at 9 PM Mecca time.

The meeting discussed several important topics, with promotions being a key agenda item. Dr. Heba Abu Ayadah, Head of the Educational Administration Department, was appointed to lead the Internal Promotions Committee, with the unanimous approval of all members. The committee will consist of seven members, with the condition that the evaluators hold higher academic ranks than the candidates for promotion.

Additionally, a proposal was discussed to hold an in-person scientific conference for the College of Educational Sciences in Jordan, which was put forward by Dr. Heba Abu Ayadah. It was agreed to begin coordination for this event soon.

In another matter, Dr. Anas Nawafleh, Head of the Educational Psychology Department, presented a request to prepare a "circular" regarding how to address the phenomenon of shyness among some female students by faculty members. It was agreed to coordinate between Dr. Nawafleh and Dr. Marwan Zaid Bataineh, who has previously issued a circular on this topic.

Finally, Dean Abdelnabi assigned Dr. Mohammed Husni, Head of the Curriculum and Teaching Methods Department, to coordinate with the Training and Development Center to organize a mini-seminar or lecture as part of the college's contribution to the center's programs.

The meeting was attended by several faculty members, including Dr. Nabila Mas'oud, Head of the Early Childhood Department, Dr. Dua Qatnani, Vice President of Educational Sciences, and Dr. Nourhan Salama, Administrative Affairs Officer of the college.

College of Computing Council Meeting: Reviewing Achievements and Exam Preparations



The College of Computing and Information Technology at the Islamic University of Minnesota, main center, held its regular council meeting, chaired by Dean Dr. Muneer Abdulbari and attended by University Vice President Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, on Thursday, August 2024 ,8.

Dr. Abdulbari opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and emphasized the importance of preparing for the midterm exams, urging department heads to take responsibility for this upcoming student obligation.

Dr. Al-Maqrami commended the council members for their efforts in establishing the college and efficiently implementing its educational system. Additionally, Vice Dean Dr. Salah Alawi presented a report on the college's achievements since the beginning of the semester, noting the enrollment of 350 students, the success of the summer camp, and the completion of the administrative structure.

Dr. Alawi also discussed ongoing collaboration with the administrative affairs department, led by Dr. Norhan Salama, the establishment of the "Curriculum Development and Course Description Committee," and coordination with the Training Center to organize a training course on the "Excel Program."

The meeting was attended by several department heads and their deputies, along with the college's administrative affairs officer, Ms. Hanadi Abdullah.

The meeting concluded with a reaffirmation of the need to continue efforts to ensure the college's continued success and excellence in various fields.



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Faculty Meeting of the Department of Islamic Studies (English)

Dr. Manal Mustafa, Head of the Department of Islamic Studies (English) at the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Campus, held a meeting with the department's faculty members on Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Manal Mustafa welcomed all members, especially the new members who recently joined the department. She thanked everyone for completing the exam models and sending them on time, emphasizing the importance of attending the exams with the students and staying close by.

Dr. Mustafa reminded the members to adhere to the schedules of the audio rooms and try not to postpone them. She directed them to improve their performance in delivering lectures, praising the outstanding performance of some professors. She also commended the role of advanced and engaging technologies that keep students from missing lectures and encourage them to follow them, which leads to a decrease in absenteeism.

Dr. Manal reminded the members to treat the students well, as most of them are academics in other fields, university professors, and hold prestigious positions. They should not be treated as beginners or children with blame, reprimand, and punishment. This, according to Dr. Manal, causes problems, the least of which is filing a complaint, and may lead to the student leaving and stopping their studies. In this context, Dr. Manal stressed the need to pay attention to graduate students and treat them as colleagues of the professors, as this encourages the student to choose their professor to supervise their thesis in the future.

Dr. Manal Mustafa concluded the meeting by thanking everyone and urging them to perform well and continue to excel in the department. She wished them success and progress. The meeting ended after several comments from the professors, who expressed their happiness with the meeting and its results.



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Dr. Zidan Holds First Meeting with Faculty Members

Dr. Muayad Zaidan, the new chairman of the Law Department, held his first meeting with faculty members on Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Zaidan welcomed the faculty members and received their congratulations on his appointment as chairman. He also expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the former chairman, Dr. Mohammed Shuaib, for his efforts and wished him success in his future endeavors.

Dr. Zaidan emphasized the importance of teamwork to achieve the department's goals, stressing the need to assign students' academic tasks and set midterm exams as soon as possible. He also discussed with the faculty members the method of setting questions, taking into account the average student's level and the clarity of the questions.

During the meeting, Dr. Zaidan stressed the importance of adhering to lecture schedules and making up for any justified absences. He also discussed with the attendees some of the problems facing the department, such as the difficulty of internet access for some students and the difficulty of giving lectures in the summer semester for some faculty members.

In a related development, Dr. Zainab Ali Basyouni, Vice President of the University, congratulated Dr. Muayad Zaidan on his appointment as Director of the Legal Affairs Department at the university, succeeding Dr. Mohammad Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud.

This came in a welcome message after Dr. Muayad Zidan was added to the (Administrative Units) group on WhatsApp, which was created by the university administration to be a link between the officials of the university's administrative apparatus.



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Dean of Islamic Studies College Praises Heads of Departments

Dr. Abdulrazzaq Al-Bakri, Dean of the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, chaired a meeting of the College Council on Monday, August 8, 2024.

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Al-Bakri expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Council members for their efforts, cooperation, and coordination in facilitating the educational process. He also commended the heads of departments for their commitment to exemplary performance within the college.

The Dean confirmed the readiness for midterm exams and the prompt delivery to the control room. He also emphasized the need to review the graduate studies file for each department and the necessity to complete compensatory lectures.

At the conclusion of the meeting, which was attended by the heads of departments and the administrative affairs officer, Dean Abdulrazzaq Al-Bakri praised the performance of the faculty members, describing it as "tangible and witnessed by all." He thanked all members for their attendance and wished them success and continued progress.



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Faculty Meeting Discusses Several Important Issues

Minnesota - August 6/2024

Dr. Salah Ahmed Farraj, head of the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Fundamentals at the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a meeting with faculty members on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 8:00 PM Mecca time.

The meeting addressed several important issues related to the department, most notably the midterm examination. Dr. Farraj urged faculty members to prepare the exam promptly, in accordance with the model sent by the Control Committee, and to submit it for his review before forwarding it to the committee. He also encouraged faculty to monitor student costs.

Additionally, the department head assessed the situations of faculty members supervising master's and doctoral theses and discussed with them a proposal to establish a Center for Preparing the Faqih, outlining the types of programs and activities it could undertake. Finally, Dr. Farraj addressed the topic of faculty research submissions to the college, explaining the reasons for the rejection of some proposals.



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Educational Psychology Department Holds Meeting

The head of the Educational Psychology Department at the Islamic University in Minnesota, Dr. Anas Nawafleh, held a meeting for faculty members on Thursday, August 8, at 9 PM Mecca time.

Dr. Nawafleh opened the meeting, attended by the college's administrative affairs officer, Dr. Nourhan Salama, welcoming all members and thanking them for their dedication to work. The agenda items were then discussed.

The meeting addressed several important issues, including monitoring the teaching process and adherence to the academic plans, as well as evaluating the implementation of tasks according to established criteria. The importance of maintaining good relations with students and ensuring timely submission of exams upon request was emphasized.

Additionally, the need for continuous curriculum updates was highlighted, along with a discussion on the phenomenon of shyness among some students. Finally, the meeting reviewed the proposal for students to attend seminar sessions.



Prestigious Academic Achievement in Quranic Studies

The researcher Mustafa Shaaban Mahmoud Seyam has been awarded a doctoral degree from the Department of the Holy Quran and its Sciences after defending his dissertation titled "The Chains of Transmission of the Qur'anic Recitation Master Abdulrahman Al-Ajhour: A Collection and Study".

The Deanship of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research at the main center of the Islamic University of Minnesota held the public defense session for the dissertation on Saturday, 27 Safar 1446 AH, corresponding to 31 August 2024, at 8:30 PM Makkah time.

The discussion committee consisted of a distinguished panel of professors, including: Professor Walid Idris Al-Munisi, President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the supervisor and reporter on the dissertation; Professor Mahmoud Shams, Professor of the Holy Quran and its Sciences at Taif University in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as an internal examiner; and Professor Abdulfattah Mohammed Khader, Dean of the College of the Holy Quran at Al-Azhar University, as an external examiner.

This prestigious academic achievement reflects the quality of scientific research and graduate studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, and contributes to enhancing its academic standing on the international stage.



Research Plan to Study Prophet's Methods in Conflict Management

Minnesota, August 12/2024 - A scientific committee from the Department of Prophetic Sunnah and its Sciences at the Islamic University of Minnesota has approved a research plan prepared by doctoral student Salem Ahmed Al-Shahri to study the methods of the Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him) in managing conflicts and social disputes.

This decision came after the committee held a seminar session to discuss the plan, under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota, at the main campus of the College of Islamic Studies.

The committee was chaired by Dr. Musab Nabil, the head of the Department of Prophetic Sunnah and its Sciences, and included Dr. Asem Thabet as a member.

The research plan aims to analyze the methods of the Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him) in managing conflicts and social disputes, through the examination of religious texts and the noble biography of the Prophet.

The scientific committee praised the importance of this research plan and considered it a valuable addition to the Islamic library in the field of studies on the prophetic biography.



Researcher Discusses Doctoral Plan

Minnesota, August 25/2024

Researcher Abdullah Khalif Jamea discussed his research plan for a doctoral degree before a scientific committee from the Department of Fiqh and its Fundamental, headed by Dr. Salah Farraj, Head of the Department. The plan dealt with a theoretical and applied study of Islamic windows in interest-based banks.

This came during a seminar session held by the aforementioned committee to discuss the plan under the supervision of the Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Campus, Faculty of Sharia and Law, on Sunday, August 2024 ,25, at 10:00 PM Mecca time.

In addition to its chairman, Dr. Salah Farraj, the discussion committee included Dr. Ammar Abdullah and Dr. Juma Hashim Al-Ashram.

The research plan received the approval of the scientific committee, and it will now move to the research and writing stage.



Researcher Discusses Doctoral Plan on Productive Endowment in Islam*

Minnesota, August 29/2024

Researcher Harley Agustsan discussed his research plan for a doctoral degree before a scientific committee from the Department of Economics and Islamic Banking, headed by Dr. Hiam Al-Zuabi, Head of the Department. The plan dealt with a study on the productive endowment in Islam, entitled: "The Productive Endowment In Islam: its Development and Innovation of Solutions to protect Business assets-Endowment Institution in Indonesia as a model (Interpretation of the Al-Quran Surah Al Imran:92)".

This came during a seminar session held by the aforementioned committee to discuss the plan under the supervision of the Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Campus, College of Economics and Business Administration, on Thursday, August 2024 ,29, at 9:00 PM Mecca time.

In addition to the head of the committee, Dr. Hiam Al-Zuabi, the discussion committee included Dr. Zayed Al-Duwairi, Dr. Ahmed Al-Mohammed, and Dr. Raed Bani Issa.

The research plan received the approval of the scientific committee, and it will now move to the research and writing stage.



Researcher Anfal Allah Earns PhD in Jurisprudence

Researcher Anfal Allah from Indonesia has been awarded a PhD in the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Foundations after a public defense of his thesis titled (Verification of the Book of Al-Menah Al-Shafiyat in Explaining the Terminology of Imam Ahmad by Imam Mansour Al-Bhuti from the Beginning of the Book of Jihad to the Chapter on Stoning and Philosophy).

The College of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research at the main campus of the Islamic University of Minnesota held the thesis defense session on Sunday, 29th of Muharram 1446 AH, corresponding to August 4/2024 , at 8:30 PM Mecca time.

The defense committee consisted of Dr. Hamad Al-Mazrouei, a professor of jurisprudence at Kuwait University, serving as the supervisor and chairman; Dr. Imad Qudri Al-Ayadhi, head of the Manuscripts Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota, serving as the internal examiner; and Dr. Ahmed Ma'abed Issa, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, serving as the external examiner.



Approval of Master's Thesis Plan on Tolerance and Coexistence in the Quran

A scientific committee from the Department of the Quran and Its Sciences has approved the research plan prepared by student Khalil Ibrahim Ahmed Al-Wosabi to study the Quran's call for tolerance and coexistence, as part of his pursuit of a master's degree from the College of Islamic Studies.

This decision was made during a seminar session held to discuss the plan under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Dean at the Islamic University of Minnesota on Friday, August 23/2024 , at 10:00 PM Mecca time.

The committee was chaired by Dr. Abdulrazzaq Al-Bakri, Dean of the College of Islamic Studies, and included Dr. Imad Qudri Al-Ayadhi, Dr. Khalid Jayash, and Dr. Hind Ashmawi as members.



Seminar Committee Approves Ahmed Al-Saqa's PhD Research Plan

Islamic University – Minnesota

The seminar committee from the Family Counseling Department, chaired by Dr. Mohammad Shatyat, has announced the approval of the research plan submitted by student Ahmed Al-Hanfi Mohammed Al-Saqa. His study, titled "Psychological and Social Factors Contributing to Psychological Stress and Their Impact on Egyptian Expatriate Families in Saudi Arabia," is part of the requirements for obtaining a PhD from the College of Educational Sciences.

This decision was made following a seminar session held by the committee under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Dean at the Islamic University of Minnesota on Saturday, August 2024 ,3, at 10:00 PM Mecca time. The committee consisted of Dr. Mohammed Shatyat as chair, along with members Dr. Laith Al-Zawahra and Dr. Najla Mahmoud Salim.



Researcher Ali Atwa Obtains PhD in Islamic Studies

Mr. Ali Mohammad Atwa has successfully obtained his PhD degree in Islamic Studies from the Department of Creed and Contemporary Doctrines at the College of Islamic Studies, Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center.

His dissertation titled "Belief in Destiny and its Impact on Reforming Society and Refuting the Doubts of the Deniers - An Analytical and Critical Study," was publicly discussed and defended on Thursday, August 15/2024, at 10:00 PM Makkah time. The discussion committee consisted of:

- Dr. Al-Bashir Asa'ir, supervisor of the dissertation and faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota.
- Dr. Abdulrahman Abu al-Majd, internal examiner and faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota.
- Prof. Dr. Imad Abdo Al-Ajili, external examiner and Head of the Department of Creed and Philosophy, Faculty of Fundamentals of Religion, Al-Minufiya, Al-Azhar University.

Mr. Atwa's research focused on the concept of destiny in Islam and its impact on reforming society. He also addressed and refuted the doubts raised by those who deny the concept of destiny.



Approval of Two Research Plans for Two Students



A scientific committee from the Department of Arabic Language and Literature, chaired by Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Abu Zaid, the head of the department, has approved two research plans for two doctoral students. The first research plan was prepared by student Abbas Shu'aib Hasan, focusing on societal responsibility in modern Arabic literature, both poetry and prose. The second plan was prepared by student Omar Mohammed Ahmed Rizqallah, studying meta-poetry in the poetic discourse of Mohammed Ibrahim Yaqoub through a critical analytical study.

The plans were approved after being discussed in a seminar session held under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota, at the main center of the College of Arts and Humanities, on Wednesday, August 2024, 7, at 10 PM Mecca time.

The discussion committee consisted of its chair, Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Abu Zaid, and members: Dr. Al-Nasser Ammar ahri, Dr. Sahar Tal'at Al-Samadi, Dr. Imad Ali Ahmed, Dr. Tamer Al-Sayed Al-Qazzaz, and Dr. Omar Saleh Shuqirat.



Academic Committee Approves Al-Shanqeeti's Master Research Plan

In a significant step, an academic committee from the Curriculum and Instruction Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota, chaired by Dr. Talaat Mohammed Al-Dardeer, the department's vice-chairman, has approved the master's research plan prepared by student Manal Khder Al-Shanqeeti. This study aims to investigate the degree of inclusion of creative thinking skills in the Islamic Education textbook for sixth-grade elementary students from the perspective of teachers in Medina.

In this regard, the Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota held a seminar session on Thursday, August 22/2024, at 10:00 PM Makkah time, to discuss the aforementioned proposal.

The discussion committee, in addition to its chairman Dr. Talaat Mohammed Al-Dardeer, consisted of Dr. Mahrous Sulaiman, Dr. Hilal Al-Sufyani, and Dr. Mohammed Khayyal.



عمادة الدراسات العليا
Graduate Studies Deanship

Doctoral Thesis Studies Takaful Economy

Minnesota - August 26/2024

A scientific committee from the Department of Islamic Economics and Banking at the Islamic University in Minnesota, chaired by Dr. Hiam Al-Zuabi, the head of the department, approved the research plan prepared by the researcher Muhammad Mahdi Qattan to study the Takaful economy from the perspective of Islamic economics.

This came during a seminar session held by the aforementioned committee on Thursday, August 29/2024, under the supervision of the Deanship of Graduate Studies at the university. The plan addressed the study of the Takaful economy through a model represented by the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF), as the researcher seeks to obtain a doctorate degree in Islamic economics.

The discussion committee included, in addition to its chairperson Dr. Hiam Al-Zuabi, Dr. Abuzar Youssef and Dr. Fairouz Bahloul from the Department of Islamic Economics and Banking.



عمادة الدراسات العليا
Graduate Studies Deanship

Academic Committee Approves Research Plan to Study Justice in Mu'tazilite Thought

Islamic University, August 22/2024 - An academic committee from the Department of Creed and Contemporary Doctrines, chaired by Professor Dr. Imad Abdu Al-Ajeeli, has approved the research plan submitted by the researcher Hussain Hassan Souki to study the concept of justice in Mu'tazilite thought and the position of Islamic sects towards it. This is part of Souki's requirements for obtaining a doctorate degree from the aforementioned department, which is affiliated with the College of Islamic Studies.

The committee's decision was made after discussing the aforementioned research plan under the supervision of the Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota's main campus, on Monday, August 19/2024, at 10:00 PM Mecca time.

The discussion committee consisted of Professor Dr. Imad al-Din Abdu Al-Ajeeli, Head of the Department of Creed and Contemporary Doctrines, and the participation of Dr. Khalaf Al-Mutawalli and Dr. Mohammed Al-Bahr.

The Head of the Department of Creed and Contemporary Doctrines, Professor Dr. Imad al-Din Abdu Al-Ajeeli, emphasized that this research plan comes within the framework of fulfilling the requirements for obtaining a doctorate degree from the aforementioned department affiliated with the College of Islamic Studies.

The committee chair praised the quality of the research plan submitted by the researcher Hussain Hassan Souki, stressing that the topic of the study enjoys great importance in the specialized academic and research field.

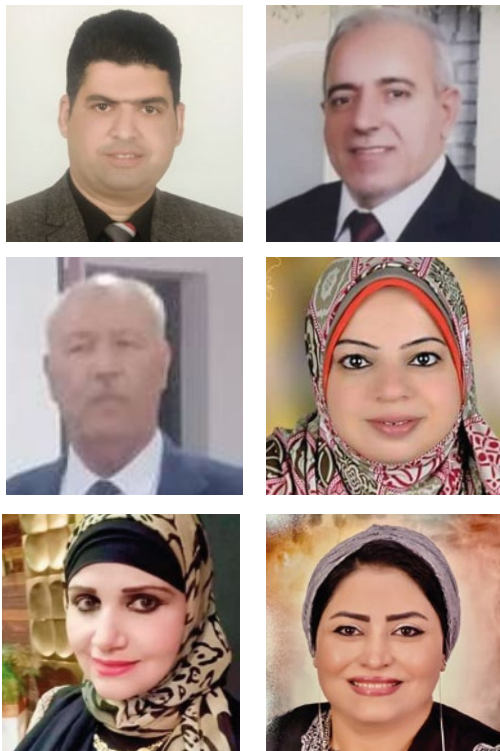


Academic Committee Approves Aisha Awl's Master's Thesis Plan

In an important research achievement, an academic committee from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the Islamic University of Minnesota, chaired by Dr. Mohammed Hosni Mosa, the head of the department, has approved the research master's thesis plan prepared by the student Aisha Awl Ali. This study aims to propose a vision for unifying the curricula of the Arabic language in public education in the Republic of Somalia.

The Deanship of Graduate Studies at the University held a seminar session to discuss this plan on Thursday, August 22/2024, at 10:00 PM Makkah time.

The discussion committee, in addition to its chairman Dr. Mohammed Hosni Mosa, consisted of Dr. Mahrous Sulaiman, Dr. Mohammed Khayyal, and Dr. Anas Adaybat.



Scientific Symposium "Palestine Throughout History"

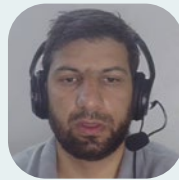
As part of its ongoing efforts to support scientific research, the Training and Development Center, in collaboration with the Department of History and Archaeology at the Islamic University of Minnesota, organized a scientific Symposium titled "Palestine Throughout History: Paths of Transformation and Future Challenges." The Symposium took place on Thursday, August 2024, 15, from 8:00 to 10:30 PM Mecca time.

The Symposium featured distinguished academics including Dr. Abdel-Baqi Al-Sayed Abdel-Hadi Al-Qattan, Professor of Islamic History; Dr. Siham Abdulbaqi Mohammed, Head of the Department of History and Archaeology; Dr. Wala Mohammed Mahmoud, Assistant Professor of Islamic History; Dr. Mohammed Saeed Itameneh, Assistant Professor of Islamic History; and Dr. Nabawiya Ahmed Abdulhafidh, Professor of History. The Symposium was moderated by Dr. Taj Mohammed, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Ibn Khaldoun University, Algeria.

This Symposium comes in light of the difficult circumstances faced by the Palestinian people, especially in the Gaza Strip, which is experiencing unprecedented acts of extermination amidst silence and complicity from the international community. The Symposium aims to shed light on the history of Palestine and the future challenges it faces, striving to provide scholarly insights contributing to the understanding of this crucial issue.



Islamic Da'wah Center Establishes Fatwa Department



Minnesota, August 12/2024 : The Islamic Da'wah Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota held a scientific lecture titled "The Negative influence of the English Language on the Chemistry of Muslim Thought," presented in English by Dr. Mohammed Al-Khalidi on Monday, August 12/2024 from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Mecca time.

The lecture addressed the influence of the English language on Muslim thought, warning about some negative aspects that may arise from engaging with this language without careful consideration.

In a parallel move, the Da'wah Center announced the establishment of a "Fatwa Department," affirming its readiness to provide answers to all religious inquiries and clarify issues faced by Muslims.

The announcement regarding the creation of the department stated that its fatwas are based on the opinions of scholars and jurists of the Ummah, relying on the most accepted views according to Islamic law.

It is noteworthy that the services of the department are available in both Arabic and English through the following link :

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The establishment of the Fatwa Department and the hosting of the lecture are part of the Islamic Da'wah Center's efforts at the Islamic University of Minnesota to raise religious awareness and strengthen Islamic identity among students.

Al-Refaei Lectures on Islam Approach to Environmental Preservation



MINNESOTA, August 21/2024 : The Islamic Da'wah Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center hosted an interactive lecture titled "Islam's Approach to Environmental Preservation: A Scientific and Islamic Perspective." The lecture was delivered by Dr. Omar Al-Refaei, a scholar with numerous hadith licenses from the Azhari Institute, including licenses in Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim, and a PhD candidate in Hadith and its Sciences at Al-Azhar University.

The lecture was held on Wednesday, August 21/2024, from 9 to 10 PM Mecca Time, via the ZOOM application.

The lecture addressed the concept of the environment and its importance in Islam, how Islam has cared for the environment, the Islamic principles necessary for its preservation, and the ways in which Islam protects the elements of the environment.

The lecture was attended by a large number of students, faculty members, and staff at the university. It sparked significant interaction among the attendees, and everyone praised the importance of the topic and the need to pay attention to it.



Training Center Holds Training Workshop for Researchers

The, Development, and Community Programs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, in cooperation with the Scientific Research Unit, organized a training workshop titled "Enhancing Researchers' Mental Health: Strategies for Stress Management and Work-Life Balance".

The workshop was delivered by Dr. Abeer Talaat (PhD in Mental Health - Certified Life Coach from the International Coaching Federation), and was moderated by Dr. Fayza Khattab (Director of the Scientific Research Unit).

The workshop focused on the impact of mental health on research performance, managing psychological stress in scientific research, balancing personal and professional life for researchers, providing psychological and social support for researchers, and developing mental resilience and adaptation to research failures and setbacks.

The workshop was held on Tuesday, August 2024, 20, from 8 to 10 PM Mecca time. The Center's administration shared the scientific content with professors, researchers, and students, and distributed certified certificates to the attendees through the Center's platform on the university's official website.



Training Center Organizes Intensive Excel Program

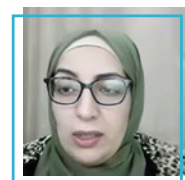
The Training and Development Center, in collaboration with the College of Computer Science and Information Technology, has organized an intensive course titled "Excel Mastery" delivered by Dr. Yaser Al-Malek.

The course, which spanned four lectures, aimed to equip participants with the necessary skills to master Excel, one of the most widely used spreadsheet programs across various fields.

The course took place on August 11, 13, 18, 24 /2024 and included a diverse group of students, researchers, and staff from different disciplines.

Participants praised the quality of training and the valuable information they received, emphasizing the importance of such courses in enhancing their technical skills.

At the conclusion of the course, participants were awarded certificates accredited by the Islamic University of Minnesota, confirming their successful completion of the program.



Da'wah Center Hosts Interactive Lecture on the Basics of Islam

Islamic University – August 5/2024

The Da'wah Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota organized an interactive lecture titled "What You Must Know About Islam," presented by Dr. Yasmeen Abu Shabana, Assistant Professor in the Department of Islamic Studies and Dean of Graduate Studies at the university.

The lecture took place on Monday, August 2024, 5, from 9:00 to 10:00 PM Mecca time, and was delivered in both Arabic and English.

The lecture experienced significant engagement from attendees, as Dr. Abu Shabana addressed fundamental topics about Islam, contributing to the enhancement of understanding and communication between different cultures.



Administrative Affairs Unit Meeting for Colleges: Continuous Efforts and Fruitful Cooperation



Dr. Norhan Salama, Director of the Administrative Affairs Unit for Colleges at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a meeting for the unit's team members on Tuesday, August 20/2024, at 10:00 AM Makkah time.

Dr. Salama welcomed the team members and commended their efforts in connecting their colleges with the university's departments, providing files, following up on the affairs of the colleges, deans, and departments, attending to students' problems, monitoring archiving and updating the database, following up on faculty members from the moment they join the college, preparing instructions, and providing technical support.

She then opened the floor for discussion and listened to the team members, ensuring that requests for compensatory lectures were followed up before the exams. Dr. Salama also praised their role in ensuring that exams reached the control unit, monitoring changes to exam schedules, and updating college guides with the media center. She confirmed the deadline for the monthly report and the monthly college achievement file to be submitted and uploaded by the end of the month.

Earlier, Dean of Faculty Affairs Dr. Marwan Zayed Bataineh held a meeting for the Administrative Affairs Unit for Colleges, attended by the unit's director, Dr. Norhan Salama. He began the meeting by thanking the team and urging them to follow up daily according to an independent plan for each college, pay attention to faculty members' files, and follow up with the Deanship of Faculty Affairs. He emphasized the importance of the administrative affairs department in any college, stressing the need for any dean or department head to write a formal letter if they request anything from the Deanship of Faculty Affairs. Dr. Bataineh also referred to the issue of faculty member delegation and placing their files in the colleges or their main departments.

Dr. Norhan Salama, Director of the Unit, praised Dean Bataineh's efforts and commended his cooperation with her and the unit's team. She requested him to hold a celebration for the administrative affairs team at the end of the semester and to grant the team members certificates of experience in appreciation of their efforts. Dean Bataineh agreed to her request, confirming the proposed date (end of the semester) and stipulating that the team completes all its tasks before that.

Dr. Bataineh explained to the administrative affairs team the issue related to inactive or resigned faculty members, the nature of the procedures that need to be taken, the letters that need to be written about it, the parties concerned, and the role of the administrative affairs officer in the college.

Dr. Norhan urged her team members to archive the papers and activities related to any department in the file specific to that department's activity, and the same should be done with the file of any faculty member, with the addition of a note about it in the database.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Norhan Salama as the Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Educational Sciences, Ms. Amal Mohammed Qasem as the Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Islamic Studies, Ms. Khadija Radman as the Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Development Studies, Dr. Badia Abdulqader as the Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Media, Ms. Mariam Al-Maqrami as the Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Sharia and Law, Ms. Banan Saif as the Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Economics and Business Administration, Ms. Hanadi Abdullah as the Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Computers and Information Technology, and Mr. Taher Alwan as the Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Arts and Humanities.



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53 New Professors

Faculty Affairs Office Announces New Achievements and Faculty Additions

The Faculty Affairs Office at the Islamic University of Minnesota has announced academic achievements for several professors, recognizing their contributions to the university. Among them is Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsood, the former Head of the Law Department, who published a book titled "Legal Drafting." Dr. Mohammed Said Othman, a faculty member in the Department of History and Archaeology, also published a book titled "The Jurists of the Successors in Mecca and Kufa." Additionally, Dr. Mohammed Ali Dawahda, Deputy Head of the Educational Psychology Department, released two books: "Modern Teaching Strategies in the 21st Century" and "Self-Management Engineering." Dr. Emad Al-Din Hussein Bahr Al-Din, a faculty member in the Political Science Department, published a book titled "Sudanese-European Relations: Approaches to Partnership and Cooperation."

In a related matter, the office announced the addition of several new professors to its faculty. Among them is Dr. Ihab Said from Egypt, who joined the Law Department in the College of Sharia and Law, and Professor Abdullah Al-Wazzan, who returned to the university as the Deputy Dean of the Development Studies

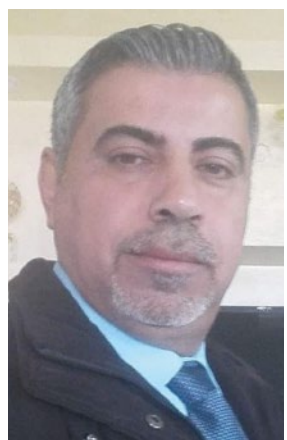
College after previously serving as Dean of the College of Arts. Dr. Youssef Bani Younis from Jordan joined the Development Studies Department, while Dr. Abdulmajed Al-Jaafari from Jordan joined the Accounting Department in the College of Business and Economics.

Furthermore, Dr. Abdullah Abdulmon'am from Kuwait joined the Department of Islamic Economics and Banking, and Dr. Zakaria Ibrahim from Egypt joined the Department of Islamic Studies in English. Dr. Asma Al-Wakeel from Egypt also joined the Political Science Department, along with Dr. Taysir Abu Jumaa, a Palestinian-Egyptian, who joined the same department.

Additionally, the Dean of Student Affairs noted that Dr. Abdulsalam Awad Al-Sayed, an associate professor from Sudan, returned to the university after a hiatus due to circumstances in his country, and he has joined the Accounting Department.

Finally, the Islamic University of Minnesota congratulates Ms. Maha Mohammed on her appointment as the secretary to the Dean of Faculty Affairs, Dr. Marwan Bataineh, as announced by the media center on August 2024, 7.

Dean of Faculty Affairs Emphasizes Strict Adherence to Procedures



Islamic University – Minnesota

Dr. Marwan Zayed Bataineh, Dean of Faculty Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, sent a letter to department heads, highlighting the importance of faculty members' effectiveness in their academic duties, including teaching, meetings, and supervision.

In the letter, the dean alerted department heads to their responsibility, in coordination with the administrative affairs officer, in cases of faculty ineffectiveness. He outlined the required procedure, which involves personal communication with the colleague to understand the reasons for their lack of effectiveness.

Bataineh stressed the importance of not taking any action against the colleague without first drafting a letter detailing the situation of the

ineffective colleague and sending it to the dean's office. He confirmed that the dean's office would take necessary actions, including the possibility of sending a "thank you letter with termination" if it is determined that the colleague does not wish to continue at the university.

The dean also emphasized the necessity of adhering to these procedures as a matter of fairness and appreciation for the contributions of faculty members. He noted that colleagues in such situations may also be eligible for a certificate of experience according to university regulations. Bataineh concluded his letter by expressing gratitude and appreciation to the department heads for their efforts.



Open Survey: Positive Motivations for Choosing Islamic University

The Media Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota conducted an open survey involving male and female students at the university to understand the reasons that led them to choose this educational institution.

The survey, managed by Engineer Abdullah Al-Mansoub, was implemented by Ms. Mariam Mohammed Amr, Director of the Guidance and Counseling Unit. A single open-ended question was posed: "Why did you choose to study at the Islamic University of Minnesota?"

The responses from students reflected a remarkably positive sentiment. Below are some examples of those responses:

● One student mentioned that he was guided by a relative to enroll in the university, praising the quality of education and the well-organized administrative body. He expressed gratitude to those in charge of the university, confirming that he found more than he expected.

● Another female student emphasized that her graduate study experience was a dream come true, thanks to this institution, commending the use of modern technologies and the quality of the academic material, while criticizing the high tuition fees.

● Another female student expressed pride in being part of the university, considering it the best choice based on her experience with her daughter, praising the dedication of the teaching staff.

● Additionally, other students expressed their appreciation for the quality and Islamic commitment, deeming it their best option for distance learning.

The survey reflects overall satisfaction with the level of education and services provided at the Islamic University of Minnesota, which continues to attract students due to its distinguished reputation and commitment to providing a suitable learning environment.



Moayed Zeidan Appointed Chair of Law Department

Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, has officially appointed Dr. Moayed Zeidan as the new Chair of the Law Department at the College of Sharia and Law, succeeding Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsood.

Dr. Zeidan is a Syrian national with a PhD in Law from Cairo University. He has extensive experience in legal practice and education, serving at the Department of Private Law at Damascus University since 2010 and joining the Islamic University of Minnesota in 2022. He is proficient in English and possesses strong computer skills, and is also a member of the Legislative Drafting Committee for the Law on Professional Syndicates in Syria.

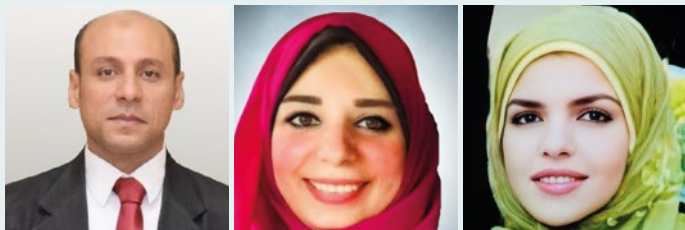
In a congratulatory message, Dean Dr. Muzahem Tariq Mustafa expressed

gratitude for Dr. Shuaib's contributions and extended best wishes to Dr. Zeidan for his success in the new role. Dr. Ihab Talaat also recognized Dr. Shuaib's outstanding leadership and congratulated Dr. Zeidan, emphasizing the university's confidence in him.

In response, Dr. Zeidan thanked his colleagues and emphasized the importance of teamwork to enhance the university's offerings and serve its students. He acknowledged Dr. Shuaib's efforts and expressed hope for collaboration in achieving the university's goals.

This appointment marks an important development for the Law Department, and Dr. Zeidan's leadership is anticipated to bring further growth and progress.

Three New Leadership Positions Announced for the College of Media



Islamic University, August 22/2024 - The Media Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota announced three new appointment decisions related to the College of Media at the university.

The announcement included the appointment of Dr. Hanadi Al-Saeed as the Director of Public Relations in the Dean's Office of the College of Media. Additionally, Dr. Jihad Mustafa Darwish has been appointed as the Deputy Head of the Media (Bachelor's) Department in the college. Furthermore, Dr. Mohammed Mokhtar Al-Talkhawi has been appointed as the Deputy Head of the Graduate Studies Department in the college.

The Media Center emphasized that these appointments come within the framework of developing the academic and administrative leadership in the College of Media, which will enhance its ability to provide distinguished educational programs and services for students.

The Dean of the College of Media expressed his welcome for these new appointments, praising the experiences and competencies that these distinguished academic leaders will bring to the college. He also highlighted that these appointments will contribute to strengthening the position of the College of Media and improving its performance.



Appointment of Prof. Al-Wazzan as Vice Dean

The Media Center of the Islamic University of Minnesota has announced the appointment of Professor Abdullah Al-Wazzan as Vice Dean of the Development Studies College, succeeding Dr. Mohamed Ali Abdulaziz.

The appointment decision was made on Sunday, August 11/2024, following internal consultations within the university administration.

In his comments regarding his appointment, Dr. Al-Wazzan expressed his gratitude to the university administration for the confidence placed in him, emphasizing his commitment to work diligently to develop the Development Studies College and enhance its performance.

Dr. Al-Wazzan also praised the efforts of Dr. Mohammed Ali Abdulaziz, the previous vice dean, acknowledging his exceptional contributions and significant efforts in the agency, which helped establish the college's foundation and ensure the success of its educational processes.

It is worth noting that Dr. Al-Wazzan previously held the position of Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Humanities, as well as serving as Chair of the Promotion Committee. He was also featured in an interview with the university's journal "Sada Al-Jami'ah" in its inaugural issue published in December 2022.



Appointment of Two Deputy Department Heads

The College of Computing and Information Technology at the Islamic University of Minnesota, main center, announced the appointment of Dr. Yasser Al-Malek Ahmed Sulaiman as Deputy Head of the Department of Administrative Information Systems in the college.

Dr. Yasser Al-Malek holds a PhD in Computer Science, and has extensive experience in the field of Administrative Information Systems.

On the same day, the College of Computing and Information Technology announced the appointment of Dr. Najla Ali Mohamed Al-Dinasouri as Deputy Head of the Department of Computer Science in the college.

Dr. Najla Al-Dinasouri holds a PhD in Computer Science, and has extensive experience in the field of Computer Science.

The College of Computing and Information Technology wishes Dr. Yasser Al-Malek and Dr. Najla Al-Dinasouri success in their new roles.





Student Affairs: 1659 Undergraduate Students and 1029 Graduate Students

The Islamic University of Minnesota continues to fulfill its global mission by attracting students from all over the world. The number of undergraduate students has reached 1659, while the number of graduate students has reached 1029. These students come from 66 nationalities across all six continents.

Undergraduate Students:

Mr. Sulaiman Maqbool, Director of the Undergraduate Unit in the Deanship of Student Affairs, revealed that the number of undergraduate students in all levels and departments has reached 1659, representing over 58 nationalities from five continents.

Graduate Students:

Ms. Omaima Adel, Director of the Graduate Studies Unit in the Deanship of Student Affairs, stated that the number of graduate students has reached 1029, representing 66 nationalities from all six continents. Global Reach of the University:

These statistics confirm the university's global

reach geographically. Its students come from a geographical area that stretches from northern Europe to South Africa and from the easternmost point of the meridian, represented by the island of Samoa in the eastern Pacific Ocean and the Philippines in eastern Asia, to the westernmost point of land, represented by Canada in North America, and Dominica in the Caribbean Sea and Ecuador in western South America.

Attracting Students from Oceania:

It is noteworthy that the university has been able to attract graduate students from Oceania. It has students from three countries in this distant continent: Australia and two island nations in the depths of the Pacific Ocean.

Colleges and Departments:

The statistics show that the colleges that occupied the top three positions in the undergraduate student statistics in terms of the number of students are the College of Economics and Business Administration,

followed by the College of Computing and Information Technology, and then the College of Islamic Studies. The statistics also show that the top three departments are the Department of Business Administration, followed by the Department of Islamic Studies (Arabic), and then the Department of Networks and Cybersecurity.

On the other hand, the top three positions in the graduate student statistics were occupied by the College of Sharia and Law, followed by the College of Islamic Studies, and then the College of Economics and Business Administration. The top three departments for the Master's program are the Department of Business Administration, followed by the Department of Quran and its Sciences, and then the Department of Fiqh and its Fundamentals. The list of doctoral programs shows that the Department of Fiqh and its Fundamentals is in the lead, followed by the Department of Business Administration, and then the Department of Law.



Honors Ceremony for Top Students

Under the supervision of Director Mr. Sulaiman Maqbool and Director Ms. Omaima Adel, and in the presence of the Deputy University Provost, Dr. Zainab Basyouni, the Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Osama Awf, the Director of Educational Affairs, Dr. Jumana Al-Kharashi, department heads, and their deputies, the Undergraduate Student Affairs Unit and the Graduate Student Affairs Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota held a ceremony to honor the top students of the summer semester at 4 PM on Monday, July 29/2024.

The ceremony began with an opening speech by Mr. Sulaiman Maqbool and Ms. Omaima Adel, where Mr. Maqbool emphasized the importance of honoring the outstanding students who achieved the highest grades in the summer semester. In her address, Ms. Omaima congratulated the top

students, stating, "You have proven yourselves worthy of this success; congratulations!"

Following the speeches, a list of top students was announced, and certificates of appreciation were distributed to 235 undergraduate students and 96 graduate students. Attendees congratulated the honorees, with Dr. Zainab Basyouni highlighting that success is a moment of victory for every diligent student, while Dr. Sherin Ma'moun noted that excellence reflects the determination to succeed.

In his speech, Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Osama Awf stressed the importance of success as a path to the future, expressing hope that the top students would become professors in the future. Dean of the College of Media Dr. Abdulsalam Al-Wahati shared his joy in celebrating the students' achievements, emphasizing the importance of adhering to piety

and sincerity in their work.

The Director of Undergraduate Student Affairs concluded the ceremony by praying for the top students and encouraging those who did not excel to put in more effort in future semesters.

It is noteworthy that the number of honored students in the undergraduate program included 88 from the College of Computer Science and Information Technology, 28 from the College of Islamic Studies, 18 from the College of Arts, 13 from the College of Media, 55 from the College of Economics and Business Administration, 15 from the College of Sharia and Law, and 21 from the College of Educational Sciences. Meanwhile, 88 graduate students were honored, including Master's students and 8 Doctoral candidates.



Memorable Farewell for Nada Al-Najjar from Her Colleagues

In an emotional moment, the Islamic University of Minnesota held a farewell ceremony for the former Secretary of the English Department, Ms. Nada Al-Najjar, after eight distinguished semesters of service. Mr. Sulaiman Maqbool, Director of Undergraduate Student Affairs, described her as an "ideal faculty member" and expressed pride in her contributions.

During the honoring event, Ms. Nada was presented with a certificate of appreciation signed by the university's Vice President, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrabi, the Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Osama Abdulrahman, and the Director of Educational Affairs, Dr. Jumana Al-Kharashi. The ceremony featured heartfelt farewell messages from her colleagues, including Ms. Tasneem Ayoub, who expressed gratitude for Nada's efforts and commended her creativity, while Ms. Amina Abdullah wrote a touching message reflecting her deep appreciation for Nada's dedication.

Mr. Taher Alwan, Secretary of the College of Arts and Humanities, highlighted Nada's professionalism and commitment, noting that she exemplified dedication and excellence. Dr. Jumana Al-Kharashi praised Nada's remarkable qualities and continuous contributions, while Dr. Osama Abdulrahman conveyed his pride in her being one of the best secretaries the university has known.

Dr. Omar Al-Maqrabi concluded the tribute with words of thanks and appreciation, expressing the university's pride in having exemplary individuals like Nada on its staff. Nada's response was filled with emotion, as she expressed her gratitude for the kind words that touched her heart, emphasizing the importance of the team she considered her second family.

This farewell marks not just the end of a chapter but also a tribute to a legacy of dedication and excellence in service within the university.



Islamic Studies College Organizes Major Competition

The College of Islamic Studies has announced the organization of the Major Competition in Prophetic Traditions for all those interested in Hadith and its sciences. The competition will take place from August 11/2024, corresponding to Safar 7/1446 AH, to October 2024, 10, corresponding to Rabi' al-Thani 7/1446 AH.

The announcement detailed the competition categories, organized into three levels. The first level focuses on "The Science of Sahih al-Bukhari" for undergraduate students, the second level on "The Science of Sahih Muslim" for master's students, and the third level on "The Forty Hadith" for doctoral students.

The competition conditions include memorizing a brief biography of al-Bukhari, al-Muslim, and al-Nawawi—may Allah have mercy on them—along with identifying the narrators of the Hadith, memorizing vocabulary and phrases, and correct reading.

Important dates for the competition were outlined, starting with the first round of eliminations on August 16/2024, followed by the second round on August 30, 2024, the third round on September 20/2024, and concluding with the final round on October 4/2024. The winners will be celebrated and announced on October 10, 2024.

The first-level winner will receive a full scholarship to study at the university, along with a university shield and certificates accredited by the university and



Training Workshop on Statistical Analysis Using SPSS

The Development and Quality Unit, in collaboration with the Scientific Research Unit, held a training workshop titled "Descriptive Statistical Analysis of Data Using SPSS Software." The workshop was led by Dr. Fatima Jumah Al-Wahsh, Director of the Development and Quality Unit, and presented by Dr. Marwan Al-Awaisheh, Deputy Director, on Saturday, August 10/2024.

The workshop lasted from 8 PM to 11 PM Mecca time and focused on three main topics: an introduction to statistical analysis software, how to download SPSS software on devices, and familiarization with the program's screens and files.

Participants from the academic community expressed positive impressions about the effectiveness of the workshop. Dr. Faiza Khattab, Director of the Scientific Research Unit, considered this workshop a "golden opportunity" for researchers and graduate students to enhance their statistical analysis skills. She emphasized the importance of utilizing the necessary tools and knowledge to use one of the most common programs for data analysis, which contributes to conducting accurate and well-documented research.

Dr. Faiza clarified that a video of the workshop has been recorded and can be viewed on the university's YouTube channel, in addition to a previous workshop by Dr. Al-Awaisheh titled "Types of Study Population and Sample and How to Calculate Their Number."



Launch of Cultural Forum to Nurture Artistic Talents

Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Awf, Head of the Arabic Language and Literature Department at the College of Arts and Humanities, announced the launch of the (Cultural Forum of the Islamic University of Minnesota) in an exciting news for the university's creators and creators.

In a statement to the news administration, Dr. Awf explained that the forum, which was launched via WhatsApp, aims to develop and nurture artistic talents in various fields such as poetry, storytelling, novel writing, and recitation, as well as other arts. This will be achieved through listening to talents and guiding them with the help of specialized faculty members in the fields of criticism and culture.

Dr. Awf added that the forum will organize meetings and seminars, hosting prominent poets and intellectuals from the Arab world to deliver valuable lectures. He also confirmed that the forum will hold various competitions in all artistic fields, with prizes awarded to the winners. The university will support these talents by publishing their works in the university's newspaper and translating the winning works into other languages.

In conclusion, Dr. Awf mentioned that the faculty members of the Arabic Language Department will conduct critical studies of the creative works presented by the forum's creators.

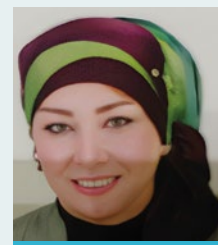


Conclusion of Midterm Exams for the First Semester

On Thursday, August 29/2024, the midterm exams for the first semester concluded at the Islamic University of Minnesota, following a week of testing that began on Saturday, August 24.

The university's Control Affairs Unit issued a memo to faculty members 20 days prior to the exams, on August 4/2024. The memo, signed by the unit's director, Ms. Amat Al-Rahman Mohammed Al-Maqrami, requested faculty to prepare two versions of the exam along with a model answer. It also outlined the conditions and specifications for the exam regarding both format and content, starting with the necessary data, through the types and number of questions, to the timing and grading distribution.

After the exam schedules were published on August 18, various academic departments and administrative units collaborated to ensure the exams were conducted efficiently. A disciplined technical and academic environment was provided, contributing to the smooth conduct of the exams. Faculty members graded the answers and recorded the scores directly on the academic system portal and the university's mobile application.



Scientific Course on "African Cultures: Influences and Trends"

The African Studies Unit at the Academic Studies Center, part of the College of Arts and Humanities at the Islamic University of Minnesota, has organized an outstanding scientific course titled "African Cultures: Influences and Trends," presented by Dr. Shaima'a Khattab.

The course consists of four lectures held at 9:00 PM Mecca time on Mondays and Wednesdays, with the following dates: August 5, August 7, August 12, and August 14/2024.

This course aims to explore the influences of African cultures and the prevailing trends within them, contributing to enhancing cultural understanding and awareness among students and the academic community at the university.

Interactive Lecture on Language Disorders



Moderated by Dr. Fatima Al-Wahsh with Dr. Iman Al-Badri

The Development and Quality Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota organized an interactive lecture titled "Language and Communication Disorders," presented by Dr. Iman Mahmoud Al-Badri, Assistant Professor of Psychology. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, Director of the Development and Quality Unit, on Monday, August 2024, 8, at 8 PM Mecca time.

The lecture targeted researchers and administrators both within and outside the university, focusing on types of communication and language disorders. It also addressed how to identify language delays and distinguish between language delay and functional autism.

Admissions Office Announces Available Departments for Registration



33 Departments Offered Across 8 Colleges

The Admissions Office at the University has announced a list of available departments for registration in the three stages: bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees, as part of the registration announcement for the second semester. A total of 33 departments are available across 8 colleges.

In the College of Islamic Studies, there are 6 available departments: the Department of Quranic Sciences, the Department of Prophetic Traditions and Their Sciences, the Department of Creed and Contemporary Sectarianism, the Department of Islamic Studies, the Department of Islamic Studies in English, and the Department of Dawah and Islamic Culture.

The College of Media offers 5 available departments: the Department of Media and Public Relations (Bachelor's), the Department of Broadcasting and Television, the Department of Journalism, the Department of Digital Media, and the Department of Public Relations. In the College of Computing and Information Technology, there are 4 departments: the Department of Networks and Cybersecurity, the Department of Data Analysis and Artificial Intelligence, the Department of Management Information Systems, and the Department of Computer Science.

The College of Sharia and Law has 3 available departments: the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Foundations, the Department of Law, and the Department of Judicial and Legal Policy. Similarly, the College of Economics and Business Administration offers 3 departments: the Department of Business Administration, the Department of Economics and Islamic Banking, and the Department of Accounting.

The new College of Development Studies provides two available departments: the Department of Development Studies and the Department of Disaster and Crisis Management.

According to the published list, the College of Arts and Humanities offers 4 available departments: the Department of Arabic Language and Literature, the Department of English Language and Literature, the Department of Political Science, and the Department of History and Archaeology. Additionally, the College of Educational Sciences offers 6 available departments: the Department of Educational Administration, the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, the Department of Educational Technology, the Department of Educational Psychology, the Department of Family Counseling, and the Department of Early Childhood.

Advice for Seeker of Knowledge

By Dr. Abu Bakr Yousef
Abdel Ghaffar Al-Miqdad



Introduction:

All praise belongs to Allah, the Bestower of good deeds, the Answerer of prayers, the Giver of high grades, the Acceptor of repentance, and the Pardoner of sins. He is our Lord, our Provider, and our Creator, and we have no Lord but Him. O Allah, benefit us and elevate us with the Great Qur'an.

O beloved ones in God! O community of students of knowledge!

May Allah open for you hearts that have long been closed, awaken slumbering souls, and guide those who have lost their way. May He grant us success in this endeavor, for He is capable of all things.

O seeker of knowledge: This is a blessed series of commandments that I have compiled from the words of jurists, scholars, and writers, as well as from the words of our righteous predecessors. I have searched for the most valuable, noble, and beneficial advice, so read it and listen to it with an open heart.

With the beginning of a new academic year, I extend my heartfelt thanks to our beloved University of Minnesota, represented by the esteemed university president, Professor Walid Al-Menisi, may Allah protect him. I also extend my gratitude to the Deanship of Student Affairs and the heads of its branches throughout our Islamic world for providing us with this opportunity to connect.

Sincerity in Seeking Knowledge for Allah Almighty

Knowledge is like rain for the hearts, with which God Almighty revives hearts and souls. He awakens them from their slumber and warns them against negligence. This knowledge can only be a mercy if it is sought sincerely for the sake of Allah and applied in the field of reality and truth. Therefore, the first thing that is recommended to the seeker of knowledge is that his heart be dedicated to Allah Almighty. He should strive for purity and piety, constantly seeking Allah's pleasure in every action.

On the authority of Abdullah bin Dharais, it was said to Abdullah bin Al-Mubarak: "O Abu Abdul Rahman, how long will you seek knowledge?" Abdullah bin Al-Mubarak, may Allah Almighty have mercy on him, replied: "Perhaps the word that I will benefit from is still with my Lord, and I have not written it down yet." And he had already passed the age of eighty.

Media Center Launches "Weekly News Bulletin"

Minnesota, August 23/2024

In a groundbreaking media initiative, the Media Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center has launched "Weekly News Bulletin." The first episode of the bulletin was broadcasted on the university's official Facebook page and other social media platforms at 8:00 PM Mecca time on Friday, August 23/2024.

This initiative comes after a successful previous experience of the university and in response to its continuous expansion in various aspects. It also aims to diversify the media channels used by the Media Center to deliver the university's message to the widest possible audience in an era where media is not only one of the pillars of success for modern institutions, but has become the fourth authority competing with traditional authorities that control the destinies of people.

Commenting on the bulletin video, the university's vice president and head

of the main campus, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami (the idea's originator and supervisor), praised the bulletin team and said that priority will be given to important and general events at the university. The bulletin will later cover interviews with university staff, discussing the achievements and efforts covered by all departments in the university.

The distinguished media professional, Ms. Eman Abdulaziz, has been chosen to present the weekly bulletin. She will appear on the university's channels at the same time every Friday evening to read the most important university news of the week. This comes after the editorial, preparation, and follow-up team, consisting of Mr. Ahmed Shamsan Al-Maqrami, Dr. Abdo Nasr Al-Silani, and Engineer Abdullah Al-Mansoub, have completed the news material. Ms. Eman will then read it from a studio specially created for this purpose with the care of the talented sound and image engineer, director Mohammed Al-Hajrasi.

