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Memorandum of Understanding Between Islamic University of Minnesota and Prince Muqrin bin Abdulaziz University



Bloomington, Minnesota - September 24, 2024 - The President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, Professor Waleed bin Idris Al-Meneesi, announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between his university and Prince Muqrin bin Abdulaziz University in Madinah. The signing took place at the Islamic University of Minnesota's headquarters in Bloomington, Minnesota, USA.

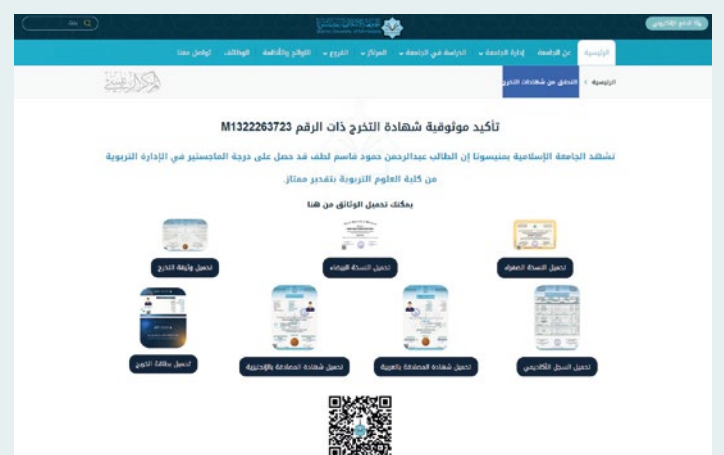
In a post on his personal Facebook page, Professor Al-Meneesi explained that the MoU covers several areas of cooperation between the two universities, including exchange visits between the administrations and faculty members, student exchange programs, teaching Arabic to non-native speakers, as well as organizing joint conferences and other

academic collaborations.

Professor Al-Meneesi noted that Prince Muqrin University was represented by Dr. Aisha Al-Ayafi Al-Sharif, Director of International Student Affairs and Acting Director of Public Relations at Prince Muqrin bin Abdulaziz University. Dr. Al-Sharif traveled to Minnesota specifically to attend the signing ceremony.

According to the post, the MOU was signed on Tuesday, Rabi' al-Awwal, 21 1446 AH, corresponding to September 24, 2024. The MOU includes six main clauses, the last of which states the possibility of converting it into a permanent agreement between the two universities, with potential for further development and the addition of more provisions in the future.

Launch of the Graduates Platform



The Information Technology Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota announced the launch of the new Graduates Platform on the university's official website on Tuesday, September 24, 2024. This platform represents an advanced step towards providing sophisticated electronic services that ensure the preservation of graduates' documents from loss or tampering, allowing them to access their documents at any time.

The Graduates Platform includes essential documents such as the diploma, graduation certificate, bilingual graduation verification, and academic transcript, in addition to the graduates' card and a unique barcode assigned to each graduate. Graduates can use this barcode when applying for jobs, making it easier for external organizations to verify their documents without needing to send traditional paperwork.

In this context, a video has been published demonstrating how to verify

graduation certificates through the platform. The university's Vice President, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, expressed his happiness about the launch of this platform, praising the efforts of the Information Technology Deanship team, particularly Ms. Marwa Abdulwasa'a and Engineer Ali Mustafa.

Dr. Al-Maqrami also indicated that there are future plans to develop a dedicated site for graduates, allowing them to upload their personal information and resumes. Dr. Mohammed Khayal, a faculty member, called for a similar platform for faculty members to facilitate the verification of their documents.

Dr. Al-Maqrami confirmed that this proposal is included in the agenda of the Information Technology Deanship, and work is underway to allocate a sub-website for faculty members.

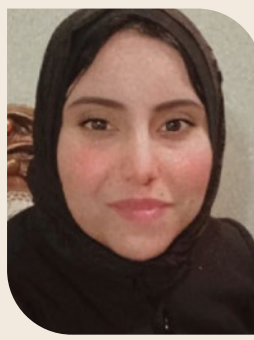


Vice President Clarifies Administrative Position Rules

Doctor Omar Al-Maqrami, Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota and Head of the Main Center, affirmed that the university's system does not permit individuals holding high administrative positions to simultaneously assume administrative roles at competing universities that follow similar online education strategies as the Islamic University of Minnesota. This clarification came in a message directed to deans, department heads, supporting deanships, and administrative unit directors.

Dr. Al-Maqrami explained that this policy is not intended to diminish the status of other universities or to restrict university staff, but rather to ensure that administrative personnel, who bear significant responsibilities, do not become distracted by dual commitments. He suggested that it is preferable for individuals to choose the institution in which they feel most comfortable and secure, emphasizing the importance of focusing efforts on serving the university.

He added that the university prides itself on full collaboration among its staff across educational, administrative, and technical fields, stressing the need for all files and expertise related to the university to remain within its walls. Dr. Al-Maqrami concluded his message with a prayer, saying: "We praise Allah for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us in this blessed institution, and we ask Him to enable us to continue serving knowledge and its seekers, and not to replace us."



Zainab Basyouni Calls on Faculty Members to Consider Students' Coursework

Dr. Zainab Basyouni, Deputy Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, has urged all faculty members across various departments to consider the number of assignments required from students as part of their coursework.

In a message published in the WhatsApp group for the Council of Department Heads, Dr. Basyouni pointed out that many students are struggling with the high volume of assignments, which can sometimes reach up to ten assignments per semester or even more.

The deputy assured that a student can be adequately assessed through no more than two assignments per semester and called on all faculty members to adhere to this limit in upcoming terms. She explained that the goal of this request is to ensure the maximum benefit for students, emphasizing the importance of studying in a psychologically comfortable environment without pressure.

Dr. Basyouni also noted that "our students represent a different fabric compared to students in traditional universities," as some have turned to remote education for various reasons and circumstances preventing them from continuing in-person studies. She mentioned other possible factors such as age, work commitments, and the conditions in some countries experiencing various issues like wars.

In closing her message, Dr. Zainab Basyouni expressed her confidence that faculty members possess the wisdom and ability to manage such challenges professionally.



Al-Wahati Issues Series of Decisions to Foster Excellence and Creativity



Professor Abdulsalam Al-Wahati, Dean of the College of Media at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, has issued a series of decisions aimed at enhancing the educational process within the college and promoting excellence and creativity among students and faculty members. These decisions include the appointment of several new academic leaders to key positions, with the goal of advancing educational programs and encouraging innovation and scientific research.

The Dean's decisions included the restructuring of the College Council and the Advisory Council, and the appointment of a select group of faculty members to leadership positions. Dr. Hanadi Al-Saeed has been appointed as Director of Public Relations at the Dean's Office, Dr. Jihad Mustafa as Assistant to the Head of the Media Department for the Bachelor's Program, and Dr. Mohammed Mokhtar Al-Talkhawi as Assistant to the Head of the Graduate Studies Department.

Professor Al-Wahati emphasized that these decisions are part of a comprehensive strategic vision aligned with the university's methodology, stressing the importance of keeping pace with scientific and technological advancements, and increasing efforts to enhance the college's and university's standing internationally. He urged the newly appointed leaders to fully comply with the university's laws and regulations and to work towards achieving tangible results that will contribute to maintaining the college's and university's excellence in all academic, administrative, and research fields.

Al-Wahati also highlighted that the selection of the new leaders was based on their experience and academic expertise, noting that these appointments will contribute to improving the quality of education and developing the college's research programs.

In a related context, Professor Al-Wahati presided over an extensive meeting with faculty members to discuss proposals from postgraduate students (Master's and

PhD), during which several professors were assigned to supervise students' theses, ensuring fairness in the distribution of tasks among academic advisors according to academic and specialization standards.

The meeting resulted in the acceptance of proposals from eight PhD students and one Master's student, in addition to the appointment of 13 academic advisors from the faculty. The Dean stressed that the selection of academic advisors was based on their distinguished expertise and academic specializations, praising their role in fostering innovation and advancing scientific research within the college.

At the close of the meeting, Professor Al-Wahati expressed his gratitude to the university leadership for their continuous support of postgraduate students, commending their efforts in facilitating academic tasks and contributing to the development of scientific research at the university.



New Students Discount and New Departments Added

The administration of the Islamic University of Minnesota has announced a special offer for students wishing to enroll for the second semester of the academic year 2025-2024. This offer includes a %20 discount on registration fees for the first 10 students registered in each of the university's 33 departments, covering undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs.

The announcement from the media center also highlighted the addition of new distinguished departments, including the Department of Computer Science, the Department of Early Childhood, the Department of Development Studies, and the Department of Disaster and Crisis Management. These modern departments are designed to meet the needs of the job market and the academic aspirations of students looking to explore new job fields that are experiencing increasing demand worldwide.



College of Computers Holds Regular Council Meeting



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The College of Computers and Information Technology at the Islamic University of Minnesota held its regular council meeting chaired by Dr. Muneer Abdulbari Abdul Fattah, Dean of the college and council president, with the presence of Dr. Zainab Basyouni, Deputy University Registrar, on Wednesday, September 2024, 25, at 10:00 PM Mecca time.

At the beginning of the meeting, the dean welcomed Dr. Zainab and the council members, who expressed gratitude for everyone's efforts. The discussion then opened on the agenda items, primarily focusing on reviewing the educational process in the college and preparations for the final exams of the first semester.

The council discussed the preparation of schedules, exams, and grading through the control office, emphasizing that the course instructor is responsible for correcting, evaluating students, and assigning grades, while noting slight differences in procedures between in-person and online education.

Dr. Salah Al-Alawi, Deputy Dean of the College of Computers, highlighted the importance of providing diverse opportunities for students to achieve full coursework grades (60 points) through a variety of exercises, activities, and practical projects, thereby enhancing students' confidence in their abilities.

In this context, proposals were discussed to add practical and applied content to some

courses starting from the next semester. It was decided to establish a mechanism for integrating practical applications into the curricula, beginning with identifying courses that have practical aspects, followed by developing proposals to submit to the college council.

Additionally, the dean expressed gratitude to Dr. Hani Mohammed Al-Houbi for encouraging students to engage in practical activities related to his course and proposed organizing a special event to showcase students' creativity and projects in the Management Information Systems department.

Attending the meeting, alongside the dean and the deputy university registrar, were Dr. Salah Al-Alawi, Deputy Dean and Head of the Networks and Cybersecurity Department, Dr. Saleh Al-Riyashi, Head of the Information Systems Department, Dr. Mohammed Habib Al-Samkari, Head of the Data Analysis and Artificial Intelligence Department, Dr. Dhiyaa Al-Haq Isa Hamid, Head of the Computer Science Department, Dr. Yasser Al-Malik, Deputy Head of the Management Information Systems Department, Dr. Samar Yamani Al-Salman, Deputy Head of the Networks and Cybersecurity Department, Dr. Najla Mohammed, Deputy Head of the Computer Science Department, Dr. Hani Mohammed Al-Houbi, Deputy Head of the Data Analysis and Artificial Intelligence Department, and Ms. Hanadi Abdullah, Administrative Affairs Officer for the college.



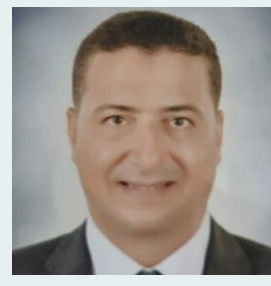
Department of Jurisprudence and Its Foundations Holds Meeting

Dr. Salah Ahmed Farraj, Head of the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Foundations at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a meeting for the faculty members of the department on Friday, September 2024, 13, at 9:00 AM Mecca time.

Dr. Farraj began the meeting by welcoming the members and then discussed the agenda items, which included several important points. The topic of examinations and potential errors was addressed, with Dr. Farraj recommending that faculty members review exams and answers multiple times, emphasizing that "prevention is better than cure." The meeting also covered the distribution of courses for the second semester, with an agreement on identifying the faculty members assigned to teach during this term.

The discussion also highlighted the importance of attending lectures and choosing appropriate times for them to avoid postponements or cancellations. Dr. Farraj stressed the need for cooperation among department members, reinforcing that the work is conducted under a spirit of brotherhood, with no distinction between the head and subordinates. He urged everyone to collaborate to ensure the smooth operation of the educational process and to inform the head of the department if any colleague has an excuse, so necessary actions can be taken.

At the end of the meeting, Dr. Farraj expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the university president, the vice president, the dean of the College of Sharia and Law, the vice dean, and the faculty members for their continued efforts.



Head of the Department of Creed Holds Meeting

Dr. Imad Al-Din Al-Ajili, Head of the Department of Creed and Contemporary Schools at the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a meeting with the faculty members of the department on Wednesday, September 2024, 18, at 10:30 PM Mecca time.

The meeting lasted for half an hour and was attended by faculty members as well as the administrative affairs officer for the College of Islamic Studies, Ms. Anisa Ahmed Othman Al-Zikri. Ms. Anisa opened the meeting with a welcoming speech, then explained the purpose of the meeting before Dr. Al-Ajili began discussing the agenda items.

The meeting emphasized the necessity of completing the compensatory lectures during this week, as well as preparing the exams within three days, ensuring the existence of two versions: a main and a backup, and the need to review them thoroughly. Dr. Al-Ajili also highlighted the importance of having the exams in a Word document.

He announced that the following week would see the distribution of schedules for the upcoming semester, emphasizing that the distribution of teaching costs among faculty members would be based on a fair balance. He also noted that the Department of Creed is operating smoothly and in a calm atmosphere, reflecting the brotherly ties between the department head and the faculty members.



Head of the Department of Islamic Studies in English Holds Urgent Meeting

Dr. Manal Mustafa, Head of the Department of Islamic Studies in English at the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held an urgent meeting for department members in light of the approaching end of the semester on Thursday, September 2024, 19.

Dr. Manal emphasized the importance of preparing for the final exams of the second semester by preparing two versions of the exam for each course, stressing the need to select clear and non-tricky questions, taking into account the burdens and responsibilities that students face alongside their studies. She also highlighted the necessity of completing the entire course content for students in 12 full lectures, reserving the last lecture for review.

Dr. Manal urged faculty members to adhere to the scheduled lecture times and avoid delays, noting that there had been some postponements of lectures in recent days. She praised the excellence of some faculty members in delivering lectures on time and using diverse methods to explain the subject matter.

In closing the meeting, the department head thanked all members, emphasizing the need for serious follow-up to elevate the department to a level of excellence. She also expressed her gratitude to the Dean of the College of Islamic Studies, Dr. Abdulrazzaq Al-Bakri, and to the Vice President of the university and Head of the main center, Dr. Omar bin Ahmed Al-Maqrabi, for their support and interest in the department.



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Student Interest First: Leadership Discussions on Make-up Lectures



Minnesota – Report by: Sab' Al-Layl Al-Marakeshi

In its commitment to prioritizing student interests and ensuring their educational rights, the leadership groups at the Islamic University of Minnesota have been engaging in intensive discussions on the issue of make-up lectures. These discussions, held on WhatsApp, involve senior academic and administrative officials, and are part of the university's ongoing efforts, led by the Vice President, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, to find solutions that ensure a smooth educational process without disruptions.

Make-up Lectures: Challenges and Solutions

Make-up lectures—lectures given as a substitute for those that were not conducted as per the scheduled time—are a recurring challenge in the university's timetable, especially with the increasing number of departments. In this context, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami emphasized the need to find solutions to reduce the number of make-up lectures, noting that completely avoiding them may be difficult, but he expressed confidence that the ongoing discussions would lead to effective solutions.

Innovative Solutions from the Colleges

Some colleges have introduced innovative solutions to this issue, such as the "substitute professor" strategy successfully implemented by the College of Media. In this

strategy, an assistant professor is assigned as a backup in case the main professor is unavailable. Professor Hanan Ubaid, Head of the Graduate Studies Department at the College of Media, stated that this strategy has significantly reduced the number of make-up lectures.

Dr. Ismail Hamed, Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, also pointed out that there is a mechanism in place within the college to ensure effective coordination between professors and department heads, ensuring that make-up lectures are delivered as soon as possible with the same content as the original lecture.

Diverse Opinions on Solutions

While the "substitute professor" strategy has been successful in some departments, opinions on its efficacy vary. Dr. Rufaida Qamar Al-Dawla, Head of the Accounting Department, criticized this solution and instead suggested dedicating a "Make-up Week," where make-up lectures are scheduled in advance. She also proposed recording lectures so that students can access them if they miss a session.

Dr. Manal Mustafa, Head of the Islamic Studies Department in English, noted that alternative solutions like the "substitute professor" are not practical in her department due to the nature of the specializations and the language of instruction, pointing out that the department strives to make up missed lectures as soon as possible.

Proposals to Enhance the Educational Process

During the discussions, Dr. Laith Al-Zawahra, Deputy Head of the Family Counseling Department, proposed providing financial incentives to professors as a way to encourage adherence to lecture schedules. Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami supported this suggestion, explaining that the university has already started offering symbolic bonuses in some colleges.

In another context, Dr. Mohammed Tawfiq, Vice Dean of the College of Arts, called for comprehensive solutions at the university level and suggested assigning specialists to develop a scientific strategy to address the issue of make-up lectures.

Concluding Discussions: Toward Comprehensive Solutions

The discussions concluded with several proposals from various faculty members. Among them was a suggestion by Dr. Badi'a Abdulqader from the College of Media, who proposed that professors record their lectures themselves or briefly cover the missed lecture in the following session, thereby avoiding the need for both make-up lectures and substitute professors.

These discussions are part of the university's ongoing efforts to improve the educational process and prioritize the student's best interests in the face of the challenges posed by distance learning systems.



Interactive Lecture on Test-Taking Strategies

The Quality and Development Unit, in collaboration with the Student Affairs Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held an interactive lecture titled "How to Handle a Test Paper" The lecture was delivered by certified international trainer Dr. Mahrous Sulaiman on Thursday, September 2024, 12, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Mecca time.

The lecture was managed by Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, Director of the Quality and Development Unit, and covered several important topics, including: preparation before the test, handling test questions, test procedures and mechanisms, as well as valuable tips and recommendations for students.

This event is part of the university's efforts to enhance students' skills and equip them with the necessary tools for academic success.



Student Absenteeism in Midterm Exams Reaches %0.61

Master Sulaiman Maqbool, Director of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Unit at the Deanship of Student Affairs, announced that the absenteeism rate among students during the midterm exams reached %0.61, reflecting students' commitment, as the rate did not exceed %1.

Maqbool explained that this achievement is a positive indicator for the university, especially with 1,469 students eligible to take the exam. He emphasized that this rate reflects the efforts made by the administration, pointing out that there is no place for phantom students in their institution.

Maqbool urged everyone to take responsibility and strive to elevate the university in all areas, expressing his hope that the university would be a leader in its community.



Interactive Lecture on Quality Standards in Research

The Quality and Development Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota held an interactive lecture titled "Critiquing Academic Theses: Quality Standards in Research Projects," delivered by Dr. Ahmed Labib, a faculty member at the university, on Saturday, September 2024, 14, from 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM Mecca time.

The lecture, moderated by Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, Director of the Quality and Development Unit, primarily targeted graduate students. Participants were awarded attendance certificates accredited by the university, reflecting the institution's commitment to enhancing quality standards in research and developing students' skills.



Mohammed Khalil Earns Master Degree in Quranic Sciences

Student Mohammed Abdullah Khalil has earned a master's degree in Quranic Sciences after the public defense session of his thesis titled "Fitnah (Trials) and Diseases of the Heart and Their Impact on Society: An Analytical Study of Surah Al-Kahf (Verses 53-1)."

The session was organized under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota and took place on Thursday, September 2024 ,5, at 5 PM Mecca time, in the College of Islamic Studies, Department of the Holy Quran and Its Sciences.

The discussion committee consisted of Dr. Jalila Al-Tayeb Babakr Younis, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, serving as the supervisor and rapporteur; Prof. Dr. Abdulrazzaq Al-Bakri, Dean of the College of Islamic Studies, serving as an internal examiner; and Prof. Dr. Ahmed Al-Amir Mohammed Jaheen, a professor of Tafsir (exegesis) and Quranic Sciences and former Dean of the Al-Azhar Girls College in Aswan, serving as an external examiner.

The Islamic University of Minnesota congratulates student Mohammed Abdullah Khalil on his outstanding academic achievement.



Researcher Mahmoud Abu Al-Qasem Earns PhD in Jurisprudence

Researcher Mahmoud Rabi' Qurni Abu Al-Qasem has earned his PhD from the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Principles following the public defense of his thesis titled "The Shaf'ite Grants in the Vocabulary of Imam Ahmad's Doctrine by Imam Mansour Al-Bahouti (1000 AH - 1051 AH): A Study and Verification from the Beginning of Hunting and Sacrifices to the End of the Book."

The defense took place under the supervision of the Deanship of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research at the main campus of the Islamic University of Minnesota on Monday, September 2024 ,30, at 5:00 PM Mecca time.

The discussion committee consisted of Dr. Salah Farraj, Head of the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Principles, as the chair, Dr. Imad Qudari Al-Ayadi, Head of the Manuscripts Department, as the supervisor and rapporteur, Dr. Hamad Al-Mazrouei, faculty member, as the internal examiner, and Dr. Ahmed Ma'bad Issa, faculty member, as the external examiner.



Scientific Committee Approves Research Plan by Student Naeem Olaiyemi

A scientific committee from the Department of Quranic Studies and Its Sciences, chaired by Professor Dr. Abdulrazeq Al-Bakri, Dean of the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, has approved the research plan prepared by student Naeem Olaiyemi Abdulsalam. The study addresses the impact of Israeli news on understanding the intended meaning in the interpretation of Imam Al-Tabari, using Surah Al-Baqarah as a model.

This occurred during a seminar session held by the committee under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Deanship at the university on Saturday, September 2024 ,21, at 8 PM Mecca time.

The discussion committee consisted of, in addition to its chair, Dr. Abdulrazeq Al-Bakri, Professor Dr. Ayman Sobhi Sidqi, Dr. Amina Hamid Moussa, and Dr. Bashar Mustafa.



Scientific Committee Approves Al-Zuhairi Research Plan

A scientific committee from the Department of Educational Psychology, chaired by Dr. Anas Nawafleh, has convened to evaluate and approve the research plan developed by researcher Inas Farhan Mohammed Al-Zuhairi. This study aims to measure the effectiveness of a psychological counseling program designed to alleviate symptoms of depression among middle school students, as part of her pursuit of a master's degree from the Faculty of Educational Sciences.

The approval of the plan followed a seminar held by the committee under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota, which took place on Sunday, September 2024 ,1, at 5:00 PM Mecca time.

The committee, in addition to its chair Dr. Anas Nawafleh, included members Dr. Anas Tarawneh, Dr. Mohammed Ta'amneh, and Dr. Bayan Araidha.

This approval comes as part of ongoing efforts to improve students' mental health and promote a healthy and conducive educational environment.



Scientific Committee Approves New PhD Research Plan

A scientific committee from the Islamic Economics and Banking Department, chaired by Dr. Hiyam Al-Zou'bi, has approved the research plan submitted by researcher Nafe'a Sulaiman Ahmed Sahl, titled "The Impact of Foreign Investments on the Economies of Developing Countries: A Case Study of Chad." This approval is part of his pursuit of a PhD degree from the College of Economics and Business.

The plan was approved following a seminar session conducted by the committee under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Deanship at Minnesota Islamic University on Saturday, September 2024 ,7, at 5:00 PM Mecca time.

It is noteworthy that the discussion committee includes, in addition to Dr. Hiyam Al-Zou'bi, both Prof. Miloud Zankri and Dr. Abu Thar Youssef.



Law Department Committee Approves PhD Research Plan

A scientific committee from the Law Department, chaired by Dr. Moayed Zidan, has approved the research proposal submitted by researcher Mohammed Abdullah Al-Mas'ad to conduct a comparative study on commercial papers according to Saudi commercial law. This approval is part of his pursuit of a PhD degree from the College of Sharia and Law.

The approval came after a seminar session conducted by the committee under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Deanship at Minnesota Islamic University on Saturday, September 2024 ,7, at 9:00 PM Mecca time.

It is noteworthy that the committee includes, in addition to its chair Dr. Moayed Zidan, Dr. Salah Rajab and Dr. Osama Abu Al-Fotouh.



Approval of PhD Plan

A scientific committee from the Curriculum and Instruction Department has approved the research plan submitted by researcher Mohammed Rashad Zakaria, aimed at analyzing and evaluating the Arabic language curriculum for the intermediate stage in Chadian Arabic schools, with a focus on the capital city of N'Djamena as a model. This is part of his pursuit of a PhD degree from the College of Educational Sciences.

The research plan was discussed during a seminar session held by the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota on Monday, September 2024 ,30, at 8:00 PM Mecca time. The session was chaired by Dr. Talaat Mohammed Al-Dardir, Deputy Head of the Curriculum and Teaching Methods Department, with Dr. Hilal Al-Sufyani and Dr. Anas Adheibat serving as committee members.

The committee looks forward to the results of this study, which is expected to contribute to improving the quality of Arabic language education in Chadian schools.



Registration Open for Spanish and English Language Courses



The Language and Translation Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota has announced the opening of registration for the specialized Spanish language course (Level B2) to be taught by Dr. Ali El-Shboul, Head of the Latin American Studies Unit at the Academic Studies Center.

The course includes carefully designed interactive lessons, along with practical exercises aimed at enhancing speaking and writing skills and gaining a deep understanding of Spanish language and culture.

The center has set the course fee at 40\$ and invited those interested in registering to join the Language Center group via the following link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Lezuo3Ma39e8pZk2jcZyxo>.

It is noteworthy that Dr. Ali El-Shboul has previously conducted three Spanish language courses under the auspices of the Language Center.

In a related announcement, the center has also opened registration for the

second-level course on (English Speaking Basics) to be taught by Dr. Ibrahim Salem.

The course begins in late September, with a fee of 40\$, focusing on improving pronunciation and listening skills, boosting confidence in speaking English, practicing conversations, and learning common phrases.

Those interested in joining can also join the main center group on WhatsApp through this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Lezuo3Ma39e8pZk2jcZyxo>

Additionally, the center invites followers to check its Facebook page for more information on new courses via this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/668628751799303/?mibextid=NSM WBT>



Workshop on Personal Marketing and Digital Identity

The Training and Development Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota held a training workshop titled "Personal Marketing and Digital Identity" on Sunday, September 2024, 29, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Mecca time. The workshop was delivered by Professor Sarhan Ahmed Suleiman and moderated by Engineer Mu'tasem Faiz, the center's director.

Dr. Sarhan Ahmed Sulaiman is an international lecturer and academic specializing in contemporary agricultural economics, with expertise in foreign trade and international marketing. He is a researcher at the Agricultural Economic Research Institute in Egypt and has authored numerous publications and scientific studies.

The workshop aimed to equip participants with essential skills in personal branding and managing their digital identities in today's interconnected world.



Training Workshop on Artificial Intelligence in Management



The Training, Development, and Community Programs Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota (Main Center) organized a training workshop titled "Artificial Intelligence in Management: The Smart Leadership Revolution," presented by Engineer Ahmad Raslan on Tuesday, September 2024, 24, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Makkah time. The workshop was moderated by Engineer Al-Mu'tasim Faez, the center's director.

Engineer Ahmad Raslan, an expert in effective management and leadership, has over 21 years of experience in project management, digital transformation, and artificial intelligence applications in complex business environments. He is the CEO and a founding board member of the LEAN Construction Institute – Qatar, and has made significant contributions to enhancing efficiency and productivity through the adoption of artificial intelligence technologies.

The workshop was aimed at the university's administrative staff, in addition to students from within and outside the university, as well as all those interested in the applications of artificial intelligence in management. The workshop is part of the university's efforts to develop staff and student skills and promote the concept of smart leadership amidst rapid technological advancements.



Training Center Hosts Workshop on Creative Management

The Training and Development Center, in collaboration with the Department of Business Administration at the Islamic University of Minnesota, organized a workshop titled "Creative Management and Excellence in the Workplace." The workshop was presented by Dr. Marwan Muwafaq Al-Abbas.

The workshop consisted of three lectures held between 8:00 PM and 10:00 PM Mecca time over three consecutive days. The first lecture took place on Sunday, September 8, followed by the second lecture on Tuesday, September 10, and the final session was held on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

This workshop is part of the center's efforts to enhance participants' skills in creativity and administrative excellence, aiming to improve performance in various work environments.



Training Course on International Financial Reporting Standards

The Training and Development Center, in collaboration with the College of Economics and Business at Minnesota Islamic University, organized a training course titled "International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and International Accounting Standards (IASs)," delivered by Dr. Mohammad Ahmed Shihab Al-Din.

The course consisted of three lectures, with the first held on Thursday, August 2024, 29, the second on Sunday, September 1, and the third on Thursday, September 5. All lectures took place from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM Mecca time.

The course aims to enhance participants' understanding of international financial and accounting standards and their practical applications.



Promotion Committee of Educational Sciences Holds First Meeting

The first meeting of the Promotion Committee of the College of Educational Sciences at the Islamic University of Minnesota was held on Tuesday, September 2024 ,3, under the leadership of Dr. Hiba Abu Ayada, with the attendance of the college dean, Professor Abdullah Abdunabi.

The dean opened the meeting by welcoming the committee members and praising the establishment of this committee. He clarified the university's vision, mission, and strategic directions, as well as introducing the Higher Promotion Committee and emphasizing the importance of this committee. He noted that the College of Educational Sciences is at the forefront of this initiative, which has been disseminated to all colleges due to its significance.

The discussion then moved to the second topic, which focused on clarifying the committee's objectives and the main reasons for establishing an internal committee, as well as assigning tasks among the members. This included identifying faculty members eligible for promotion and evaluating research by specialists within the college. In this context, the head of the Higher Promotion Committee made remarks praising the College of Educational Sciences for its leadership in this matter and commended the dean for his continuous efforts and support in developing the team's skills.

In the third segment, the necessity of initiating the nomination process for deserving candidates for promotion to the Higher Committee was discussed, before Dr. Mamdouh Al-Anzi concluded the meeting by announcing a donation of one thousand dollars to support the committee and the candidates for promotion.

The meeting was attended by key academic and administrative figures, including the central promotion committee chair, Professor Mazahim Al-Mustafa, Dr. Sniya Salama Al-Sheikh, Dr. Nourhan Salama, and members of the promotion committee from various departments within the college.



Success of Lecture Monitoring System

Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Aouf, Dean of Academic and Educational Affairs, confirmed that the lecture monitoring system, implemented through the daily link, has achieved great success in significantly reducing the need for makeup lectures, with the percentage nearing zero.

The Dean provided the news administration with official documents showing the noticeable success, where 3,150 lectures were conducted over 9 weeks, and only 9 makeup lectures were recorded. He also encouraged conducting a comparison between the percentages before and after implementing this system for those interested in seeing the significant difference.

In this context, the Vice Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, Dr. Mohammed Tawfiq Abdulrahim, commented on these statistics, saying: "We thank God for the continuous improvement in all colleges, as confirmed by the statistics provided by the Dean of Academic Affairs. This success is due to the efforts and ideas implemented by the deans, department heads, and faculty members without exception."



Meeting of Department of Da'wah and Islamic Culture

Doctor Taha Al-Jawhari, Head of the Department of Islamic Culture and Da'wah at the College of Islamic Studies, held a meeting for the faculty members of the department on Tuesday, September 2024 ,24, at 9:00 PM Mecca time.

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Al-Jawhari welcomed all attendees and started discussing the agenda items, beginning with listening to members' inquiries and discussing their content. He also addressed the topic of authoring books related to the department's subjects, noting the existing difficulties in the current curricula, which necessitate a thorough discussion.

Dr. Al-Jawhari expressed his satisfaction with how the lectures have been conducted "smoothly and very well," praising the cooperation among department members and expressing confidence in the readiness of the faculty for the upcoming semester.

He emphasized the importance of addressing any student inquiries and responding to them, highlighting the need for follow-up when necessary. He encouraged faculty members to participate in the seminars and public activities organized by the university, coordinating in advance with the relevant departments.

Regarding the final exams for the second semester, Dr. Al-Jawhari stressed the necessity for the exams to be easy and accessible for students, urging that the last lecture be dedicated to review and encouraging gentle treatment of students.

Attending the meeting alongside Dr. Taha Al-Jawhari were Dr. Abdulbadeea Mohammed Abdullah, Dr. Al-Sayed Bayoumi, Dr. A'id Al-Jbour, and Ms. Anisa Ahmed Othman Al-Zikri, the Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Islamic Studies.



Meeting to Discuss Academic Challenges

Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Aouf, Dean of Academic Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a meeting with the Educational Affairs Unit on Monday, September 2024 ,23, in the presence of all college secretaries at the university.

Iman Abdulaziz, Secretary of the College of Media, mentioned that the meeting addressed the major challenges faced by the secretaries during the first semester, and aimed to develop an effective plan to improve performance in the upcoming semesters.

During the meeting, the Dean emphasized the importance of maintaining the functional hierarchy in academic affairs, particularly regarding issues related to faculty members. He stressed the need to inform him directly of any issues with faculty members, as he would handle them in collaboration with department heads. As for issues related to secretaries, students, or the overall educational process, the Dean directed that they be reported to the Director of the Educational Affairs Unit, Dr. Jumana Al-Kharashi, who would address them or refer them to the relevant authority.

Ms. Iman discussed several topics raised by Dr. Jumana, including compiling costs at all levels and submitting a detailed report by the end of the week, monitoring students who have been denied privileges, preparing a nomination file for exemplary students from each academic level, in addition to submitting regular attendance and absence reports, and following up with absent students to check on their status.



Faculty Affairs Deanship Congratulates and Welcomes New Members

Minnesota, USA – The Faculty Affairs Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota has congratulated Dr. Mousa Abdullah Abdulghafour Hamdan, Assistant Professor in the College of Economics and Business, for publishing a research paper titled "A Proposed Administrative Vision to Develop International Leadership Traits to Enhance Peace Efforts in the 21st Century" in the peer-reviewed journal (American Journal of Humanities).

In a related context, the deanship announced its welcome to Dr. Mohammed Al-Sharqawi from Kuwait, who has joined the College of Islamic Studies, Department of Islamic Studies in Arabic. Dr. Al-Sharqawi expressed his happiness about joining the university, stating, "I am honored to join you, to be part of your esteemed university, and to work alongside esteemed professors like you."

The deanship also welcomed Dr. Mohammed Ghazi from Jordan to the

Department of Judicial and Legal Studies in the College of Sharia and Law. Dr. Ghazi expressed his gratitude, saying, "I am honored to be among you, and I extend my utmost appreciation and respect." Meanwhile, Dr. Alaa Hosni Mousa, Head of the Department of Judicial and Legal Studies, expressed his joy at Dr. Ghazi's joining, describing him as a scholarly figure with practical experience.

In addition, Dr. Abdullah Al-Samahi from Egypt, who holds a Ph.D. in law, has joined the Development Studies Department in the College of Development Studies. Dr. Jumaa Sharaf Al-Din praised Dr. Al-Samahi for his scholarly value.

Finally, the deanship welcomed Dr. Ali Jaber from Jordan to the Islamic Economics Department in the College of Economics and Business. Dr. Jaber commented on the welcome, stating, "I am delighted and honored to join this university and be among a group of scholars."



Regular Meeting of the Administrative Affairs Unit for Colleges

On Monday, September 2024, 16, a regular meeting of the Administrative Affairs Unit for Colleges was held, chaired by the unit director, Dr. Noorhan Salama, and attended by the Dean of Faculty Affairs, Dr. Marwan Bataineh. The meeting commenced at 10 PM Mecca time, with Dr. Bataineh welcoming the attendees, especially the new staff members, Ms. Samira Al-Sagheer and Ms. Anisa Ahmed, praising the team's efforts and recognizing them as the backbone of the university.

The agenda included discussions on various administrative topics, notably the files of new faculty members, as well as the workflow of administrative affairs and internal promotion committees. A practical explanation was provided on how to create a dedicated drive archive for exams, alongside a demonstration on managing meetings. Dr. Salama requested the new staff members to write the meeting minutes as a practical application.

The meeting was attended by several officials, including Ms. Maha Mohammed, Secretary of the Faculty Affairs Office, and the administrative affairs managers of various colleges. The meeting lasted for an hour and a half, during which ideas and suggestions were exchanged to enhance workflow and improve administrative performance.



Ashraf Mahmoud Earns PhD in Business Administration

September 2024, 1

Researcher Ashraf Rifaat Mahmoud has been awarded a PhD in Business Administration from the Department of Business Administration at the Islamic University of Minnesota, following a public defense of his dissertation titled "The Role of Governance in Reducing Corruption in Public Sector Institutions in Northern and Eastern Syria."

The defense was overseen by the university's Graduate Studies Deanery, with the session held on Sunday, September 2024, 1, at 10:00 PM Mecca time. The defense was chaired by Dr. Mohammed Younis, Head of the Business Administration Department, with Dr. Abdulrahim Al-Shamiri serving as the supervisor, and Dr. Khaled Basreeda as the internal examiner. Additionally, Prof. Mamdouh Mustafa Halawa, Executive Director of the Quality Studies Center at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Egypt, participated as the external examiner.

This academic degree is a significant achievement for the researcher and reflects his dedication to academic inquiry in the fields of governance and corruption.



Islamic University of Minnesota Honors Dr. Mamdouh Al-Anzi

The media center of the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, published an official thank-you card on behalf of the university administration, represented by the esteemed Vice President Dr. Omar bin Ahmed Al-Maqrami, honoring Dr. Mamdouh Al-Anzi, faculty member in the College of Educational Sciences.

The card expresses the university's gratitude for Dr. Mamdouh's outstanding efforts in promoting the university, as well as his financial and moral support for organizing various cultural activities and events for the university's staff.

It is noteworthy that the news administration had previously published an article regarding the Promotions Committee for the College of Educational Sciences, mentioning Dr. Mamdouh Al-Anzi's financial donation to assist the committee in carrying out its work.



Islamic University of Minnesota Publishes Faculty Statistics

The media center of the Islamic University of Minnesota, main campus, has published a geographical map that includes statistics on the number of faculty members at the university and their geographic distribution.

According to the published map, the total number of faculty members at the university is 416, distributed across 21 countries worldwide, with varying numbers of members in each country.

The data indicates that the largest number of faculty members comes from Egypt, followed by Jordan and then Sudan. The remaining faculty members are distributed (in no particular order) among countries such as Comoros, Chad, Djibouti, Indonesia, Pakistan, India, Kuwait, Bahrain, Yemen, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Syria, Iraq, the United Kingdom, and Belgium.



Regular Meeting of Arabic Language Department

The Arabic Language Department at the College of Arts and Humanities at the Islamic University of Minnesota held its regular meeting chaired by Dr. Osama Abdulrahman, the department head, and his deputy, Dr. Ali El-Shboul, on Wednesday, October 2024, 25.

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Osama welcomed all attendees, expressing his happiness with such gatherings that enhance social relationships within the department, in addition to their role as a fundamental administrative tool. Deputy Head Dr. Ali El-Shboul also thanked the attendees for their presence.

The meeting addressed several important topics, notably the necessity of completing the preparation of the first-semester exams for submission to the control department as soon as possible. The department head emphasized the importance of considering the diverse

levels of students when formulating questions and adhering to the model sent by the control department, while also stressing the need to review the exams before submission. He pointed out that grades would be recorded by the control department, except for assignment grades, which the instructors would enter themselves.

Other topics discussed included the commitment to delivering lectures on time and the procedures to follow in case an instructor needs to cancel a lecture. In such cases, communication with the department head, deputy, and the college secretary should occur well in advance of the lecture to arrange for a substitute, with the reminder that postponement is not permitted.

Faculty members who contributed during the meeting expressed their satisfaction with the department's good reputation at the university

level. At the conclusion of the meeting, the department head expressed hope for meeting everyone again after the exams, assuring that all colleagues would be honored for their efforts throughout the first semester.

Present at the meeting, in addition to the department head and his deputy, were several faculty members, including Dr. Baher, Professor Dr. Hisham Khalidi, Dr. Khaled Shalabi, Dr. Omar Shuqairat, Dr. Ahmed Abdulshafi, Dr. Sahar Samadi, Dr. Abd Rabbo Al-Rousan, Dr. Emad Ali Al-Khatib, Dr. Naser Zahri, Dr. Asma Al-Bashir, Dr. Alaa Al-Khalaf, Dr. Taher Fayez, Dr. Tamer Al-Qazzaz, Dr. Mohammed, Dr. Mohammed Saad, Dr. Issa Abu Surour, Dr. Suhair Said Al-Khalil, Mr. Said Kamel, Ms. Khadija Radman, and the administrative affairs officer of the College of Arts, Ms. Samira Al-Saghir.



Academic Course on the Role of Women in the Abbasid Court



The Historical and Archaeological Studies Unit at the Academic Studies Center, College of Arts and Humanities, at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a free academic course titled "The Role of Women in the Abbasid Court," delivered by Dr. Sulaf Faydallah, a faculty member in the Department of History and Archaeology.

The course consisted of four lectures, with the first lecture held on Wednesday, September 2024, 18, at 9:00 PM Mecca time. The second lecture followed on Saturday, September 21, the third on Monday, September 23, and the final lecture concluded on Wednesday, September 25, at the same time.

The course explored the role of women in the Abbasid court, covering various topics such as the categories of women and their influence on economic activities, in addition to their roles in social, administrative, and scientific life during that period.

This course is part of the university's ongoing efforts to promote scientific research and raise awareness of the history of women and their impact on Islamic civilization.



Department of External Relations Holds Key Meeting

The Department of External Relations, International Cooperation, and Conferences at the Islamic University of Minnesota held an important meeting on Sunday, September 2024, 29, chaired by Dr. Hanan Mukhtar and attended by the esteemed members of the department. At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Hanan expressed her deep gratitude to the department members for their ongoing efforts, commending their significant contributions in the past period and emphasizing the importance of honoring members who made outstanding contributions.

The meeting addressed several key topics on the agenda, including the importance of ensuring the continuity of international agreements through the provision of incentives for both parties. Future plans were also discussed, aiming to expand the international recognition of the Islamic University of Minnesota, enhance scholarship exchanges, and explore the possibility of organizing a celebration for World Arabic Language Day.

The attendees also discussed efforts to strengthen international relations, including a new agreement being negotiated with Niger, and the development of a formal and final debate mechanism with Tahri Mohammed University - Bechar, Algeria. Additionally, views were exchanged regarding the ongoing agreements overseen by the department's ambassador members.

This meeting reflects the university's commitment to fostering international cooperation and advancing academic relations, thereby enhancing its standing on the global educational stage.



Training Workshop on Student Portal Services

The Information Technology Deanship, in collaboration with the Deanship of Student Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a training workshop titled "Exploring Student Portal Services and Familiarizing with the University Website." The workshop took place on Monday, September 2024, 9, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Mecca time.

The workshop was led by Dr. Abdulrahman Hamoud Qasem, the technical support officer for graduate studies at the IT Deanship, and Engineer Ali Mustafa, the deputy director of the IT Deanship. It covered essential topics including how to access the student portal, change passwords, update personal information, access course materials, and submit assignments. Participants also learned how to view their academic plans and download their university ID cards.

Additionally, the workshop addressed how to submit graduation requests, the significance of the university website, methods of communication with university staff, and how to verify graduation documents and access the alumni page. This workshop aims to enhance students' awareness of the portal services and facilitate their usage.





Da'wah Center Organizes Interactive Lecture

The Da'wah Center of the Islamic University of Minnesota (Main Center) held an interactive lecture titled "Reflections on Contemplating the Qur'an: The Word Ihdina," delivered in Arabic by Dr. Jamila Khalif on Sunday, September 2024, 22, at 9:00 PM Makkah time. The session was moderated by Dr. Siham Abdulbaqi, Secretary of the Center.

Dr. Jamila Khalif, a certified trainer with a PhD in Educational Administration, has extensive experience in conducting workshops and training courses, and holds numerous certifications and scientific achievements.

The lecture focused on the concept of guidance and misguidance, which lies at the heart of issues related to divine decree. Dr. Jamila explained that the greatest blessing that Allah decrees for a person is guidance, while the most severe trial is misguidance. She emphasized that all of God's prophets and revealed books agree that while God alone controls guidance and misguidance, it is up to the servant to seek and strive for guidance.

The lecture saw significant engagement from the attendees, deepening their understanding of the meanings of the Qur'an and the significance of the word Ihdina in the context of seeking divine guidance.

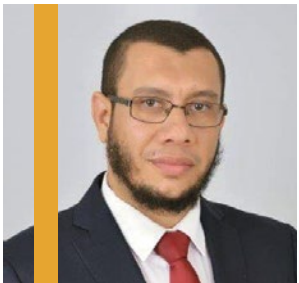


Scientific Seminar on Tools and Techniques of Artificial Intelligence

The Dawah Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota held a scientific seminar titled "Tools and Techniques of Using Artificial Intelligence for Muslim Youth," featuring Dr. Idris Abdulrahman and lecturer Mr. Tasleem Adeemo, on Tuesday, September 2024, 17.

The seminar was conducted in English and lasted for two hours, receiving positive feedback from attendees who expressed interest in obtaining the seminar materials. The center management promptly fulfilled this request and provided the necessary materials to interested participants. Additionally, certificates accredited by the university were awarded to participants in recognition of their active involvement.

This seminar is part of the center's efforts to enhance awareness among Muslim youth regarding the applications of artificial intelligence in various fields.



Al-Bayan Forum Organizes Interactive Lecture

Under the auspices of the Al-Bayan Forum for the Qur'an and Islamic Sciences, an interactive lecture titled "Technology and Artificial Intelligence in the Service of Dawah" was held, presented by Dr. Abdulrahman Dhakir Al-Hashimi, on Sunday, September 2024, 15, at 8:30 PM Mecca time.

The lecture, conducted in Arabic, was streamed on Dr. Al-Hashimi's YouTube channel, with a link shared on a Telegram channel affiliated with the Dawah Center to facilitate audience engagement and questions.

Participants were awarded accredited certificates from the University of Minnesota Islamic Center. Following the lecture, a link to the full recording was shared in the Dawah Center's WhatsApp group.

This event is part of the center's efforts to enhance the use of technology and artificial intelligence in the field of Islamic outreach.



Dawah Center Holds Lecture Titled "Barakah"

The Dawah Center at Islamic University of Minnesota, in collaboration with the Quality and Development Unit, organized a lecture titled "Barakah" delivered by Dr. Shamsan Al-Jabi, a resident preacher in the United States. The lecture took place on Tuesday, August 2024, 27, in the main conference hall, via Zoom, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM Mecca time.

The lecture was conducted in Arabic by Dr. Fatima Al-Wahsh, Director of the Quality and Development Unit, while Dr. Siham Abdulbaqi, Secretary of the Dawah Center, managed the English portion. The event targeted the university community and the Arab and Muslim communities in America, and certificates of attendance were awarded to participants, reflecting the center's commitment to enhancing religious and cultural awareness among students and local communities.



Academic Affairs Deanship Congratulates Dr. Mamdouh bin Awad

The media center of the Islamic University of Minnesota has published an official congratulatory message from the Academic Affairs Deanship, congratulating Dr. Mamdouh bin Awad bin Muflih on his promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor.

The congratulatory message emphasized that this promotion is well-deserved, reflecting Dr. Mamdouh's distinguished academic career and his steadfast commitment to education and scientific research. His dedication and ongoing efforts to enhance knowledge and elevate the academic standards at the university are commendable.

The university extends its warmest congratulations to Dr. Mamdouh and wishes him continued success and achievements in his academic journey.



Training Course on Verses of Jurisprudence and Their Applications

The Dawah Center affiliated with the Islamic University of Minnesota held a training course titled "Reflections on the Verses of Jurisprudence and Their Applications," presented by Dr. Muhammad Al-Shuqairi in both Arabic and English.

The course consisted of four lectures organized over two weeks, taking place from 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM Mecca time, every Tuesday and Thursday. The course began on Tuesday, September 2024, 3, and concluded on Thursday, September 2024, 12.

The course attracted a significant audience interested in studying the verses of Islamic jurisprudence and their applications, reflecting the importance of the topic within the Islamic community.



Academics Praise Advantages of E-Learning

Academics from the Islamic University of Minnesota have confirmed the excellence of the e-learning system adopted by the university, noting that it provides a unique and effective educational experience.

This came in their responses to a random survey conducted by the university's media center, which focused on the advantages of e-learning compared to traditional face-to-face education. The academics highlighted several features, foremost among them the use of modern electronic platforms that allow students to attend lectures and interact with professors and classmates online, creating an interactive learning environment that includes live lectures, discussions, and activities.

They also emphasized the importance of direct interaction during video lessons, which enhances the learning experience and ensures effective communication between students and professors.

Several academics discussed the availability of diverse electronic educational resources, including digital books, articles, and educational videos, enabling students to access them anytime and anywhere.

Additionally, the ongoing academic support provided by the university was highlighted, through sessions, workshops, and training courses aimed at improving students' academic skills.

Some academics mentioned the advantage of conducting assessments and evaluations via electronic platforms, offering students greater convenience in taking their exams from home.

Finally, the academics underscored the university's reliance on the latest technological advancements, facilitating access to educational resources and electronic services, and ensuring the educational process runs smoothly and efficiently.



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Deanship of Graduate Studies Achieves Distinguished Accomplishments During July and August 2024

The Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota achieved distinguished accomplishments during the months of July and August 2024, according to an official report prepared by the office.

The Deanship's accomplishments included holding the second cultural evening and issuing certificates to participants, concluding an agreement on graduation attire, issuing 45 congratulations to graduates, and issuing another 20 congratulations that included an explanation of the types of authentication. Additionally, the office uploaded the names of 58 graduates to the website, issued cultural brochures up to number 112, issued the second issue of the Ruwaq Minnesota magazine, and issued a communication guide for the office.

Regarding official documents, the office issued 58 documents from the main center and sent them via email. It also issued 303 documents from the branches, 28 white certificates, and authenticated and sent 37 documents from students to the Apostille.

According to the report, there are 11 certificates pending issuance, 23 certificates pending review, and 30 certificates pending issuance of authentication.

These accomplishments reflect the commitment of the Deanship of Graduate Studies to providing the best services to graduates, enhancing communication with them, and documenting their achievements.

Launch of New Contact Page for Employee Affairs



Dr. Mohammed Younis, Director of Employee Affairs and Human Resources at the Islamic University of Minnesota, has announced the launch of a new contact page dedicated to employee affairs on WhatsApp, named "The Islamic University of Minnesota Employee Forum and Community."

In a statement to the news administration, Dr. Younis explained that the purpose of creating the page is to "facilitate direct and friendly communication with employee affairs, and to bring employees together in one place with ease." He added that the page will provide continuous communication among employees, allowing them to exchange greetings, congratulations, and more, serving as a forum and community.

It is worth noting that the university has recently entrusted Dr. Mohammed Younis with the management of employee affairs and human resources, in addition to several other academic and administrative responsibilities assigned to him.

Academic Affairs Deanship Announces End of First Semester Dates



عمادة الشؤون الأكاديمية والتعليمية
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

The Academic Affairs Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, announces that Thursday, October 2024, 10, is the last day of actual classes for the first semester.

The deanship indicates that Saturday, October 12, marks the beginning of the preparation week for the final exams of the first semester, noting that this week will also be dedicated to review lectures and any compensatory lectures that have not been conducted. The deanship emphasizes the importance of completing these lectures to ensure students' educational rights.

It is worth mentioning that the final exams for the first semester of the new academic year 1446/2025-2024 AH will commence on Saturday, October 2024, 19, according to the approved and published academic calendar.

Abdeljawad Announces Upcoming Release of Second Semester Class Schedules



Engineer Mohammed Abdeljawad, Director of the Virtual Classrooms and Registrations Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota, announced the imminent release of the class schedules for the second semester to the deans of colleges and department heads.

This announcement was made in a message addressed to the deans and department heads, in which Abdeljawad expressed his sincere gratitude and appreciation for their cooperation and commitment to enhancing the educational process.

In the message, Abdeljawad indicated that schedules for each department, including their stages and courses, would be sent out soon. He urged the deans and department heads to recommend instructors and specify days and times. He concluded by stating that complete details would be sent along with the schedules shortly, wishing everyone success and guidance in their endeavors.



Announcement of Results for Second Stage of Grand Competition on Sunnah

The judging committee for the Grand Competition on the Sunnah, organized by the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, has announced the results of the second stage of the qualifiers held on Friday, August 2024, 30. The committee has also set Friday, September 2024, as the date for the third stage qualifiers.

According to the announced results, 21 competitors succeeded in this stage, with 10 winning in the category of (Doctorate - Al-Arba'in Al-Nawawiya) and 11 in the category of (Master's - Sahih Muslim). Geographically, 6 competitors hailed from Egypt, 4 from Yemen, 3 from Syria, 2 from Saudi Arabia, and one each from Sudan, Mauritania, Bangladesh, Mali, Ghana, and Algeria.

Winners from the Al-Arba'in Al-Nawawiya (Doctorate) category include:

- Ayat Al-Bashar Al-Faki Al-Tijani (Sudan)
- Salma Fouad Al-Sabi'i (Syria)

- Iman Fouad Al-Sabi'i (Syria)
- Latifa Abdullah Al-Qathami (Saudi Arabia)
- Huda Ali Mohammed Haidar (Yemen)
- Ahmed Salem Akhan (Mauritania)
- Hisham Saleh Al-Dawi (Algeria)
- Mohammed Yasin Abdul Hafiz (Bangladesh)
- Bashir Mohammed Turi (Mali)
- Ammar Salem Mohammed Mohammed (Egypt)

Winners from the Sahih Muslim (Master's) category include:

- Sara Mohammed Mohammed Al-Makki (Egypt)
- Arwa Ali Abdulrab Al-Hamid (Yemen)
- Mohammed Hussein Mohammed Hussein (Egypt)
- Muhaysin Abdul Wahid (Ghana)
- Zainab Salah Youssef (Egypt)
- Bashayer Abdulmoneim Al-Huwaisik (Yemen)
- Ahmed Mohammed Abdulsalam Hamid (Egypt)

- Mohammed Ahmed Al-Juwair (Syria)
- Ayman Ahmed Hussein Al-Hadi (Yemen)
- Marwa Al-Sayed Mohammed Imam (Egypt)
- Yasmin Abdul Hafiz Saleh (Saudi Arabia)

It is noteworthy that the first stage qualifiers, from which 31 competitors were accepted, took place on August 2024, 16. The necessary conditions included memorizing the text with the narrator only (for each stage), adhering to the specified time for the qualifiers, and complying with the book and stage set by the organizing committee. The books are: "The Book of Knowledge" from Sahih Bukhari for the Bachelor's level, "The Book of Knowledge" from Sahih Muslim for the Master's level, and "Al-Arba'in Al-Nawawiya" for the Doctorate level.

The final qualifiers will be conducted on October 2024, 4, with a special ceremony to honor the winners scheduled for October 2024, 10, in accordance with the original announcement of the competition.

Advice for Seeker of Knowledge



By Dr. Abu Bakr Yousef
Abdel Ghaffar Al-Miqdad

O Seeker of Knowledge, I advise you to be mindful of Allah in secret and in public.

Imam Ash-Shafi'i said:

"Adhere to the fear of Allah if you are heedless, for He will provide for you from where you do not expect.

So how can you fear poverty when Allah is the Provider, having provided for the bird and the fish in the sea?

And whoever thinks that sustenance comes through strength, the sparrow would not have eaten anything alongside the eagle.

You will leave this world, for you do not know if, when night falls upon you, you will live until dawn.

Many a healthy person has died without illness, and many a sick person has lived for a long time.

Many a young man has gone to sleep laughing, while his shroud is being prepared in the unseen without his knowledge."

O Seeker of Knowledge, I advise you to be mindful of what increases memory and what causes

forgetfulness.

Al-Zarnukhi, may Allah have mercy on him, said: "The strongest causes for strengthening memory are diligence, perseverance, reducing food intake, praying at night, and reciting the Qur'an." As for what leads to forgetfulness, it is an abundance of sins, transgressions, worries, and sorrows related to worldly matters, as well as being overly preoccupied with them. Most scholars have mentioned that a wise person should not be overly concerned with worldly matters, as they bring harm and no benefit. Worldly concerns are never free from darkness in the heart, whereas concerns of the Hereafter are filled with light.

The effects of all this manifest in prayer, as worldly concerns prevent a person from doing good deeds, while concerns for the Hereafter drive them toward righteousness. Acquiring knowledge dispels worry and sorrow, and increases humility and concentration in prayer.

University Main Center Launches "Creators" Competition

The Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, has announced the launch of a new competition titled "Creators for the University," aimed at encouraging students to create unique designs or short videos that highlight the university's features and what it offers to its students and community members. Winning works will be published on the students' personal channels.

According to the announcement made on Saturday, September 2024, 21, the competition's conditions include that the content should provide an introduction to the university, focusing on its achievements and features. The work must be original and created by the participant, and it should be published on at least three channels. Participants must adhere to the specified duration of the competition, which starts on Sunday, September 2024, 22, and continues until Tuesday, October 2024, 22.

Four winners will be selected in the video category, with the first-place winner receiving 70\$, the second-place

winner 50\$, the third-place winner 40\$, and the fourth-place winner also 40\$.

For the design category, five winners will be selected, with the first-place winner receiving 50\$, the second-place winner 45\$, the third-place winner 40\$, the fourth-place winner 35\$, and the fifth-place winner 30\$.

To participate in the competition, please send the designs and videos along with the links to the channels where they were published to the judging committee via the following link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HRmGqwUQjbb00988sE5KDH>

For more information, you can join the university's WhatsApp channel via this link:

<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029Va7fRMT9Bb5r3ae1SL3p>

Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities Publishes New Research



Dr. Ismail Hamed, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at the Islamic University of Minnesota, has published new research under the university's name in the journal "Cahiers de Friga".

The published research is titled "The Problematic of the Term Africa: A Critical Historical Reading," reflecting the university's efforts to enhance scientific production and contribute to academic discussions. "Cahiers de Friga" is a peer-reviewed scientific journal issued by the Higher Institute of Human Sciences in Jendouba, Tunisia, highlighting the significance and prominence of the research in academic circles.