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## Signing of Cooperation Agreement



In a continuation of the procedures for signing a joint agreement between Minnesota Islamic University in the United States and Prince Muqrin University in Medina, Saudi Arabia, Professor Waleed bin Idis Al-Menisee, President of Minnesota Islamic University, visited Prince Muqrin University to activate the cooperation agreement focused on teaching Arabic to non-native speakers. This collaboration aims to establish joint programs in this field and to train Arabic language teachers for non-native speakers.

During his visit, Professor Al-Menisee met with Prince Muqrin University President, His Excellency Professor Bandar Hajjar (former Minister of Hajj), and His

Excellency Professor Abdullah Al-Otaibi, Director of the Arabic Language Center at Prince Muqrin University (former President of Islamic University in Medina).

Additionally, Professor Al-Menisee visited the Makkah International Center for Quranic Guidance in Makkah to further activate the previously signed cooperation agreement between the center and Islamic University of Minnesota.

Notably, upon his return to the United States on Sunday, October 2024 ,27, corresponding to 24 Rabi' al-Thani 1446 AH, the President described his visit to the two holy mosques as "blessed" in a post on his official Facebook page, which included several photos and videos from his trip.

### Islamic University of Minnesota Announces New Enrollment Offers for Students



The Islamic University of Minnesota has announced three new offers for students wishing to enroll in the second semester of the 2025-2024 academic year / 1446 AH.

The first offer allows for the installment of tuition fees. This ongoing offer enables students to pay a single installment of the registration fee, while the remaining installments will be distributed over the subsequent semesters.

The second and third offers, however, are entirely new. The second offer provides a discount of 100\$ for each student who registers alongside a sibling or a friend. The third offer includes a waiver of equivalency fees for any academic stage; these fees will be deducted from the total tuition fees if the student wishes to proceed with the equivalency process.

It is worth noting that enrollment for the second semester remains open until the start of actual classes, which are scheduled to begin according to the academic calendar on November 2024 ,16, corresponding to 14 Jumada al-Awwal 1446 AH.

These offers represent a great opportunity for students to enhance their educational journey.



### Launch of New Academic System Portal at the Beginning of Next

Engineer Ali Mustafa, Deputy Director of the Information Technology Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota, announced that the launch date for the new academic system portal is set for the beginning of next year, specifically on Wednesday, January 2025 ,1.

Engineer Ali added that work is ongoing to complete the new portal, with the IT team focused on the finest details. He indicated that the development of the Control Affairs and Student Affairs units, the Virtual Rooms and Registrations unit, and the Faculty Affairs Deanship has been completed, while work is currently underway on the finance system.

Regarding the features that the new portal will provide, Engineer Ali confirmed that it will integrate all academic electronic services, including links to lectures, lecture schedules, and examination services. He also highlighted the automated grading feature for exams, whereby students' grades will be sent immediately after completing the test.

It is noteworthy that Dr. Omar Al-Maqrmi, Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota and Head of the Main Center, had previously announced the IT Deanship's commencement of delivering some services in the new electronic portal to certain departments, in preparation for the launch of its trial version during the upcoming semester. He expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the technical team, extending special thanks to the Deanship Director, Ms. Marwa Abdulwasi, Deputy Dean Engineer Ali Mustafa, and Engineer Harith Noaman, calling on all stakeholders within the university to collaborate with the IT team to ensure that the academic system portal meets the requirements of the colleges, units, and various administrations.



## Release of the Seventh Issue of the Peer-Reviewed Academic Journal



On Saturday, September 2024 ,28, the seventh issue of the second volume of the quarterly peer-reviewed academic journal, "Minnesota International Journal of Academic Studies," was released, which is based at the Islamic University of Minnesota.

The issue comprises 531 pages and contains 15 peer-reviewed research papers, most of which are published in Arabic, with two papers in English. These papers were prepared by 18 researchers from 8 countries, including the UK, Iraq, Libya, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Canada, and Sudan.

The issue covers a diverse range of academic research fields, including administration, health, jurisprudence, education, social sciences, language, law, and artificial intelligence, which accounts for a third of the research (five papers). These papers are the result of the conference on artificial intelligence and its Sharia applications, organized by the university in collaboration with the Tahri Mohammed Bechar University in Algeria in February 2024, according to Dr. Nourhan Salama, the chair of the organizing and preparatory committee and the conference's secretary-general.

The titles of the research papers include:

- 1 The Impact of Academic Accreditation and Strategic Planning on the Implementation of Total Quality Management at the London Center for Research and Social Consulting.
- 2 Door-mounted Hand Sanitizer Dispenser "INNOVA": A Sophisticated Leap to Control the Risk of COVID19-.
- 3 The Concept of Loyalty and Disavowal.
- 4 The Skills Gap Between Higher Education Outcomes in Jordan and Labor Market Needs.
- 5 The Impact of Educational Planning on the Quality of Basic Education in the Directorate

of Education in Al-Salt from the Perspective of Public School Principals.

- 6 Discrimination Against Women Between International Standards and Islamic Law.
- 7 The Structure of Nominal and Verbal Sentences in Surah Al-Nur: A Descriptive and Semantic Grammatical Study.
- 8 The United Nations Charter and Its Compatibility with Human Nature Through the Realization of Justice, Equality, and Public Interests.
- 9 Utilizing the Harvest Strategy in Teaching Mathematics and Its Impact on Achievement and Developing Numerical Intelligence Among Second-Grade Female Students.
- 10 Enhancing Interfaith Discourse Between Muslim and Christian Communities via Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities and Challenges.
- 11 Artificial Intelligence in Light of Jurisprudential Rules and Sharia Texts.
- 12 The Role of Artificial Intelligence in the Healthcare Sector and Its Jurisprudential Regulations in Islamic Law.
- 13 International Legal Protection Against the Risks of Artificial Intelligence.
- 14 Islamic Values and Applications of Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities and Challenges.

The journal is edited by Professor Walid bin Idris Al-Meneesi, with Dr. Omar Al-Maqrabi serving as the editor-in-chief, and Professor Hanan Sobhi Obaid managing the editorial process. Dr. Abdu Nasr Abdul Wahab is responsible for the editorial secretariat. The editorial team includes 43 academics, along with five senior advisory board members. The journal has an online platform on the university's official website that allows browsing and downloading of the research papers.



## Islamic Studies College Publishes the First Issue of the Peer-Reviewed Journal



كلية الدراسات الإسلامية  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

On Thursday, October 2024 ,17, the Islamic Studies College at the Islamic University of Minnesota published the first issue of the first volume of the peer-reviewed journal "Journal of Islamic Studies."

This issue consists of 143 pages and includes, in both Arabic and English, a message from the editor-in-chief, an overview of the journal, its vision, mission, and objectives, along with lists of the editorial board, the advisory and supervisory committee, the advisory committee, and the referees. It also contains the publication rules and guidelines for the journal.

The issue features three academic papers: the first, titled "Exploring the Relationship Between 'Taqrīb Al-Nashr' and 'Tayyibat Al-Nashr' by Imam Ibn Al-Jazari (d. 833 AH) - A Comparative Study," by Dr. Bashar Mustafa Zakaria Aytani from Saudi Arabia. The second paper is titled "Therapeutic Cloning Between Medical Laws and Sharia Evidence," by Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Mohammed Hussein Moweid from Egypt. The third paper is titled "Belief in Revealed Books and Its Impact on Combating Pandemics – The Quran as a Model," by Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim Saqr from Malaysia.

The editorial board of the journal includes the editor-in-chief, Dr. Abdulrazzaq Al-Bakri, Associate Professor of Quran and its Sciences and Dean of the Islamic Studies College; the deputy editor, Dr. Ahmed Labib, Associate Professor of Applied Quranic Linguistics; and the editorial secretary, Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, Associate Professor of Fiqh and its Fundamentals and Head of the Arabic Islamic Studies Department.

The advisory and supervisory committee of the journal is chaired by the university's vice president, Dr. Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrabi, with the vice dean, Dr. Zainab Ali Basyouni, and the Director of the Scientific Research Unit, Dr. Faiza Mohammed Khattab, serving as vice-chair. It also includes five other faculty members. The advisory committee consists of eight faculty members from the Islamic Studies College, chaired by Dr. Abdulrazzaq Al-Bakri. The journal has a refereeing committee comprising twenty faculty members, including six external referees.

It is noteworthy that with this publication, the Islamic Studies College has outpaced other colleges that plan to issue their own peer-reviewed journals after obtaining official licensing from the university administration.



كلية الاقتصاد وإدارة الأعمال  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

## College of Economics Launches First Issue of "Journal of Economics and Business"



On Thursday, October 2024 ,24, the College of Economics and Business at the Islamic University of Minnesota published the first issue of the first volume of the peer-reviewed journal "Journal of Economics and Business." The issue, which spans 221 pages, includes a table of contents, the name of the journal, and an overview that covers the vision, mission, disciplines, and objectives. It also features a list of the editorial board, the advisory committee, and the reviewers, along with a message from the editor-in-chief and the publishing rules and guidelines.

The issue contains six research papers, five of which are in Arabic and one in English. Among these papers are: "The Effectiveness of Media in Enhancing Economic Security in Society" by Dr. Hiyam Sami Al-Zoubi, "The Contribution of Islamic Banking to Achieving Economic Development" by Dr. Raed Hasan Mohammed Bani Issa, "The Role of the Insurance Sector in Activating Economic Development in Algeria" by researchers Imran Shaaban Al-Hadi Haroun and Professor Laila Ayad, "Evaluation and Optimization of ARIMA Models for Time Series Analysis in Saudi Arabian Financial, Insurance, and Commercial Services" by Dr. Abuthr Yousef Ali Ahmed, "The Role of Forensic Accounting Techniques in Reducing Earnings Management Practices in Financial Statements: A Field Study on a

Sample of Publicly Listed Companies in the Khartoum Stock Exchange" by Dr. Sherin Mamoun Said Ahmed and Dr. Mohammed Qureshi Al-Zain Hassan, and "The Impact of Currency Value Changes on Rights and Obligations: A Comparative Study" by researcher A. Abdulmanan Mohammed Hasan Ali.

The "Journal of Economics and Business" is a peer-reviewed scientific journal that is published quarterly and focuses on disseminating articles in the fields of economics, management, and accounting. The journal aims to enhance knowledge in these areas by publishing original research in both Arabic and English. The editorial board is chaired by Dr. Sherin Mamoun Said Ahmed, the dean of the college, with Dr. Hiyam Sami Al-Zoubi as the managing editor. The board consists of 11 academics from various disciplines. The advisory committee includes eight academics, chaired by Dr. Omar Ahmad Al-Maqrabi, the university vice president, while the reviewers' committee comprises 23 academics, four of whom are from outside the university. This publication follows the release of the first issue of the "Journal of Islamic Studies" by the College of Islamic Studies a week earlier, and it is anticipated that other colleges will also launch their own peer-reviewed journals in the near future.



## Ceremony to Honor Winners of "University Narrator" Competition



كلية الدراسات الإسلامية  
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Jordanian Member of Parliament, Dr. Mousa Al-Wahsh, delivered a speech at a special ceremony organized by the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota to honor the winners of the major competition for the Prophetic Sunnah, "University Narrator," on Thursday, October 2024, 10. Dr. Al-Wahsh praised the university, describing it as "a beacon of knowledge in Minnesota and the world," emphasizing its role as a source of noble Islamic values.

In his address, Dr. Al-Wahsh congratulated the winners of the competition, noting that they are a source of pride for the university and the future of the Islamic nation. He also thanked Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, the university Vice President, and Dr. Abdulrazzaq Al-Bakri, Dean of the College of Islamic Studies, for their support and development of the university, and commended Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh for her success in organizing scientific events.

During the ceremony, Professor Dr. Shahab Al-Din Abu Zuhra, a faculty member at Al-Azhar University, delivered an eloquent speech thanking all those involved in the university. He focused on the importance of the

Prophetic Sunnah and the virtue of its scholars, emphasizing the necessity of understanding the Sunnah through the science of jurisprudence.

The event opened with a speech by Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, the general coordinator of the competition and head of the Arabic Islamic Studies Department, who welcomed the guests and expressed her pride in honoring the winners, highlighting the significance of the Prophetic Sunnah.

After a recitation of the Quran by Sheikh Izzat Sabri, Dr. Zainab Basyouni, the deputy registrar, gave a brief speech on behalf of the university, expressing gratitude to the participating students and the organizers.

Dr. Abdul Razak Al-Bakri then spoke, emphasizing the importance of the competition in promoting interest in the Quran and Sunnah, and underscored the need to enhance the study of these subjects in contemporary times.

At the end of the ceremony, Dr. Abdul Razak Al-Bakri announced the results and prizes of the competition, accompanied by a video presentation illustrating the competition's goals and stages.



## Ghniyat Appointed as Director of External Relations



Doctor Omar Al-Maqrami, Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota and Head of the Main Center, has issued a decision appointing Dr. Eideer Ghniyat as the Director of the External Relations and International Cooperation Department, succeeding Dr. Hanan Mukhtar.

Dr. Eideer Ghniyat is a professor of political science and international relations, a graduate of the National School of Political Science in Algeria, and a representative of the Arab Institute for Democracy in Tunisia. He is also a peer reviewer for scientific research, an academic researcher, writer, and publisher of several scientific works and articles.

In his first reaction to the appointment, Dr. Eideer Ghniyat expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the esteemed Vice President, Dr. Omar

Al-Maqrami, for his generous trust, and also thanked the esteemed Deputy Vice President, Dr. Zainab, for her efforts in enhancing the university's prestigious reputation.

In a related development, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami issued another decision appointing Dr. Hanan Mukhtar as the Director of the Conferences and Scientific Seminars Department at the university.

The media center published a congratulatory message on behalf of the university administration to Dr. Hanan Mukhtar on her new position, praising her efforts in the External Relations and International Cooperation Department.

## Al-Humaikani, Al-Bashair Al-Huwaisak, and Al-Makki Win the "University Narrator" Competition



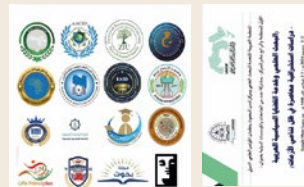
The College of Islamic Studies organized the major competition for the Prophetic Sunnah, titled "University Narrator," from August 11 to October 2024, 4. Contestant Yasmin Abdul Hafiz Saleh Al-Humaikani from Yemen secured first place, while contestant Al-Bashair bint Abdul Moneim Al-Huwaisak from Yemen took second place, and contestant Sarah Mohammed Mohammed Al-Makki from Egypt came in third.

The prizes included a full scholarship for the first place winner, along with a university trophy and an accredited certificate. The second place winner received a half scholarship, a university trophy, and an accredited certificate, while the third place winner was awarded a university trophy and an accredited certificate.

The final round featured 22 competitors who advanced after three stages of the competition. In the first stage, 35 out of nearly 100 contestants were accepted, and 30 competitors progressed to the third stage, culminating in the qualification of 22 contestants for the final round.

The competition began on August 2024, 11, under the auspices of the College of Islamic Studies, with the Dean of the college presiding over the high committee. Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, head of the Arabic Islamic Studies Department, served as the general coordinator of the competition. The winners were honored at a special ceremony held by the college on Thursday, October 10, 2024, attended by distinguished guests from Egypt and Jordan.

## Islamic University of Minnesota Participates in International Conference



Dr. Hanan Mukhtar, Director of the Conferences and Scientific Seminars Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota, announced the university's participation in the international conference titled "Scientific Research and Serving Arab Political Issues – Contemporary Foresight Studies in Light of Growing Crises." This conference is organized by the Arab United Organization for Scientific Research (its first conference) and the London Research Center (its fourteenth conference), to be held on December 2024, 3-2, corresponding to the first and second of Jumada Al-Akhira 1446 AH, via the Google Meet platform.

The conference will gather several universities and international institutions, including the Islamic University of Minnesota, and will focus on four main themes: the relationship between scientific research and political decision-making, practical applications of

the role of scientific research in resolving political crises, the role of technology and innovation in addressing political issues, and scientific research as a tool to enhance democracy.

Dr. Hanan Mukhtar also attached a file to the announcement containing all details related to the conference, indicating that the conference's issue revolves around how to enhance the role of scientific research in developing strategies to address political crises in the Arab region.

It is noteworthy that Dr. Eideer Ghniyat, Dean of the College of Development Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota and Head of the External Relations and International Cooperation Department, serves as the Secretary-General of the High Advisory Board for the conference, according to the file.



## Council of College of Islamic Studies Holds Extraordinary Meeting



The Council of the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota held an extraordinary meeting chaired by Prof. Dr. Abdulrazzaq Al-Bakri, Dean of the College, with the presence of Dr. Zainab Basyouni, Deputy University Registrar and Director of the Curriculum and Planning Unit. The meeting took place on Friday, October 2024 ,4, at 10:00 PM Mecca time.

The Dean opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and emphasized the importance of discussing the curricula and courses specific to the college, as well as the study plans and descriptions. He granted the department heads the opportunity to express their inquiries, opinions, and suggestions regarding the curricula.

Dr. Zainab Basyouni responded to the inquiries of the department heads, noting that while the proposed textbook for the course may be changed, the curriculum

itself will remain unchanged. She clarified that the approved textbook is submitted to the university's drive after the completion of the course descriptions.

The Dean also pointed out that any proposal for changing a textbook must be submitted through an official letter from the concerned faculty member, addressed to him personally and then to Dr. Zainab.

In this context, Dr. Zainab affirmed that students are required to adhere to the approved course content and noted that each branch of the Islamic University of Minnesota operates independently concerning its curricula.

Also present at the meeting were the department heads and the Administrative Affairs Officer, Ms. Anisa Ahmed Othman Al-Zakari, reflecting the college's commitment to enhancing and developing its academic plans.

## Announcement of New Spanish Language Course

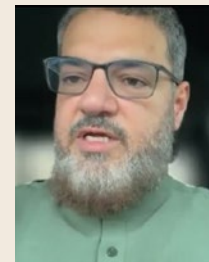


The Latin American Studies Unit at the Academic Studies Center, in collaboration with the Language and Translation Center, has announced the organization of a Level 1 Spanish language course (1 A).

The lectures will be delivered by Dr. Ali El-Shboul, Head of the Latin American Studies Unit at the Academic Studies Center, with the course schedule to be determined later according to the announcement.

The course aims to explore the world of the Spanish language and enhance knowledge in it, as well as to prepare skilled researchers in the field of Latin America. The lessons will be delivered in an interactive and thoughtfully designed manner, with practical exercises to improve speaking and writing skills, focusing on a deep understanding of the Spanish language and culture.

For communication and more information, you can join the Language and Translation Center's WhatsApp Group via the following link: WhatsApp Group Invite. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Lezuu3Ma39e8pZk2jcZyxo>



## Abdullah Yehuda Earns PhD in Jurisprudence

Researcher Abdullah Goni Yehuda has been awarded a PhD in Jurisprudence and Its Principles following a public defense held by the Deanship of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research at the main campus of the Islamic University of Minnesota. The defense took place on Wednesday, 27 Rabi' Al-Thani 1446 AH, corresponding to October 2024 ,30, at 8 PM Mecca time, where he presented his thesis titled "The Punishment for Adultery in Islamic Law and Nigerian Criminal Law: A Comparative Study."

The defense committee was composed of Professor Waleed Idris Al-Menese, President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, who served as the supervisor and chair. Also on the committee were Professor Waleed Khalid Basyouni, a faculty member at the university, who acted as the internal examiner, and Dr. Ahmed Mo'bad Eissa, a faculty member at the university, who served as the external examiner.

## El-Shboul Represents the University at International Symposium on Artificial Intelligence and Language Education



Doctor.Ali El-Shboul, Head of the Latin American Studies Unit at the Academic Studies Center of the College of Arts and Humanities at Islamic University of Minnesota, participated in the international symposium organized by the Spanish Language Department and the Languages, Discourse, Civilization, and Literature Research Laboratory (LADICIL) at Oran 2 University in Algeria on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 2024 ,23-22.

Dr. El-Shboul's participation included presenting a research paper titled "The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Modern Language Education: Spanish in Jordan as a Model," for which he received a certificate of participation from the organizing parties at Oran University. He was also a member of the scientific committee that organized the conference.

It is noteworthy that Dr. Ali El-Shboul participated on behalf of Islamic University of Minnesota. In addition to his role as Head of the Latin American Studies Unit, he is responsible for the Spanish Language Department at the Language and Translation Center, serves as the Deputy Head of the Arabic Language Department in the College of Arts, and is the Deputy Director of External Relations and International Cooperation at the university. He also serves as the university's accredited ambassador in Jordan.



## Free Scientific Course on "Tweets in Semitic Inscriptions"

The Arabic Studies Unit at the Academic Studies Center, part of the College of Arts and Humanities at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a free scientific course titled "Tweets in Semitic Inscriptions," presented by Dr. Sahar Talat Al-Samadi.

Dr. Al-Samadi holds a PhD in Applied Arabic Linguistics and a Master's degree in Inscriptions (Ancient Writings). She has several published research papers and has participated in numerous international scientific conferences in the fields of Arabic language, inscriptions, and archaeology. She is also interested in historical lexicography, terminology science, narrative studies, and inscriptions.

The course was conducted at 9:00 PM Mecca time over three days: Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday, on October 7 ,5, and 2024 ,9.



## Scientific Committee Approves Research Plan on the Impact of Technological Platforms on Non-Profit Organizations

A scientific committee from the Department of Business Administration, chaired by Dr. Mohammed Younis, approved the research plan prepared by researcher Ahmad Omar Mohammed Al-Amoudi. The study aims to explore the impact of using technological platforms and mobile applications to activate field initiatives for medium-sized non-profit organizations in the service and social sectors in Saudi Arabia from 2018 to 2023, focusing on the "Exalting the Sacred Land" project and the "Youth of Makkah" program as case studies, as part of his pursuit of a PhD degree from the College of Economics and Business Administration.

This approval followed a seminar session held by the committee on Friday, October 2024, 11, at 4:00 PM Mecca time, under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota.

The committee consisted of Dr. Mohammed Younis as chair, along with Dr. Mohammed Fathi and Dr. Mamdouh Mustafa as members.



## Approval of Research Plan for Researcher Salma Al-Subaei

A scientific committee from the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Principles has approved the research plan submitted by researcher Salma Fouad Al-Subaei, which aims to conduct a jurisprudential study on contemporary legal issues and their impact on modern waiting periods, as part of her pursuit of a PhD degree from the College of Sharia and Law.

The acceptance of the plan followed a seminar session held on Saturday, September 2024, 28, at 9:00 PM Mecca time, under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota. The plan was discussed by the committee, which consisted of Dr. Salah Farraj, head of the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Principles, who chaired the session, along with Dr. Abeer Zahra, Dr. Bassam Al-Rashid, and Dr. Asma Fakhri as committee members.

This step reflects the university's commitment to supporting academic research and enhancing contemporary jurisprudential studies.



## Approval of Research Plan for Semantic Study in Quran

A scientific committee from the Department of Arabic Language and Literature, chaired by Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Abu Zaid, has approved a research plan for researcher Mohammed Mohammed Abdulghani AbdulLatif. The plan aims to conduct a semantic linguistic study on distinguished leadership and total quality in the Quran. This step is part of the requirements for obtaining a PhD degree from the College of Arts and Humanities.

The Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota supervised a seminar session to discuss the research plan, which was held on Sunday, October 2024, 27, at 5 PM Mecca time.

The discussion committee, in addition to its chair, Dr. Osama Abu Zaid, included Dr. Imad Ali, Dr. Tamer Al-Qazzaz, Dr. Ahmed Abdulshafi, and Dr. Khaled Shalabi.



## Academic Committee Approves Research Plan on Maritime Transport Regulations

Minnesota, October 2024, 12 – An academic committee from the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Foundations, chaired by Dr. Salah Ahmed Farraj, has approved the research plan prepared by researcher Mahmoud Mohammed Omar. The study aims to examine the jurisprudential rulings and regulations of maritime transport at the port of Mombasa.

The approval took place during a seminar session held on Saturday, where the committee discussed the details of the research under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Dean at the Islamic University of Minnesota, College of Sharia and Law.

The discussion committee included Dr. Mohammed Al-Shaqaldi, Professor Murad Ouda, and Dr. Amal Ghoneim, who expressed their appreciation for the topic and its significance in contemporary jurisprudence.



## Approval of Research Plan to Study Effects of Arabic Language on Other Languages

A scientific committee from the Department of Arabic Language and Literature, chaired by Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Abu Zaid, has approved the research plan of the student Ayat Jumaa Mohammed Al-Jumaa, which aims to study the effects of the Arabic language and its blending with other languages. This step is part of her pursuit of a master's degree from the College of Arts and Humanities.

The approval of the plan followed a seminar session held by the committee under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota on Sunday, October 2024, 27, at 5 PM Mecca time.



## Law Department Committee Approves Research Plan

A committee from the Law Department, chaired by Dr. Muayad Zidan, approved a research plan presented by researcher Fahd Abdulaziz Hamed Al-Khuraif, aimed at studying the legal organization of government in Saudi Arabia. This step is part of his pursuit of a PhD degree from the College of Sharia and Law.

This approval followed a seminar session held by the committee under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota on Wednesday, October 2024, 30, at 6 PM Mecca time.

It is noteworthy that the discussion committee included, in addition to its chair, Dr. Muayad Zidan, both Dr. Ihab Talaat and Dr. Alaa Sobhi.



# Ceremony to Honor Exemplary Students

Report by: Israa Al-Madhaji



Under the patronage of Dr. Zainab Basyouni, Deputy Dean and Director of Student Affairs, and in the presence of Dr. Omar Al-Maqrabi, Dean of the Islamic University of Minnesota and Head of the Main Center, the Undergraduate Student Affairs Unit and the Graduate Student Affairs Unit held a ceremony to honor students awarded the title of "Exemplary Student" for the first semester. The event took place on Monday, October 2024, 14, at 9:00 PM Mecca time.

## Recognition of Strong Will and Good Conduct

The celebration began with an opening speech by Mr. Suleiman Maqbool, Director of Undergraduate Student Affairs, who emphasized that honoring exemplary students is not just a celebration but a recognition of strong will, academic excellence, and good conduct. He clarified that success is the result of hard work and commitment, praising the moment of recognition as a culmination of the efforts of students who chose excellence to be role models for their peers.

Ms. Omaima Adel, Director of Graduate Student Affairs, expressed her happiness at the event, noting the attendance of everyone to honor the students who have worked hard in their studies and distinguished themselves through their character. She addressed the honorees, saying, "It is a great honor to be among you today; you embody the values of diligence and dedication, and your excellence is an example for all your peers."

## Generation Embracing the Mission of Knowledge

In his speech, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrabi congratulated all students on the completion of the first semester's academic lectures, giving special congratulations to the exemplary students. He praised their efforts and successes, affirming that the university hosts the best

faculty and administrative staff to support them in their educational journey.

The Dean encouraged students to elevate their ambitions and work hard, emphasizing that the university strives to provide the educational process in the best possible ways, aiming to cultivate a generation that is beneficial and influential in their communities and proudly represents the university in the fields of knowledge and education.

## Strategy for Creating the Model

Dr. Zainab Basyouni, the Deputy Dean and Director of Student Affairs, congratulated the exemplary students and emphasized the university's ongoing commitment to supporting and encouraging them to achieve the best possible outcomes. She highlighted the implementation of a strategy aimed at making students role models to be proud of on a global scale.

Dr. Mazahim Tariq Al-Mustafa, Dean of the Sharia College, affirmed that all students are distinguished, but some excel within the circle of excellence, adding, "With you, the university grows and takes pride."

## Determination and Resolve

In her speech, Dr. Sherin Mamoun, Dean of the College of Economics, praised the success of the students, which reflects their determination to overcome challenges. She expressed her gratitude to Dr. Zainab and Mr. Sulaiman Maqbool, Director of Undergraduate Student Affairs, for their efforts. She also commended Ms. Benan Saif Al-Maqrabi and Ms. Doha for their continuous support of the students.

Dr. Jumana Al-Kharashi emphasized that every diligent individual deserves recognition, noting the difficulties involved in their efforts, but stating that the outcomes are worth the struggle.

Dr. Moayed Zidan from the Law Department congratulated the exemplary students, saying, "With you, we rise and progress," expressing appreciation for the efforts of both students and faculty.

## Special Mentions

The ceremony included special acknowledgments from several faculty members. Dr. Taha Al-Juhari, Head of the Department of Da'wah and Islamic Culture, congratulated the students in his department, specifically recognizing Mr. Zohair. Dr. Nabila Masoud, Head of the Early Childhood Department, mentioned students Sumaya and Al-Hanouf as outstanding. Dr. Talaat Al-Dardeer recognized master's students Abdullah Mohammed Naqed Al-Haj and Majid Mahmoud Mousa Al-Adrousi. Dr. Youssef Bani Younes praised student Khaled Mohammed Al-Faqih for his character and diligence, while Dr. Riya Youssef Khalil emphasized that Khaled serves as a role model among his peers.

## Responses from the Exemplary Students

The event was marked by thank-you messages from the exemplary students. Student Abdulfattah Ali expressed his gratitude and appreciation to all those who supported him, affirming that this recognition is a result of their collective efforts. Similarly, student Sami Al-Beshri sent a message of thanks to the university's Dean and the Dean of the College of Computing, expressing pride in belonging to a university that has always been a home of knowledge and creativity.

Through this, the Islamic University of Minnesota continues to promote values of excellence and diligence, fostering a spirit of positive competition among its students.

## Islamic Manuscripts Center Launches New Service



مركز المخطوطات وتحقيق التراث  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا-المركز الرئيسي

The Islamic Manuscripts and Heritage Research Center at Islamic University of Minnesota has announced the launch of a new service aimed at facilitating access to manuscript heritage for scholars and researchers. This initiative comes as part of the efforts to preserve Islamic heritage, which represents an invaluable scientific treasure for researchers and students of knowledge.

The center emphasized that this initiative highlights the importance of Islamic heritage as an original reference for scholars and researchers, as reliance on contemporary knowledge cannot occur without referring to the words of scholars and researchers from past eras.

To facilitate the process of requesting manuscripts, three links have been provided: the first is a WhatsApp group link dedicated to easing access to

manuscripts and heritage books, the second is a link to the center's Telegram channel, and the third is a registration form for manuscript requests. Applicants are required to adhere to the condition of not exceeding the maximum limit of five manuscripts per request.

This service aims to enhance scientific research and facilitate access to the rich Islamic heritage, contributing to the enrichment of academic knowledge in this field.

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## Al-Bakri Chairs Two Separate Meetings



كلية الدراسات الإسلامية  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

The Dean of the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Associate Professor Abdul Razzaq Al-Bakri, held a meeting for the members of the internal promotions committee on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at 10:00 PM Mecca time.

At the beginning of the meeting, the dean welcomed the committee members and expressed his appreciation for its establishment, clarifying its objectives and the reasons for its creation. He emphasized the importance of identifying faculty members eligible for promotion and having research evaluated by specialists within the college, in preparation for recommending deserving candidates for promotion to the higher promotions committee.

Al-Bakri pointed out that the goal of the meeting was to listen to the committee members, explaining that the higher promotions committee at the university bears the major burden of promotions, which leads to delays due to the time consumed in evaluations. He confirmed that the committee members would be nominated by department heads, with each department represented by a member who would handle its promotion procedures.

The dean also praised the committee members, stressing their expertise in this

area, and clarified that the purpose of the internal promotions committee is to oversee the evaluation process.

In a related context, the College Council of Islamic Studies, chaired by Dean Al-Bakri, held a meeting on Sunday, September 22, 2024, to follow up on preparations for final exams.

The meeting began with the dean welcoming the council members and then addressing the issue of unmade-up lectures. He emphasized the necessity for faculty to engage with student complaints, warning against neglecting them.

Al-Bakri stressed the importance of expediting the preparation of exams, urging department heads to guide faculty on this matter. He requested them to prepare weekly reports showing the degree of faculty engagement with student complaints.

Attending the meeting were: Professor Fatima Al-Wahsh, Dr. Musab Nabil, Dr. Taha Al-Juhari, Associate Professor Imad Al-Din Al-Ajili, Dr. Manal Mustafa, Dr. Islam Abdulhamid, and Ms. Anisa Ahmed Othman Al-Zekri, the administrative affairs officer for the college.



## College of Media Holds Meeting to Discuss Preparations for Final Exams



كلية الإعلام  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

On October 4, 2024, Professor Abdulsalam Al-Wahati, Dean of the College of Media at the Islamic University of Minnesota (main center), held a meeting with members of the College Council and the Advisory Board to discuss the college's preparations for the final exams of the first semester of the 2025/2024 academic year, as well as to address several important topics concerning faculty members and students.

Al-Wahati began the meeting by welcoming the attendees and expressing his gratitude to Professor Waleed Al-Maneesi, President of the University, and Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, Vice President of the University, for their continued support of the college. He also commended the efforts of the faculty members, which contributed to the successful completion of all lectures during the first semester, making the college one of the leading departments in terms of academic progress.

During the meeting, the dean emphasized the importance of maintaining excellence and dedication to improve the educational process in the upcoming semesters. He pointed out that the college's plan to provide substitutes and the cooperation between faculty members and department heads successfully addressed the absence of some professors due to unforeseen circumstances.

Al-Wahati also reviewed the college's preparations for the upcoming final exams

and shared reports from Dr. Hanan Sobhi Obaid, Head of the Graduate Studies Department and Academic Vice Dean, and Dr. Badea Abdulqader, Head of the Bachelor's Department and Administrative Vice Dean, stating that preparations are well underway, with exam questions and the class schedules for the second semester already distributed.

Regarding academic collaboration, the meeting approved partnerships with three international institutions for organizing conferences, conducting professional diploma programs, publishing academic books, printing master's and doctoral theses, and publishing promotion research. The meeting also approved the launch of several accredited professional diploma programs in fields aligned with the job market, such as artificial intelligence, digital transformation, design and editing, graphic arts, journalism, etiquette and protocol, and documentary filmmaking.

Additionally, the meeting approved the establishment of a training unit for participants from both within and outside the university, along with the creation of a research and consultancy unit, and an external media and communication unit.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Professor Al-Wahati thanked the council members for their positive cooperation, wishing them continued success in future projects.



## College of Economics and Business Administration Holds Meeting



كلية الاقتصاد وإدارة الأعمال  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

The Dean of the College of Economics and Business Administration at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Dr. Sherin Mamoun, convened a meeting with the college council and faculty members on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 9 PM Mecca time. This meeting marks the fifth during the first semester of the academic year 1446 / 2025-2024 AH.

Dr. Sherin began the meeting by welcoming all attendees and then moved on to discuss the topics listed in the meeting agenda, with a particular focus on examinations. She addressed several sub-points, including the necessity for faculty members to be present during the exam period to answer student inquiries, as well as how to record exam grades, while also noting additional reminders related to the exams.

A range of topics concerning the beginning of the first semester was also discussed, allowing department heads to express their opinions. The Deputy

Dean and Head of the Department of Economics and Islamic Banking, Dr. Hayam Al-Zoubi, spoke about her department's preparations for the final exams and the upcoming second semester. Similarly, the Head of the Department of Business Administration, Dr. Mohammed Younis, shared similar comments regarding his department's readiness, while the Head of the Department of Accounting, Dr. Rafeeda Qamar Al-Dawla, requested a reconsideration of the distribution of self-study grades.

Subsequently, the floor was opened for the deputies of the department heads to discuss their departments' concerns, followed by contributions from faculty members that covered a diverse range of proposals and issues.

Dr. Sherin concluded the meeting by thanking all attendees for responding to the invitation, noting that the meeting lasted for an hour and a half.



كلية الحاسبات وتقنية المعلومات  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا



## Computing Council Holds Meeting

The Council of the College of Computing and Information Technology at Islamic University of Minnesota held a meeting on Saturday, October 2024 ,5, chaired by Dr. Munir Abdulbari, Dean of the College. The Dean began the meeting by welcoming the attendees before addressing the items on the agenda, foremost among them the approval of the schedules for the second semester.

The meeting included discussions on the formulation of the schedules and the allocation of courses to faculty members, with the approved materials uploaded to the designated link. The Dean encouraged department heads and their deputies to follow up on departmental matters, such as schedules, final exams, and self-study materials, before opening the floor for discussions on council members' proposals.

Several faculty members attended the meeting, including Dr. Salah Al-Oualli, the College's Deputy and Head of the Networks and Cybersecurity Department, Associate Professor Mohammed Habib Al-Samkari, Head of the Data Analysis and Artificial Intelligence Department, Dr. Samar Yemeni, Deputy Head of the Networks and Cybersecurity Department, Dr. Najla Mohammed Al-Danasouri, Deputy Head of the Computer Science Department, Dr. Hani Mohammed Al-Houbi, Deputy Head of the Data Analysis and Artificial Intelligence Department, Dr. Yasser Malik,

Deputy Head of the Information Systems Department, and Ms. Hanadi Abdullah, the Administrative Affairs Officer in the College.

Confirming the outcomes of the previous meeting, the Council held another meeting at the level of department heads on Friday, October 2024 ,18, where several important issues related to the college were discussed, including educational aspects, schedules for the upcoming semester, preparations for the final exams of the first semester, and the evaluation of departmental performance.

The Dean expressed appreciation for the college's readiness for the final exams and commended the efforts of the department heads and their deputies in monitoring the educational process, emphasizing the importance of ongoing follow-up.

The meeting, which lasted for a full hour, was attended by Dr. Salah Al-Oualli, the College's Deputy and Head of the Networks and Cybersecurity Department, Dr. Mohammed Habib Al-Samkari, Head of the Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Department, Dr. Saleh Al-Riyashi, Head of the Management Information Systems Department, and Ms. Hanadi Abdullah, the Administrative Affairs Officer in the College.



## Council of College of Educational Sciences Holds Meeting



كلية العلوم التربوية  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

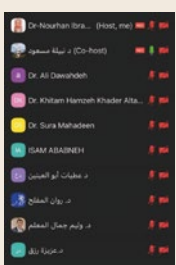
The Council of the College of Educational Sciences at the Islamic University of Minnesota held its regular meeting chaired by Professor Abdullah Abdulnabi, Dean of the College and Chair of the Council, on Wednesday, October 2024 ,2, at 9 PM Mecca time.

The Dean began the meeting by discussing the progress of the college, noting his follow-up on departmental groups via WhatsApp and emphasizing the importance of department heads being close to faculty members. He expressed his gratitude for the college's advancement in several areas.

The Dean opened the floor for contributions from faculty members, where Dr. Anas Nawafleh, Chair of the Department of Educational Psychology, Dr. Hiba Abu Ayyad, Chair of the Department of Educational Administration, Dr. Mohammed Husni, Chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Dua Qatani, Vice Chair of the Department of Education Sciences, and Dr. Khitam Talabeh, a faculty member

in the Early Childhood Department, who spoke on behalf of the Chair, Dr. Nabila Mas'oud, expressed their appreciation to the Dean for his efforts in overseeing the college. They also thanked Dr. Nourhan Salama, the Administrative Affairs Officer, for her diligent follow-up. Each speaker updated the Dean on the progress in their respective departments and the efforts being made to prepare for final exams, including the preparation of the exam schedule.

The meeting also addressed the work of the Promotions Committee, which includes a member from each department to follow up on promotion requests from faculty members. The Dean expressed his satisfaction with the efforts being made in this area, hoping that these efforts would contribute to the university's accreditation. He also proposed establishing an internal unit for quality and development specific to the college and announced his willingness to join it due to his experience in this field.



### Meeting to Discuss Progress of Early Childhood Department



كلية العلوم التربوية  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

Minnesota, 10 October 2024 - The Head of the Early Childhood Department at the College of Educational Sciences at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Dr Nabila Masoud, held a faculty meeting in the presence of the Dean of the College, Professor Abdullah Abdulnabi, on Thursday at 7pm Makkah time.

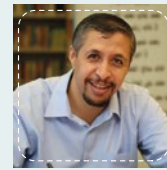
At the beginning of the meeting, Dr Nabila welcomed the attendees, including Dr Nourhan Salama, the college's Director of Administrative Affairs, before moving on to discuss the topics on the agenda. The most prominent issues included following up on the progress of work in the department, preparing for the final exams, and preparing curricula and descriptions for the next semester.

Proposals from His Excellency the UQU Vice President, Dr. Omar Al-Meqrami, regarding organising specialised training courses for the Early Childhood Department were also reviewed, in addition to Dr. Rawan Al-Mufleh's proposal regarding honouring students periodically, in addition to the honouring carried out by the Deanship of Student Affairs.

Dr Issam Abayneh suggested providing hard copies of references for students, while Dr Ali Dawahda suggested diversifying between objective and essay questions in the exams. It was also emphasised that measures should be taken to prevent the leakage of exam questions to students.

At the end of the meeting, Dr Nabila Masoud expressed her thanks to all attendees for their response to holding this meeting.

### Head of Curriculum and Teaching Methods Department Chairs Meeting



كلية العلوم التربوية  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

Doctor. Mohammed Hosni Mousa, Head of the Curriculum and Teaching Methods Department at the College of Educational Sciences at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a meeting for the faculty members in the department on Saturday, October 2024 ,5, at 9 PM Mecca time.

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Mohammed Hosni welcomed the presence of the college dean, Professor Abdullah Abdulnabi, as well as Dr. Nourhan Salama, the administrative affairs officer of the college, and his deputy, Dr. Talat Al-Dardir, along with the faculty members in the department.

The discussions centered around the topics included in the meeting agenda, which covered the follow-up of the first semester's activities (such as exams and grade recording) and the distribution of materials for the second semester. The department head indicated that he would handle this through the department's group.

The floor was opened for the deputy head of the department, Dr. Talat Al-Dardir, who spoke about the committee's system within the department. He discussed the description of courses and programs, the exchange of experiences, and proposed organizing interactive lectures with students within the college or department, noting that these activities had been practiced previously. In conclusion, the department head addressed the topic of the research and discussion committee, emphasizing the need for its activation and presenting some options to the faculty members. He then opened the floor for inquiries and responses.

The meeting was attended by several faculty members, in addition to those mentioned above, reflecting the department's engagement and readiness to face academic challenges.





## Head of Arabic Islamic Studies Department holds meeting



كلية الدراسات الإسلامية  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

Associate Professor Fatima Al-Wahsh, Head of the Arabic Islamic Studies Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a meeting for faculty members in the department on Friday, September 2024 ,27, at 9 PM Mecca time.

During the meeting, several important topics were discussed, including final exams, the distribution of second-semester materials to faculty members, and the challenges faced by students and faculty during the first semester. The meeting also addressed the authorship of books related to the department's curricula and included a session for faculty inquiries.

At the beginning of the meeting, the department head welcomed attendees and thanked them for responding to the invitation, while also expressing her appreciation for Ms. Anisa Al-Zekri, the administrative affairs officer of the college. She expressed her satisfaction that there were no remaining lectures before the meeting, emphasizing the importance of adhering to the schedule for final lectures to ensure completion by October 10.

Al-Wahsh also expressed her happiness at receiving all the test models for the department, which have been sent to the Control Affairs Unit, commending the cooperation of faculty members. She confirmed that the courses for the upcoming semester are ready, urging members to prepare specific course materials in the form of books or handouts that bear the university's name on the cover.

The meeting was attended by several faculty members, including Dr. Ayman Masad, Dr. Khaled Ali, Professor Ahmed Al-Amir Mohammed Jahin, Dr. Ahmed Jumaa, Dr. Aya Suleiman, Dr. Mohammed Al-Sharqawi, Dr. Ayman Owaidat, Dr. Majed Al-Salmi, Sheikh Dr. Mustafa Arafa, Dr. Dana Al-Tawalbeh, Dr. Khalaf Metwally, Dr. Ali Shafiq Awda, Dr. Eid Al-Harahsha, Dr. Abdullah Al-Khubairi, Dr. Babakr Abu Rashid, Dr. Anas Radwan, Dr. Ahmed Barhoum, Mr. Adam Amadou Sal, the department secretary, and Ms. Anisa Ahmed Othman Al-Zekri, the administrative affairs officer.



## Department of History and Archaeology Holds Faculty Meeting



كلية الآداب والعلوم الإنسانية  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

Dr. Siham Abdulbaqi Mohammed, Head of the Department of History and Archaeology at the College of Arts and Humanities at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a meeting for the faculty members of the department on Friday, October 2024 ,18, corresponding to 15 Rabi' al-Thani 1446 AH.

Dr. Siham opened the meeting by greeting the senior faculty members, congratulating them on the conclusion of the first semester and praising their diligent efforts in serving the department's students. She also welcomed the new faculty members, who introduced themselves, their specializations, and the foreign languages they would be utilizing in teaching courses offered in those languages.

During the meeting, which was held to mark the end of the first semester of the 2025-2024 academic year, several important topics were discussed, with a particular focus on preparations for the final exams. Dr. Siham emphasized the necessity for faculty members to be present in their respective locations during the exams, as it is a professional obligation and a fundamental right for students to feel supported and assured by their instructors.

Regarding the process of submitting grades on the portal, it was confirmed that grades should be submitted as soon as the results are available. It was also stressed that assignment grades should be submitted before the exams without delay, particularly for those who were unable to submit them earlier, and to consult with the department head in case of any issues. Dr. Siham highlighted the importance of being prepared for the second semester, noting that initial indicators suggest that the curriculum for the old system (History and Civilization) will be self-directed, while new enrollments may open for the (History and Archaeology) program for new students.

The meeting also discussed the curriculum committee's plan for the upcoming period. Dr. Siham thanked the committee members and explained that they are in the process of

preparing course descriptions for approval, which will serve as a stable reference for all faculty members in the department. It was decided to hold a special meeting for the committee members next week to establish a timeline for completing their work and finalizing the course descriptions.

Additionally, the resumption of scientific activities by the department's scientific activities committee was discussed. Dr. Mohammed Said Athmnaeh, a member of the committee, presented the preliminary plan for the new year, which included key topics such as:

- 1 Historians and History Makers.
- 2 Methodology of Scientific Research in Historical Studies.
- 3 The Role and Importance of Islamic Civilization and Sciences in Advancing Nations and Human Societies.
- 4 Historical Studies in the Age of Digital Revolution and Artificial Intelligence – New Perspectives.

It was decided to take necessary actions to conduct and implement these scientific activities, given their importance in promoting the field of history and attracting new students to the department.

At the end of the meeting, attendees exchanged expressions of appreciation and gratitude, renewing their welcome to the new colleagues in an atmosphere filled with love, brotherhood, and mutual respect.

Among those present at the meeting were faculty members: Dr. Walaah Mohammed, Dr. Nourhan Salama, Dr. Solaf Fayez Allah, Dr. Nabawiya Abdulhafez, Dr. Ibrahim Badr, Dr. Jihan Al-Zarqa, Dr. Mohammed Said Athmneh, Dr. Mahmoud Lashin, Dr. Ismail Mohammed, Dr. Nasreen Abdo, Dr. Marah Al-Burghash, and Ms. Samira Al-Saghir, the administrative affairs officer of the College of Arts and Humanities.



## Al-Shahawi Chairs Meeting for Faculty Members

Chaired by Dr. Khalid Al-Qutb Al-Shahawi, a meeting of the faculty members in the English Department of the College of Arts and Humanities was held on Thursday, October 2024 ,3, at the Islamic University of Minnesota.

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Al-Shahawi expressed his gratitude to the attending colleagues before moving on to discuss the topics on the agenda, which included final exams, assignments, grade recording, student absences, lack of participation from some students, the academic schedule for the second semester, and the financial incentives for faculty members.

The meeting resulted in several recommendations, the most notable of which was to allocate a percentage of the final grade for student participation on the university portal, to

address any issues related to the final exam in accordance with the doctor's testing philosophy, and to ensure adherence to the course description prepared by the department. Additionally, there was an emphasis on the importance of finalizing the grading of assignments this week, submitting all final exams, and distributing the departmental schedules for the second semester based on specializations and the academic experience of the instructors.

Regarding the financial incentives for teaching courses, the department chair agreed with the faculty members to draft a letter addressing the colleagues' requests, to be submitted to the Dean of the College for forwarding to the university administration.

## Head of the Law Department Holds Meeting with Faculty Members



كلية الشريعة والقانون  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

Doctor Moayad Zidan, Head of the Law Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a meeting with the faculty members of the department on Thursday, October 2024 ,3.

Dr. Moayad opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and emphasizing the importance of adhering to class schedules, stating that makeup classes should only be requested in extreme cases. He then reviewed the procedures that faculty members must follow regarding the final exams for the first semester, stressing that the exam questions should be derived from the curriculum taught to the students and should be appropriate for their level and clearly stated. He also highlighted the importance of thoroughly reviewing the questions before submission and the necessity of being present during the exam period to address any inquiries or correct mistakes.

Afterward, the department head opened the floor for faculty members to present their suggestions. They discussed exam models and the curricula for the upcoming semester, calling for alignment with the subjects according to the current study plan. They also requested a review of the study plan to achieve greater alignment and effectiveness.



عمادة شؤون أعضاء هيئة التدريس  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

## Faculty Affairs Deanship Welcomes 30 New Academics



The Faculty Affairs Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota has welcomed a new cohort of academics joining the faculty across various colleges and departments, with a total of 19 departments benefiting from this addition.

According to a report on the welcoming announcements made by Dr. Marwan Bataineh, Dean of Faculty Affairs, 30 new professors have joined the university this November alone. Among them, 13 academics have joined the College of Islamic Studies, including Dr. Fahd Al-Saadi from Saudi Arabia and Dr. Elias Al-Hani from Morocco in the Department of Creed and Contemporary Doctrines.

Additionally, two scholars joined the Department of Quranic Studies: Dr. Mahmoud Othman and Dr. Ahmed Omar. In the Department of Islamic Studies in Arabic, Dr. Mohammed Omar Mahmoud from Egypt has joined, while Dr. Lamiya Aql from Egypt has become part of the Department of Islamic Studies in English. In the Department of Prophetic Traditions and Its Sciences, three academics joined: Dr. Abdullah Mahidat, Dr. Emad Arafa, and Dr. Ibrahim Al-Shanawi. The Department of Call and Islamic Culture welcomed four new faculty members, including Dr. Saad Al-Otaibi from Saudi Arabia.

The College of Arts and Humanities has received six new professors, including Dr.

Nahal Al-Gharaibeh in the Department of Arabic Language and Dr. Nabilah Khater in the Department of English Language and Literature. Dr. Yahya Nasht from Morocco has joined the Department of History and Archaeology, while Dr. Asma Ghuneimat has joined the Department of Political Science.

The College of Business and Economics welcomed four new faculty members, including Dr. Saad Al-Din Khalid and Dr. Mohammed Ayal Awad in the Department of Islamic Economics and Banking.

In the College of Educational Sciences, four academics joined, while the newest and youngest college, the College of Development Studies, welcomed two specialists in Disaster and Crisis Management. Finally, Dr. Hijab Al-Fawara has joined the Department of Computer Science in the College of Computing and Information Technology.

The new professors expressed their happiness about teaching at the university, highlighting their pride in joining this academic institution. Dr. Nahal Al-Gharaibeh mentioned her honor in working within the Arabic Language Department, while Dr. Elias Al-Hani emphasized his joy in being at the university.



## Regular Meeting of the Administrative Affairs Unit for Colleges

The Administrative Affairs Unit for Colleges at the Islamic University of Minnesota held its regular meeting, chaired by Dr. Nourhan Salama, the unit director, on Sunday, October 2024, 20, at 9 PM Mecca time.

The meeting lasted for a full hour, during which several important topics related to the unit's workflow were discussed. Among the main topics was the performance monitoring of the administrative affairs team for the colleges, including oversight of deans, department heads, and college secretaries, as well as responding to inquiries from faculty members and students and directing them to the relevant authorities.

The meeting also addressed administrative issues related to exams, with an emphasis on the necessity for faculty members to be present during their course examinations to anticipate any emergencies.

Regarding archiving techniques, a comprehensive explanation was provided on how to use the colleges' drive, including organizing faculty files and handling various transactions such as secondments, transfers, and certificates.

As for the preparations for the second academic semester, necessary administrative arrangements were discussed, including room scheduling forms, audio recordings, and the preparation of self-learning schedules in collaboration with department heads.

The meeting also included listening to and discussing feedback from the members of the administrative affairs team, reflecting a spirit of cooperation and interaction within the unit.

In attendance, alongside Dr. Nourhan Salama, were Ms. Samira Al-Saghir, Administrative Affairs Officer at the College of Educational Sciences; Ms. Anisa Ahmed, Administrative Affairs Officer at the College of Arts and Humanities; Ms. Hanadi Abdullah, Administrative Affairs Officer at the College of Computers and Information Technology; Dr. Badia Abdulqadir, Administrative Affairs Officer at the College of Media; and Ms. Khadija Redman, Administrative Affairs Officer at the College of Developmental Studies.



## Hanan Mukhtar Holds Several Meetings

Doctor Hanan Mukhtar, Director of the Conferences and Seminars Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held several meetings, the most notable of which was with the department members to finalize the internal regulations of the department.

During the meeting, Dr. Hanan expressed her happiness at completing the scheduling of university activities related to her department until the end of December. She urged the relevant colleges to promptly approach the department with requests to organize any external activities or conferences, so they can be included in the department's schedule within a week.

In a related context, Dr. Hanan also held a meeting with the organizing committee for the College of Computing and Information Technology Conference, where they discussed important organizational matters for the conference, including the rephrasing of the conference themes to achieve specificity and accuracy, preparing the organizing committees, and deeper coordination to ensure the conference's

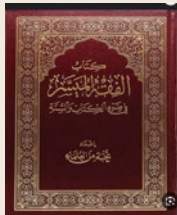
uniqueness and distinction.

Doctor Hanan commented on this meeting, stating that the College of Computing and Information Technology is keen to provide all means necessary to ensure the conference's success. She expressed her satisfaction with the attendance of Dr. Munir Abdulbari, Dean of the College, Dr. Salah Al-Sharafi, Vice Dean and Head of the Department of Networks and Cybersecurity, Dr. Mohammed Habib Al-Samkari, Head of the Department of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, Dr. Saleh Mas'ad Al-Riyashi, Head of the Department of Management Information Systems, and Dr. Yasser Al-Malik, Deputy Head of the Department of Management Information Systems.

It is worth noting that these meetings follow Dr. Hanan Mukhtar's recent appointment as Director of the Conferences and Seminars Department, effective Sunday, September 2024, 29.



## Comprehensive Course in Simplified Jurisprudence



The Dawah Center affiliated with the Islamic University in Minnesota, USA, in collaboration with the Tartil Quran Institute in Melbourne, Australia, has launched a comprehensive course in simplified jurisprudence. The first session of the course took place on Wednesday, October 9, 2024.

Dr. Manal Mustafa, Head of the Department of Islamic Studies in English, has been selected to teach this course, which is based on the book "Simplified Jurisprudence," authored by a group of prominent scholars.

In a statement, Dr. Siham Abdulbaqi, Secretary of the Dawah Center, mentioned that the course will be conducted over ten weeks, with one session per week every Wednesday, starting at 1 PM Mecca time, lasting for a full hour.

Dr. Siham added that the topics covered in the course include the fundamentals of Islamic jurisprudence, such as acts of worship, purification, prayer, zakat, fasting, and pilgrimage. Periodic assessments will be conducted to monitor students' progress, with a final exam at the end of the course. Successful participants will receive a recognized certificate from the university. It is noteworthy that the course is open to all students, both from within the university and outside it.

## Dawah Center Organizes Lecture on Renewing Faith



The Dawah Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota held a lecture in Arabic titled "How to Use the Sciences of the Quran and the Prophetic Hadith to Renew My Faith in God," presented by Professor Dr. Mohammed Bou Rabab and moderated by Dr. Mohammed Al-Shuqairi, Deputy Director of the Dawah Center. The lecture took place on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 7:00 PM Mecca time, lasting for an hour and a half.

Professor Dr. Mohammed Bou Rabab specializes in molecular biology and biology/geology, and he serves as a visiting professor in forensic biology. He is also the head of the Miraculous Signs Committee for Northern Morocco, the president of the international conference in Tetouan, Morocco, and the editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Miraculous Research and Scientific Reflection, with an official website.

It is noteworthy that the Dawah Center recorded the lecture and uploaded it to the Islamic University of Minnesota's YouTube channel.

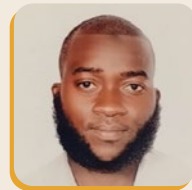


## Center for Dawah Organizes Lecture on Artificial Intelligence in Islamic Studies

Islamic University of Minnesota - The Center for Dawah at the Islamic University held a lecture titled "Utilizing Artificial Intelligence in Islamic Studies: Challenges and Recommendations for Callers to Allah," delivered by Dr. Ahmed Labib Taj Al-Din, a faculty member at the university, and moderated by Dr. Siham Abdulbaqi, the center's secretary.

The lecture was conducted in Arabic on Tuesday, October 2024, 15, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Mecca time. The event witnessed significant interaction from the audience, who enriched the discussion with their comments and suggestions, which the moderator promised to forward to the university administration.

Additionally, the center made the lecture available as a recording on the university's YouTube channel and provided the lecture's materials in a dedicated group on WhatsApp.



## Dawah Center Hosts Interactive Lecture



The Dawah Center at Islamic University of Minnesota in the United States organized an interactive lecture titled "Education and Skill Development for Muslim Youth in the West" on Thursday, October 2024, 31. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Manal Mustafa, the center's director, and attended by a number of interested individuals and specialists.

The event featured contributions from Dr. Muhyi al-Din Hamza Babatunde, who presented some of the key topics, while Dr. Zakariya Ibrahim managed the session. The lecture, conducted in English, lasted for an hour and a half and addressed important issues related to educating Muslim youth and empowering them with the necessary skills for effective integration into Western societies.

At the conclusion of the event, certificates of attendance were distributed to participants, recognizing their contributions and active participation.



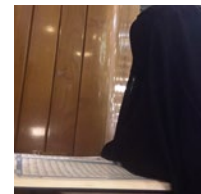
## Announcement of Arabic Grammar Course



Under the patronage of the university's Vice President, Dr. Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrami, the Manuscript and Heritage Verification Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota organized an intensive course titled "How to Choose a Manuscript and Introductions to Verification."

The course consisted of two lectures delivered by Dr. Imad Qudari Al-Ayadi, the head of the center, and was moderated by Dr. Sonia Salama Al-Sheikh, the center's secretary. The course took place on Saturday and Sunday, October 26 and 27, 2024, at 8 PM Mecca time, with each lecture lasting one and a half hours.

The course was conducted in Arabic and targeted all university students and those interested in heritage verification. Participants were awarded certificates accredited by the university in recognition of their active participation.



## Manuscript and Heritage Verification Center Organizes an Intensive Course

The Quranic Recitation Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota has announced the commencement of a grammar course based on the book "Al-Mukhtasar fi Ilm al-Nahw," presented by instructor Mr. Mohammed Sarour Ahmed. The course will be held every Friday at 5 PM and every Saturday at 9 PM Mecca time.

The course officially started on Saturday, the 2nd of Rabi' al-Thani 1446 AH, corresponding to October 2024, 5, and aims, according to the center's announcement, to equip students with the foundational knowledge of grammar and to help them understand some basic rules. The course will also provide training for students in parsing Quranic sentences and words, ultimately leading to proficiency in the art of Quranic parsing.



## Joint Meeting Held to Discuss Preparations for Final Exams of First Semester



A joint meeting for student affairs and educational affairs was chaired by Mr. Sulaiman Maqbool, Director of Undergraduate Student Affairs at the Deanship of Student Affairs, at Minnesota Islamic University. The meeting was attended by Dr. Osama Abdulrahman, Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Jumana Al-Kharashi, Director of Educational Affairs, and Ms. Oaima Adel, Director of Graduate Student Affairs, along with the deans and secretaries of various colleges and departments.

The meeting was dedicated to discussing final preparations for the final exams of the first semester for the academic year 2025-2024.

Mr. Sulaiman opened the meeting with important instructions directed to the deans and department heads, emphasizing the necessity of adhering to these instructions to ensure the smooth conduct of the examination process. He noted that the final exams of the second semester could be the last to be conducted in the

current manner, as they will be replaced by an electronic examination system through the academic portal, expected to be implemented starting from the second semester after being tested in the College of Computer Science and Information Technology.

Mr. Sulaiman detailed the examination mechanism, outlining the required steps and allowing for discussion and inquiries regarding each step. He presented the necessary report templates and discussed how to handle various categories of students, such as attending students, submission students, and those with excuses.

He warned non-serious students that their presence in groups without attendance or providing summaries would not qualify them to take the exams, affirming the university's commitment to the principle of integrity by not allowing such students to enter the exams. He also stressed the importance of distinguishing between acceptable and unacceptable excuses, indicating that

students who fall into the second category, as well as non-serious students, would face disqualification procedures, and disqualified students would not be allowed to take the supplementary exams.

In conclusion, Dr. Jumana Al-Kharashi commented on Mr. Sulaiman's remarks, highlighting the importance of organizing and publishing instructional materials thoughtfully to avoid distracting students.

Dr. Osama Abdulrahman, Dean of Academic Affairs, expressed his gratitude to Mr. Sulaiman and Dr. Jumana and opened the floor for the secretaries to raise their inquiries, adding a positive note to the meeting.

It is noteworthy that the instructions discussed in the meeting were published as text posts, along with a video recording of the meeting itself, all aimed at regulating the examination process and ensuring its success.



## Students Complete First Semester Final Exams

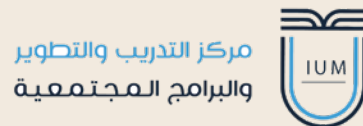
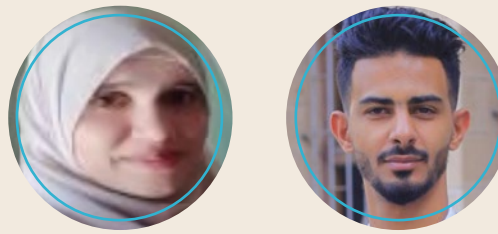
Students at Islamic University of Minnesota have completed their final exams for the first semester of the academic year 1446 / 2025-2024 AH, which began on Saturday, October 2024, 19, and lasted for a full week.

A state of readiness and intense activity prevailed in the corridors of the academic departments, administrative units, and supporting deanships in preparation for the exams, especially in the week leading up to them, following the completion of lectures and students' preparation for the assessments.

The exam process was launched by the University Deputy Dean, Dr. Zainab Ali, who sent a message to the deans, department heads, administrative unit directors, deanship officials, and faculty members, commending everyone's efforts. She extended special thanks to the department heads for the outstanding level achieved across all colleges. Dr. Ali emphasized the importance of the trust and responsibility placed upon them regarding the students and urged them to maintain rigorous follow-up on all details.

All components of the university contributed to the success of the exams, including academic departments, the Deanship of Academic Affairs, the Deanship of Student Affairs, the Deanship of Information Technology, the Deanship of Faculty Affairs, and the media center.

According to Mr. Sulaiman Maqbool, Director of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Unit in the Deanship of Student Affairs, the student absenteeism rate during the exams did not exceed %1.5.



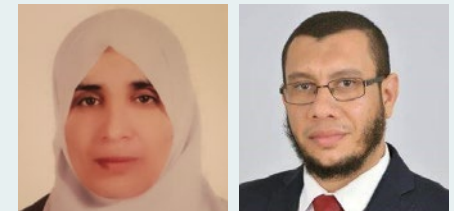
## Training Center Organizes Interactive Lecture on Exam Success

The Training and Development Center, along with Community Programs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, held an interactive lecture titled "Success in Examinations: Mental and Practical Preparation," presented by Dr. Dua'a Bassam Qatnani, a faculty member in the College of Arts and Humanities.

This lecture, which took place on Sunday, October 2024, 13, at 8:00 PM Mecca time, aimed to contribute to the center's efforts in preparing students and enhancing their competencies in handling exams, scheduled to begin on October 2024, 19.

The lecture focused on equipping students with the necessary strategies to achieve success in their examinations, reflecting the center's commitment to providing academic support to students in their educational journey.

## Quality and Development Unit Organizes Interactive Lecture on Exam Skills



The Quality and Development Unit, in collaboration with the Student Affairs Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota, organized an interactive lecture titled "Skills for Dealing with Exams," presented by Dr. Mahrous Suleiman, a faculty member in the Curriculum and Teaching Methods Department. The lecture was moderated by Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, Director of the Quality and Development Unit.

The lecture took place on Monday, October, 14 2024, at 8:00 PM Mecca time and lasted for an hour and a half. This event was well-timed with the week of preparation for final exams of the first semester. It marks the second lecture organized by the Quality Unit in collaboration with Student Affairs this semester, aimed at enhancing students' efficiency in handling exams.