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Eighth Issue of Minnesota International Journal of Academic Studies Released

Minnesota, January 2025 ,7 – The Islamic University of Minnesota – Main Center has published the eighth issue (Volume 2) of its quarterly peer-reviewed Minnesota International Journal of Academic Studies. Released on Tuesday, January 2025 ,7, the issue spans 566 pages and features 14 peer-reviewed research papers, including 11 in Arabic and 3 in English, authored by 19 researchers from 10 countries.

Professor Hanan Sobhi Obeid, Editor-in-Chief of the journal, highlighted that the research papers cover diverse fields such as strategic planning, digital media, tourism development, national identity enhancement, cybersecurity measures, environmental and narrative heritage, Islamic political thought, human resources in the digital transformation era, academic performance quality, psychological resilience, therapeutic strategies, planning skill development, and the relationship between spiritual purification (Tazkiyah) and Quranic themes.

Professor Obeid emphasized that all research papers underwent rigorous peer review by internal and external specialists, who were honored with certificates of appreciation. She also praised the outstanding collaboration between the Media Center and the editorial team, noting that the issue was completed on schedule in accordance with the strategic plan.

The journal boasts an advisory board of 48 professors and doctors, and an editorial board of 49 academics from various academic ranks. It has obtained the international serial number (E: ISSN: 9122-2994) and aspires to achieve global recognition through initiatives to twin with other Arab and international peer-reviewed journals, aiming to be indexed in Scopus.

The issue was published electronically with an elegant design by Jordanian graphic engineer Abdullah Daras, under the supervision of the Media Center Director, Engineer Abdullah Mohammed Al-Mansoub.



Islamic University Honors Prof. Mustafa Altunkaya and Six Turkish Academics

The administration of the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center announced an honorary recognition of Professor Mustafa Altunkaya, President of the Islamic University of Minnesota - Turkish Branch, along with six Turkish academics from prestigious Turkish universities. This recognition comes in appreciation of the distinguished and diverse services they have provided to the university.

The list of honorees includes Prof. Dr. Mohammad Al-Mohammad, Prof. Dr. Rafeq Hamood Naji QASEM, Professor Prof. Dr. Bilal GÖK, Professor Prof. Dr. İhsan SOYSALDI, Doç. Dr. Mevhibe ALPTEKİN and Assistant Professor Yusuf Okşar Doç. Dr. Yusuf OKŞAR.

In a special statement to the University News Agency, Dr. Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrami, Vice President of the University and Head of the Main Center, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to these academics, emphasizing that their efforts have been significant and varied. He highlighted their key achievements, which included promoting the university within Turkish academic circles, their active support through the university's office in Ankara, and their participation in various university activities such as scientific workshops and conferences. He also praised their role in facilitating the university's collaboration with major Turkish institutions, such as municipalities, the Ministry of Higher Education, and Turkish universities.

The university concluded the honoring ceremony by presenting the honorees with official certificates of appreciation issued in Arabic, English, and Turkish, stamped with the university's seal, and signed by the university's President, Professor Waleed Al-Meneesi, and its Vice President, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami.

This recognition reaffirms the university's commitment to appreciating the efforts of its partners and their continuous support, which has contributed to enhancing the university's standing and academic mission both locally and internationally.



Appointment of Bani Younis as Dean of College of Developmental Studies

Doctor Omar Al-Maqrami, Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota and Head of the Main Center, issued a decision appointing Dr. Youssef Mohammed Bani Younis as Dean of the College of Developmental Studies, effective Saturday, January 2025 ,11.

Dr. Bani Younis holds distinguished academic qualifications, including a doctorate equivalency in Philosophy of History from the Jordanian Ministry of Higher Education in 2012, and a Ph.D. in History from Al-Zaiem Al-Azharī University in Sudan, graduating with excellence in 2011. His dissertation focused on "Jordan's Philosophy in Containing and Resolving the Iraqi Refugee Crisis (2007–2003)." He also holds a Master's degree in Modern and Contemporary History from St. Clements University (a British distance-learning institution recognized by the EU and UNESCO) in 2005, and another Master's degree in the same field from Yarmouk University in Jordan in 2008, graduating with a "Very Good" grade. His thesis explored "The Philosophy of the Jordanian Public Security Directorate in Maintaining International Peace (1999–1919)." Additionally, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy of History from

Yarmouk University with a "Good" grade.

Bani Younis has taught at several prestigious academic institutions, including the Royal Police Academy and Muthaq University in Jordan, where he lectured at the Master's level from 2010 to 2014. He taught subjects such as the Philosophy of Human Rights, Scientific Research Methodology, and the Philosophy of National Education. He also taught at the Arab-German University for Sciences and Technology online during 2014–2013, covering topics such as the Philosophy of Aesthetics, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Law, and more.

Dr. Bani Younis has an extensive academic portfolio, including the authorship of the "Historical Encyclopedia of the Russian-Ukrainian War," a -17volume work registered at the Jordanian National Library in 2024. He also published a book titled "Jordan's Philosophy in Containing and Resolving the Iraqi Refugee Crisis (2007–2003)," released by Noor Publishing in Germany and available for purchase on the website (www.get-morebooks.com). Additionally, he authored a Master's thesis on the philosophy of the Jordanian Public

Security Directorate's role.

Youssef Bani Younis expressed his joy and gratitude for his appointment as Dean of the College of Developmental Studies. In a comment on the decision, shared in the university's main WhatsApp groups, he thanked the university's President, Professor Walid Al-Meneesi, and Vice President Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami for their "high trust." He also extended his gratitude to the Vice President's Deputy, Dr. Zeinab Basiouni, the Dean of Faculty Affairs, Dr. Norhan Salama, the college deans, and all faculty members. Dr. Bani Younis pledged to work diligently to serve the university and the college, stating, "I will live up to everyone's expectations and strive to elevate the college to join the ranks of other leading institutions, making it a scientific beacon for students from around the world." He concluded his message with the Quranic verse: "And say, 'Work, for Allah will see your deeds, and His Messenger, and the believers.'"

This appointment reflects the Islamic University of Minnesota's commitment to enhancing its academic leadership and supporting excellence in education and research.



Yousra Salama Appointed as Director of Scientific Research



Minnesota, January 2025 ,5 – The Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota and Head of the Main Center, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami has issued a decision appointing Dr. Yousra Mohamed Salama as the Director of the Scientific Research Unit and the Department of External Relations and International Cooperation. The decision, announced on Sunday, January 2025 ,5, came after Dr. Idir Ghaniyat apologized for stepping down due to personal circumstances.

In his remarks on the decision, Dr. Al-Maqrami stated that Dr. Salama's appointment followed careful deliberations, expressing his confidence in her ability to lead both units with high efficiency. He emphasized that her role in the Scientific Research Unit will involve close collaboration with faculties, departments, and graduate studies, expressing his hope that the university will become "a beacon of scientific research, just as it is in the educational and academic fields."

Dr. Yousra Salama extended her heartfelt gratitude to everyone who congratulated her on the appointment, particularly praising the university's administration, which

she described as wise. This appointment follows Dr. Salama's extensive experience in managing external relations and international cooperation, having previously held the position before Dr. Hanan Mukhtar and achieving notable successes during her tenure.

In one of her first initiatives, Dr. Salama announced the Scientific Research Unit's plan to honor faculty members who participated in the Cairo International Book Fair. She emphasized that encouraging scientific research and creativity among faculty members will be among her top priorities, praising the outstanding participation of several professors in the fair. She stated, "This recognition will enhance our university's role as a towering scientific beacon in supporting innovators and thinkers."

Dr. Yousra Salama brings a distinguished record of academic and administrative achievements, making her an ideal choice to lead these vital units at the Islamic University of Minnesota.



Graduates Honored as 'Simplified Fiqh' Course Concludes with Certified Certificates



On Sunday, February 2025 ,1, Dr. Manal Mustafa, Head of the Islamic Studies Department in English at the College of Islamic Studies and Director of the Da'wah Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, distributed university-certified certificates to the graduates of the "Simplified Fiqh" course, which spanned ten weeks.

The course was organized in collaboration between the Da'wah Center of the Islamic University and the Tartil Quran Institute in Melbourne, Australia. It focused on the book "Simplified Fiqh," with weekly lectures delivered by Dr. Manal Mustafa, starting from Wednesday, October 2024 ,9. The course included periodic assessments followed by a final exam to measure the participants' level of comprehension.

Dr. Manal noted that the number of participants in the course reached 100 students, expressing her delight at the "remarkable" results achieved, which

confirmed the intended benefits of the course. She also extended her gratitude to the administration of the Tartil Quran Institute in Melbourne for their effective cooperation in the success of the course. Additionally, she praised the efforts of Ms. Amal Mohammed, the Executive Secretary of the Da'wah Center, who supervised the organization of the course, welcomed attendees, prepared the exams, and provided all necessary requirements.

On the sidelines of the course's conclusion, an in-person celebration was held at the Tartil Quran Institute in Melbourne, where Dr. Manal met with some of the course participants and, in cooperation with the institute's administration, distributed certificates to the graduates. During the event, the Islamic University of Minnesota was introduced in detail through the distribution of informational brochures, and an agreement was reached to continue this collaboration between the two parties in organizing similar courses in the future.



Reappointment of Dr. Mohammed Shuaib as Head of Law Department

The administration of the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, has decided to reappoint Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud as the head of the Law Department at the College of Sharia and Law. Dr. Abdulmaqsoud had previously held this position for an extended period, which was briefly interrupted when Dr. Muaid Zidan assumed the role.

Dr. Norhan Salama, Dean of Faculty Affairs at the university, welcomed the return of Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud, expressing the university's confidence in his leadership and academic capabilities. She also extended her gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Muaid Zidan for his outstanding efforts during his tenure as head of the department, which contributed to enhancing the academic and administrative progress of the department.

For his part, Dr. Mohammed Abdulmaqsoud expressed his gratitude to the university administration, particularly to Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, the university's Vice

President and Head of the Main Center, for their support and trust. In a post, he stated, "I am very happy to return to the family of the Islamic University of Minnesota, and we ask Allah for success and guidance."

In recognition of Dr. Muaid Zidan's contributions, the College of Sharia and Law awarded him a certificate of appreciation, acknowledging his remarkable efforts in establishing the department's foundations and enhancing the educational process during his leadership. The certificate read: "The college extends its sincere thanks and gratitude to Dr. Muaid Zidan for his distinguished contributions and great efforts, which significantly contributed to the success of the department."

This decision reflects the university administration's commitment to strengthening the efficiency of academic departments and supporting excellence in the educational process, expressing its aspirations for continued development and success under the leadership of Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud.



Islamic University of Minnesota Achieves Academic and Research Milestones



The Islamic University of Minnesota has announced significant academic promotions and research achievements, reinforcing its commitment to academic excellence and innovation.

Academic Promotions:

- Dr. Ali El-Shboul (Arabic Language Department) – Assistant to Associate Professor.
- Dr. Siham Abdulbaqi (History and Archaeology Department) – Assistant to Associate Professor.
- Dr. Anas Odeibat (College of Educational Sciences) – Assistant to Associate Professor.
- Dr. Yusuf Al-Yafrosi (Quranic Studies Department) – Assistant to Associate Professor.
- Dr. Hiba Abu Ayadeh (Educational Administration Department) – Assistant to Associate Professor.
- Dr. Yusuf Alawneh (College of Educational Sciences) – Assistant to Associate Professor.
- Dr. Buthaina Al-Habash (College of Media) – Associate to Full Professor.

■ Dr. Amani Al-Khatlan (College of Educational Sciences) – Assistant to Associate Professor.

Research Achievements:

- Dr. Hadi Barham (Political Science) published a comparative study on Jordanian and Moroccan parliamentary institutions.
- Ms. Noor Abdulkhaleq (English Language) explored L2 proficiency and working memory.
- Dr. Laith Al-Zawahreh (Family Guidance) studied Al's impact on students' psychological aspects.
- Dr. Moamen Thabet (Business Administration) analyzed AR app adoption in retail.
- Dr. Hiyam Al-Zoubi (Islamic Economics) examined Islamic financial engineering in the cryptocurrency era.
- Dr. Saad Khalid (Islamic Economics) published on Islamic invoice discounting.

Academic Participation:

- Dr. Suhair Al-Helwani (Islamic Studies) presented on scientific research and peaceful

coexistence at a December 2024 conference.

- Faculty members showcased books at the Cairo International Book Fair 2025, including Dr. Abdulraziq Al-Bakri (7 books) and others.

Scientific Publications:

- Dr. Manal Adam (Business Administration) published on viral marketing's impact on SMEs.
- Dr. Hind Al-Jaldawi (Political Science) explored good governance and economic development in Africa.
- Dr. Walaa Al-Sayeh (Family Guidance) published on mindfulness-based counseling and meaning therapy techniques.

Book Publications:

- Dr. Ibrahim Al-Bahr (Educational Administration) released Education and Globalization.
- Dr. Shaimaa Khatlab (History and Archaeology) published The History of Soviet-Israeli Relations in the Palestinian Cause (1991-1974). These accomplishments highlight the university's dedication to advancing knowledge and fostering academic growth.



Islamic University Celebrates Release of First Issue of Faculty of Arts Journal

In a post on the university's main WhatsApp community group, Dr. Yusra Salama, Director of Scientific Research at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, congratulated the Faculty of Arts and Humanities on the release of the first Palestine-themed issue of its peer-reviewed academic journal, "Journal of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities."

Dr. Yusra praised this achievement, emphasizing that this work is not only a kind gesture but also a reflection of the importance of scientific research in shedding light on vital issues and keeping pace with current events. She added, "We express our deep gratitude for the valuable content and useful

knowledge you have provided, which enhances the role of scientific research as a bridge for communication and understanding among peoples and communities."

She further stated that the faculty's commitment to documenting reality and highlighting events demonstrates its significant role in supporting and advancing human thought. Concluding her post, Dr. Yusra wished the faculty continued success and expressed her hope for "more outstanding publications that contribute to enriching knowledge and stimulating creativity."

Islamic University of Minnesota Sets Date for Final Exams

The Islamic University of Minnesota, main center, has announced the date for the final exams of the second semester, which will be held on February 2025, 17. This announcement was made in an official circular issued by the Control Affairs Unit to faculty members and department heads, calling on all departments across all colleges to prepare early for the exams.

The Control Affairs Unit requested that professors prepare the exams and submit them in Word format to the department head, explaining the method for drafting questions, answering them, as well as the grading distribution and required grade values. A question template was attached, along with the data that needs to be filled out by the course instructor, with February 7 set as the final deadline for submitting exams.

In anticipation of the exam date, the Technical Support Unit published a video explaining how to upload required tasks from students via the academic system portal on the university's official website, including how

to fill in the necessary data and grade the tasks. The unit urged faculty members to monitor grade submissions before the deadline.

In a related matter, on Saturday, December 2024, 28, students of the second semester from all university departments undertook mid-semester exams, which lasted for a full week before the resumption of classes. The exams were conducted over two hours, from 8 PM to 10 PM Mecca time, with each department's secretary sending the exam link to students through the course's WhatsApp group. After the exam, the secretary forwarded the answers to the professors for grading, while the course instructor handled the grading for essay exams.

It is noteworthy that each professor has a unique academic number and password to access the electronic system portal, allowing them to monitor assignments, exams, and grade submissions through the university's electronic application.





College of Islamic Studies Holds Meeting

The Council of the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota held a meeting chaired by Dr. Abdulrazeq Al-Bakri, the Dean of the College, on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at 10:00 PM Mecca time.

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Al-Bakri noted that the mid-term exams for the second semester were conducted with full transparency and regularity, emphasizing that no compensatory lectures had been recorded since the start of the second semester.

The meeting addressed several administrative issues concerning the college, where the dean discussed with council members the ongoing grading process and expressed gratitude to department heads for their dedicated efforts. He urged them to monitor their departments with integrity and transparency and requested that they submit their needs for faculty members by January 15.

In a related context, Dr. Al-Bakri called on department heads to coordinate with Dr. Manal Mustafa, the Director of the Dawah Center, to organize seminars and lectures at the center. The issuance of the new edition of the college's magazine was also discussed, with members encouraged to publish their research in it.

The dean concluded the meeting by thanking Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, Head of the Department of Islamic Studies, for her efforts and expressed appreciation for the attendance of all members.

The meeting was attended by several faculty members, including: Prof. Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, Dr. Ghada Al-Bahhansi, Dr. Manal Mustafa, Dr. Taha Al-Juhari, Prof. Dr. Musab Nabil, Prof. Dr. Imad Al-Din Al-Ajili, and Ms. Anisa Ahmed Othman Al-Zakri, the Administrative Affairs Officer and the meeting's minutes editor.



Launch of Procedures for First Issue of "Journal of Educational Sciences"



كلية العلوم التربوية
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

Professor Abdullah Abdulnabi, Dean of the College of Educational Sciences at the Islamic University of Minnesota, confirmed that the procedures for issuing the first issue of the "Journal of Educational Sciences" are progressing well. He indicated that the peer review of three research papers has been completed and their acceptance has been confirmed, while awaiting the review of other papers.

This was announced during a meeting of the college council, chaired by the dean on Wednesday, January 2025, 1, at 9 PM Mecca time. The meeting was attended by the journal's secretary, Dr. Anas Odheibat. The dean announced his intention to prepare a list of the advisory committee members and the editorial board, praising the contributions of several council members with their research for publication in the journal.

During the meeting, the dean welcomed all attendees and congratulated Dr. Nourhan Salama on her appointment to the position of Dean of Faculty Affairs. He also discussed the progress of the college's operations in collaboration with department heads, emphasizing the importance of flexible handling of student needs and facilitating their academic requirements.

In addition to the journal topic, the council discussed the promotions of some faculty

members in the presence of the head of the promotions committee, Dr. Heba Taufiq Abu Ayada, where the dean confirmed his personal follow-up on these promotions with the esteemed Vice President of the university, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami.

For her part, Dr. Dua Qatnani, Head of the Department of Educational Sciences, spoke about the positive developments in the department and announced her submission of several research papers for the journal. Dr. Khitam Al-Tawalbeh, Deputy Head of the Early Childhood Department, also indicated that she had submitted a paper for the journal. Dr. Heba Abu Ayada, Head of the Department of Educational Administration, expressed her gratitude for the efforts made and confirmed that she is also the Deputy Editor of the journal.

At the end of the meeting, the dean informed council members of his intention to conduct a survey to gather their opinions on suitable times for future meetings to ensure all members can attend.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Dua Qatnani, Dr. Heba Abu Ayada, Dr. Khitam Al-Tawalbeh, and Dr. Nourhan Salama in her capacity as the Administrative Affairs Officer of the College of Educational Sciences.



Researcher Mohammed Sayed Awarded PhD in Jurisprudence

A scientific committee from the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Principles recommended awarding researcher Mohammed Samir Abdulrahman Sayed a PhD degree following the discussion of his thesis titled "Jurisprudential Rules Related to Facilitation and Alleviation of Hardship and Their Applications in the Fields of Artificial Intelligence." The discussion was chaired by Dr. Salah Ahmed Faraj, Head of the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Principles, and supervised by the Deanship of Postgraduate Studies and Scientific Research at the main center of the Islamic University of Minnesota.

The defense session was held in person at the Al-Joud Hotel in Makkah on Thursday, January 2025, 9, at 4:00 PM Mecca time, in the presence of the scientific committee members and several interested attendees. The discussion committee consisted of Dr. Mustafa Ahmed Mohammed Hussein, supervisor and rapporteur; Dr. Juma Hashem Al-Ashram, faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as an internal examiner; and Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Al-Wardi, faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as an external examiner.

The committee praised the significance of the researcher's work, which addressed jurisprudential rules related to facilitation and alleviation of hardship and their applications in the field of artificial intelligence. They emphasized that the study demonstrated scientific depth and innovation in linking jurisprudence with modern technology.

In a statement, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, Vice President of the University and Head of the Main Center, expressed his sincere gratitude and appreciation to the management of Al-Joud Hotel in Makkah for facilitating the in-person defense event. He also thanked the scientific committee, Dr. Yasmin Abu Shabana, Director of the Deanship of Postgraduate Studies, and everyone who contributed to the success of this significant academic event.

This achievement reflects the Islamic University of Minnesota's commitment to supporting innovative scientific research and encouraging studies that bridge Islamic jurisprudential heritage with contemporary challenges, contributing to providing legal and practical solutions to modern developments.



Researcher Mohammed Al-Shahrani Earns PhD Degree

Minnesota, USA – An academic committee has recommended awarding researcher Tawfiq Mohammed Ibrahim Masiri a PhD degree following a public defense session held on Saturday, January 2025 ,4. The session was organized under the supervision of the Deanship of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research at the Islamic University of Minnesota – Department of Creed and Contemporary Sects, College of Islamic Studies.

During the session, the researcher presented his thesis titled “The Quran’s Approach to Safeguarding the Ummah from Ideological Deviations: Shiism, Atheism, and Quranism as Case Studies – A Presentation and Analysis.” The thesis examines the Quranic methodology in addressing contemporary ideological deviations, focusing on three main models: Shiism, atheism, and Quranism.

The defense committee was chaired by Professor Imaduddin Abdo Al-Ajili, Head of the Department of Creed and Contemporary Sects at the Islamic University of Minnesota, who also served as the thesis supervisor and rapporteur. The committee included Dr. Bashir Asir, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as an internal examiner, and Dr. Majid Al-Harbi, Assistant Professor of Islamic Law at the American Open University, as an external examiner.

The committee praised the thesis for its academic rigor and originality, highlighting its significant contribution to contemporary Islamic studies, particularly in addressing ideological deviations through the Quranic approach. The defense took place at 8:00 PM Mecca time and was attended by a number of academics and students.

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Researcher Altelfah Awarded PhD in Political Science



Upon the recommendation of a specialized academic committee in the Department of Political Science, researcher Abdulmuin Mohammed Altelfah was awarded a PhD after defending his thesis titled “The Role of Reform Movements in Changing Governance Systems: Martin Luther and Saeed Nursi - A Comparative Study.”

The defense took place in a public session organized by the Deanship of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research at the Islamic University of Minnesota – College of Arts and Humanities, on Wednesday, January 2025 ,15, at 8:00 PM Mecca time.

The examination committee consisted of Dr. Khaled Mohammed Ahmed Atiya, Head of the Political Science Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as supervisor and chair; Dr. Bahauddin Khalaf Abd Rabbu, faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as internal examiner; and Dr. Hind Mahrous Al-Jildawi, faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as external examiner.

The thesis provided a comparative analysis of the role of reform movements in driving political and social changes, focusing on two prominent figures, Martin Luther and Said Nursi, adding a new dimension to research in this field.



Researcher Mohammed Ismail Awarded PhD

Minnesota, January 2025 ,7 – Researcher Mohammed Ismail Hussein has been awarded a PhD in Jurisprudence and Its Principles from the Islamic University of Minnesota following a public defense of his dissertation titled, *Al-Munah Al-Shafiyat: An Explanation of the Individual Opinions of Imam Ahmad by Imam Mansour bin Yunus bin Salah Al-Din Al-Bahuti (1051-1000 AH) – A Compilation and Study.*

The defense session took place on Tuesday, January 2025 ,7, at 9:00 PM Mecca time, under the supervision of the Deanship of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research at the Islamic University of Minnesota – Main Center. The examination committee was chaired by Dr. Salah Faraj, Head of the Jurisprudence and Its Principles Department at the university. Associate Professor Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, a faculty member at the university, served as Supervisor and Rapporteur. The committee also included Dr. Ayman Massad Mustafa, a faculty member at the university, as Internal Examiner, and Professor Dr. Mashhour Fawaz, Professor of Jurisprudence and Its Principles and Head of the Islamic Fatwa Council in the Palestinian Territories, as External Examiner.

The dissertation focused on the study and compilation of *Al-Munah Al-Shafiyat*, a significant work by Imam Mansour Al-Bahuti that explains the individual juristic opinions of Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal. The committee praised the research for its scholarly rigor and contribution to the field of Islamic jurisprudence.

Scientific Committee Recommends Awarding Al-Otaibi Master Degree



A scientific committee from the Department of Quran and its Sciences at the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota has recommended awarding researcher Saad Majed Al-Otaibi a Master's degree. This came following a public session held by the committee on Friday, January 2025, 10, at 9:00 PM Mecca time, during which they discussed his thesis titled "Ibn Ashour's Critiques of Scholars in His Tafsir Regarding Excepted Verses from Meccan and Medinan Surahs: Compilation and Study."

The discussion was conducted under the supervision of the Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center. The examination committee consisted of Prof. Dr. Abdulrazeq Al-Bakri, Dean of the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as supervisor and chair; Dr. Emad Qadri Al-Ayadi, faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as internal examiner; and Dr. Amina Hamed Musa, Professor of Tafsir and Quranic Sciences at King Khalid University in Saudi Arabia, as external examiner.

The committee praised the researcher's efforts in his thesis, which focused on Imam Ibn Ashour's critiques of scholars in his interpretation of the excepted verses from Meccan and Medinan surahs, compiling and analyzing these critiques in detail.

This academic achievement reflects the Islamic University of Minnesota's commitment to supporting scientific research and encouraging researchers to produce outstanding work that contributes to enriching knowledge in the field of Islamic and Quranic studies.



Research Plan Approved to Study Effectiveness of Training Program for Mothers

A scientific committee from the Department of Educational Psychology at the College of Educational Sciences at the Islamic University of Minnesota has approved the research plan prepared by researcher Azza Mohammed Mohammed Al-Hariri, as part of the requirements for obtaining her Ph.D. The study focuses on "The Effectiveness of a Training Program for Mothers in Enhancing Receptive and Expressive Language Skills in Cochlear Implant Children Aged 4 to 6 Years."

The research plan was approved following a seminar session held by the scientific committee on Thursday, January 2025, 30, at 5:00 PM Mecca time, under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Deanship at the university. The study aims to develop a specialized training program for mothers to enhance the language skills of children who have undergone cochlear implantation, thereby improving their quality of life and communication abilities.

The discussion committee was chaired by Dr. Anas Mohammed Nawafleh, Head of the Department of Educational Psychology, and included the following members: Dr. Abeer Ismail, Dr. Alia Abdulrahman Mustafa, Dr. William Jamal Al-Muallim, Dr. Mohammed Ali Taamneh, and Dr. Ali Mohammed Dawahdeh. The committee praised the significance of the research and its scientific and social objectives, emphasizing that its findings will be a valuable addition to the field of education for children with special needs.



عمادة الدراسات العليا
Deanship of Graduate Studies



Research Plan on Criminal Investigations Balancing Justice and Human Rights

An academic committee from the Law Department at the College of Sharia and Law has approved the research plan prepared by researcher Ayed Ghanem Al-Dosari, as part of his pursuit of a Ph.D. degree. The analytical study focuses on the topic of "Criminal Investigations: Between the Requirements of Justice and the Demands of Human Rights."

This approval came following a seminar session organized by the Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, on Tuesday, January 2025, 14, at 7:00 PM Mecca time.

The seminar committee was chaired by Dr. Mohammed Shoaib Abdulmaqsoud, Head of the Law Department, with the participation of Dr. Moayed Zidan, Professor Dr. Sufyan Abdali, and Dr. Mohammed Hamza as members.

Training Center Organizes Lecture on " Jurisprudence of Human Development"



عمادة الدراسات العليا
Deanship of Graduate Studies

Under the patronage of the Center for Training, Development, and Community Programs, and in coordination with the Da'wah Center at the Islamic University in Minnesota, Dr. Kifah Abu Hanoud delivered an interactive lecture titled "The Jurisprudence of Human Development" on Thursday, January 2025, 30, from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM Mecca time.

The lecture addressed the legal and intellectual foundations for building a well-rounded human being, emphasizing the enhancement of faith-based and moral values to achieve a balance between spiritual and material aspects of life. The event was part of the university's efforts to promote cultural and religious awareness and develop community skills.

The lecture received significant engagement from the audience, who praised its valuable content and distinguished presentation style, reflecting the university's vision to promote Islamic and human values.

Council of College of Computing Holds Meeting



The Council of the College of Computing and Information Technology at the Islamic University of Minnesota – Main Center, held a meeting on Monday, January 2025, 6, chaired by Dr. Muneer Abdulbari Abdulfattah, Dean of the College and Chairman of the Council. The meeting was attended by the University Vice President, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrabi, his deputy, Dr. Zainab Basiouni, Dr. Nourhan Salama, Dean of Faculty Affairs, along with several department heads and administrative staff.

During the meeting, which took place at 10:00 PM Mecca time, discussions focused on the progress of the educational process and several important decisions were made to ensure the continuity and improvement of education quality. Key points addressed included ensuring the completion of missed lectures, providing solutions for delayed students, implementing an electronic examination system to enhance assessment efficiency, and improving the mechanism for handling student complaints effectively.

The meeting concluded with several important recommendations, most notably:

- 1 Enhancing the teaching staff by appointing new professors to improve educational quality.
- 2 Utilizing innovative educational technologies and applying modern technology in the educational process.
- 3 Providing training courses for faculty members to develop their skills and enhance their performance.
- 4 Improving the educational process overall to boost quality and efficiency.
- 5 Implementing modern educational technologies to enhance the student learning experience.

Also in attendance were Dr. Salah Alawi, Vice Dean of the College and Head of the Networks and Cybersecurity Department, Dr. Saleh Al-Riyashi, Head of the Management Information Systems Department, Assistant Professor Dr. Mohammed Habib Al-Samkari, Head of the Data and Artificial Intelligence Department, Dr. Yasser Al-Malik, Head of the Computer Science Department, and administrative affairs representatives led by Ms. Hanadi Abdullah.

This meeting is part of the university's efforts to keep pace with technological advancements and ensure the provision of high-quality education that meets student needs and aligns with modern requirements.

College of Economics Holds its Fourth Meeting



كلية الاقتصاد وإدارة الأعمال
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا



The College of Economics and Business Administration at the Islamic University of Minnesota – Main Center held its fourth meeting for the second semester of the academic year 1446 / 2025-2024 AH, under the chairmanship of Her Excellency Dr. Sherin Mamoun, on Thursday, December 2024, 26, from 9:00 pm to 9:40 pm Makkah time.

The meeting witnessed the presence of department heads, their deputies and faculty members, where a number of items on the agenda were discussed, most notably preparations for midterm exams, directives for organizing tests, and the importance of doctors attending during test times to answer students' inquiries, in addition to emphasizing the need to monitor grades immediately and accurately.

Dr. Sherin Mamoun also invited faculty members to contribute to the second issue of the college's refereed journal, and opened the way for department heads, their deputies and administrative affairs officials to present their interventions and discuss topics related to academic work.

The Vice Dean and Head of the Department of Economics and Islamic Banks, Dr. Hiam Al-Zuabi, the Vice President of the Accounting Department, Dr. Mohammed Qureshi, the Vice President of the Department of Economics and Islamic Banks, Dr. Zayed Nawaf Al-Duwairi, the Deputy Head of the Department of Management, Dr. Manal Mohammed Mahmoud Adam, the Administrative Affairs Officer, Ms. Banan Saif, and the Secretary of the College, Ms. Dhuha Al-Mulqi, spoke during the meeting, where they addressed many issues of interest to the different departments.

At the end of the meeting, Dr. Sherin Mamoun thanked the faculty members for their efforts, and allowed the opportunity to submit inquiries and suggestions, before announcing the adjournment of the session, expressing her appreciation for everyone's attendance and active participation.



Islamic University Welcomes New Cohort of Faculty Members



عمادة شؤون أعضاء هيئة التدريس
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

The Dean of Faculty Affairs at the Islamic University in Minnesota has welcomed a new cohort of professors and researchers with diverse specializations and nationalities, who have joined the university's academic staff over the past two months. This step comes as part of the university's efforts to enhance its academic journey and enrich it with distinguished scientific expertise.

Dr. Nourhan Salama, Dean of Faculty Affairs, expressed her delight at the addition of these new faculty members, emphasizing that they represent a qualitative boost to the university. She prayed for their success in serving the mission of education and spreading knowledge.

The new cohort includes 42 faculty members, distributed across various academic departments at the university. The specializations include:

Political Science Department: Dr. Zainab Mahmoud Abdulrahman Al-Bakri, Dr. Mohammed Abdulkarim Ahmed Abdulkarim, Professor Salem Suwailim Al-Hinai, Professor Salwa Al-Khouli, Dr. Bilal Al-Jaafara, Dr. Al-Sayed Al-Mustaqawi.

Islamic Economics and Banking Department: Professor Mohammed Kabir, Dr. Emad Adnan Matyouri, Professor Ilham Mahmoud Othman Al-Azzam.

Disaster and Crisis Management Department: Professor Ahmed Mahmoud Amin Al-Jamal, Dr. Hana Ibrahim, Professor Maha Mahmoud.

Accounting Department: Dr. Wijdan Ahmed Al-Tayeb, Dr. Enas Sayed Mahjoub, Dr. Khalaf Abu Shaqra.

Development Studies Department: Dr. Mohammed Subaih, Dr. Munahi Al-Ajmi, Dr. Ahmed Abdulkhalik.

Law Department: Dr. Waleed Mohammed Abdelmoneim Ahmed Al-Touni, Dr. Mahmoud Nabil Hosni Hazin, Dr. Zain Marai Tantawi.

Management Information Systems Department: Dr. Amir Mohammed Al-Amir, Dr. Khalida Fadlallah.

Educational Psychology Department: Dr. Kamal Al-Damour, Dr. Hafez Lasfar Ben Mohammed.

Arabic Islamic Studies Department: Dr. Ahmed Sharif Ahmed Al-Sharif, Professor Mohamed Sami Mohammed Abdelal.

Educational Technology Department: Dr. Salwa Hashemet, Dr. Zahra Hamdi.

Computer Science Department: Professor Ghufuran Abdulqader Ahmed Saad, Dr. Ramzi Ismail.

Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Department: Professor Mohammed Al-Atrash, Dr. Adel Asim Adam.

Early Childhood Department: Dr. Thouqan Ahmed

Saud Obeidat.

Educational Administration Department: Dr. Sayed Abdelrahman Ahmed Mohammed.

Educational Sciences Department: Dr. Abdullah Hazzam Ali Al-Otaibi.

Digital Media Department: Dr. Marian Tadros.

Networks and Cybersecurity Department: Professor Arena Salem Ali Bajaber.

Prophetic Studies and Sciences Department: Dr. Itimad Ajeeb.

Business Administration Department: Dr. Enas Al-Shuqairat.

Judiciary and Sharia Policy Department: Dr. Osama Yahya.

Jurisprudence and Fundamentals of Fiqh Department: Dr. Murad Mohammed Ramadan.

This new recruitment aligns with the university's strategy to develop its academic programs and strengthen its position as a center of scientific and cultural excellence. The university aims to provide a distinguished educational and research environment that contributes to preparing a generation of leaders and thinkers capable of addressing contemporary challenges.



Political Science Department Holds Series of Meetings



The Political Science Department at the College of Arts and Humanities at the Islamic University of Minnesota, chaired by Dr. Khalid Atiyah, held a meeting on Tuesday, Jumada al-Thani 1446, 23 AH, corresponding to December 24, 2024. The meeting included faculty members and focused on several key topics, primarily the feasibility study for updating the curriculum for undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs.

Dr. Khalid began the meeting by welcoming the attendees and proceeded to discuss the agenda items. He assured the continuation of discussions on this topic in future meetings, concluding the session by thanking the faculty members for their efforts and exchanging expressions of gratitude among them in an atmosphere of love and respect.

Attendees included: Dr. Bahaa Al-Din, Dr. Saber Al-Beltaji, Dr. Huda Mohammed, Dr. Hadi Barham, Dr. Asmaa Ghoneim, Dr. Al-Rashid Ahmed Moussa, Dr. Shaimaa Khattab, Dr. Mohamed Maghawry, and Ms. Samira Al-Saghir, the administrative affairs officer for the college.

In a second meeting held on Tuesday, Rajab 1446, 7 AH, corresponding to January 7, 2025,

discussions were devoted to the feasibility of adding specialized tracks within the Political Science Department. The news management obtained a copy of a memorandum submitted to Dr. Ismail Hamid, Dean of the College, which included recommendations from Dr. Khalid regarding the curricula. These recommendations encompassed rearranging current courses, adding new subjects, and eliminating redundant materials.

The third meeting took place on Tuesday, Rajab 1446, 21 AH, corresponding to January 21, 2025, where Dr. Atiyah continued the discussion on recommendations related to the introduction of minor specializations and identifying suitable courses for each specialization across all academic levels.

The meeting was attended by: Dr. Bahaa Al-Din, Dr. Huda Mohammed, Dr. Hadi Barham, Dr. Hind Mahrous Al-Jaldawi, and Ms. Salwa Al-Khouli, reflecting the department's commitment to enhancing educational curricula to meet the needs of students and their specializations.



Department of Law Holds Its First Meeting After Return of Its Chairman

The Department of Law at the College of Sharia and Law at the Islamic University of Minnesota, chaired by Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud, held its first meeting after his return to his position on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 8:00 PM Mecca time. The meeting was attended by Dean Dr. Muzahem Tariq Al-Mustafa, along with a number of faculty members in the department.

The meeting discussed several key topics related to the department's work plan, including compensatory lectures, improving the quality of lectures, recording midterm exam grades, and proposals for developing the academic curriculum. Emphasis was placed on the importance of using university email as the primary means of communication, adhering to the academic plan and prerequisites for each course, and ensuring consistency between grade sheets and the university's online portal.

Dr. Mohammed Shuaib stressed the need to follow up on recording midterm exam grades and assignments (homework, research, and case studies) through the university's website, complying with the instructions issued by the Control Affairs Unit, and submitting exams on time.

Attendees agreed on the importance of the department chair monitoring the educational process during the semester, increasing student interaction by encouraging them to turn on their cameras during lectures, and discussing legal issues with them. They also agreed to follow up on compensatory lectures, implement proposals for modifying the department's academic plan, update the college's webpage, and add faculty members to the university's portal.

Regarding students, the meeting emphasized the importance of training them in scientific research skills and legal drafting, as well as preparing them for the job market in coordination with the Legal Affairs Department.

In addition to the dean and the department chair, the meeting was attended by Assistant Professor Dr. Mohammed Daw Fadhil, Dr. Amir Khalifa, Dr. Ahmed Al-Nabihi, Dr. Mohammed Nasr, Dr. Musab Al-Hashemi, Dr. Mohammed Abdulhafidh Jad, Dr. Emad Hamdi Al-Buhairi, Dr. Ayman Al-Khalayleh, Dr. Osama Mohammed Abulfutuh, Assistant Professor Dr. Fuad Ghajati, Ms. Basant Shuaib Abdumaqsoud, and Ms. Maryam Al-Maqrmi, the college's administrative affairs officer.



Head of Department of Jurisprudence Calls for Optimal Use of PowerPoint Presentations in Teaching



كلية الشريعة والقانون
الجامعة الإسلامية بمينيسوتا

Doctor Salah Ahmed Faraj, Head of the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Principles at the College of Sharia and Law at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a meeting with the department's faculty members on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 9:00 PM Mecca time. The meeting addressed several academic and administrative issues, during which Dr. Faraj emphasized the optimal use of PowerPoint presentations in the educational process. He stressed the importance of guiding students to effectively benefit from these presentations and urged them to pay attention to their content. He also highlighted the need for in-depth explanations during the use of these presentations, ensuring that the teaching goes beyond merely listing the displayed information.

Faraj opened the meeting by thanking the faculty members for their promptness in recording students' grades. The attendees then discussed the distribution of summer

semester courses among the department's faculty. The discussion also touched on the "Ijtihad" course in the PhD program, about which students had complained due to its extensive content. The meeting explored ways to simplify the course and make it more accessible to students.

The meeting also provided an opportunity for faculty members to present their suggestions and complaints, fostering an exchange of ideas on improving the department's academic work.

Attending the meeting were Dr. Mohammed Al-Shaqaldi, Dr. Murad Awda, Dr. Jehan Al-Taher, Dr. Asma Sawalha, Dr. Ola Hassan Hawash, Dr. Mubarak Saud Al-Ajmi, and Ms. Maryam Mohammed Al-Maqrmi, the Administrative Affairs Officer at the College of Sharia and Law.

Course on "Explanation of the Gift of Children"



The Quranic reading center affiliated with the Islamic University of Minnesota held a specialized course on "Explanation of the Gift of Children and obtaining a license for it." The course was presented by Dr. Hadeel Mohammed Abdulazim Afeefi, a faculty member at the university, the general supervisor of the reading center, and a member of the Egyptian Reciters Syndicate.

The course, which was exclusively for women, targeted female students of knowledge interested in memorizing and teaching the Holy Quran. Sessions were held daily from 4 PM to 5 PM Mecca time, over five days during three weeks, starting Sunday, 26th of Rajab 1446 AH (January 2025 ,26) and concluding on Sunday, 10th of Sha'ban 1446 AH (February 2025 ,9).

The administration of the reading center granted attendees accredited licenses after meeting specific requirements, which included perfect attendance and passing both oral and written tests at the end of the course, along with a nominal fee to cover the cost of printing and sending the licenses.



Quality Unit Holds Workshop on "Self-Confidence and Self-Management"

The Quality and Development Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, organized a workshop titled "E-Learning Technology," presented by Dr. Khaled Mohammed Atiya, Head of the Political Science Department at the College of Arts and Humanities. The workshop was moderated by Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, Director of the Quality and Development Unit.

The workshop was held on Saturday, January 2025 ,11, from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM Mecca time. It targeted faculty members both within and outside the university, as part of the university's efforts to enhance the technical skills of academic staff and improve their efficiency in delivering lectures using the latest technological tools.

Dr. Norhan Salama, Dean of Faculty Affairs, encouraged faculty members to attend the workshop, describing it as "essential." She emphasized that the Quality and Development Unit will continue to organize similar workshops as part of a series of activities aimed at equipping faculty members with the necessary technical skills to keep pace with the demands of the digital age in education.

This workshop is part of the Islamic University of Minnesota's ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of education and adopt modern technologies in the educational process, benefiting both students and faculty members alike.

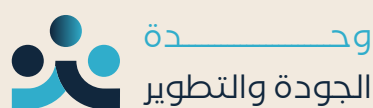
Quality Unit Organizes Workshop on "E-Learning Technology"



Under the patronage of the Quality and Development Unit, in coordination with the Administrative Affairs Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, the university organized a workshop titled "Self-Confidence and Self-Management in Institutional Work," presented by the internationally certified trainer, Dr. Adel Al-Maghribi.

The workshop, which targeted administrative affairs staff and those interested in developing their managerial skills, was held on Thursday, January 2025 ,30, and lasted from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Mecca time. The session was managed by Dr. Fatima Al-Wahsh, Director of the Quality and Development Unit at the university, who distributed certified certificates to participants at the end of the event.

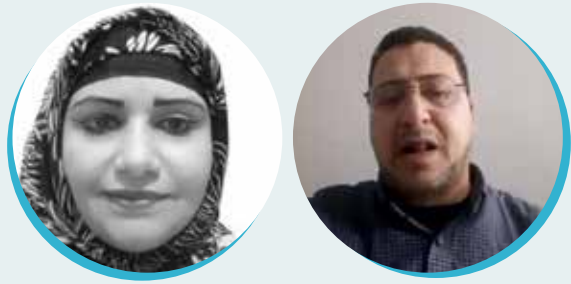
This workshop is part of a series of training programs organized by the university to enhance employee skills and improve their performance in institutional work, contributing to the university's developmental goals and raising the quality of services provided.



Workshop on Total Quality and Improving Work Environment

The Quality and Development Unit, in collaboration with the Legal Affairs Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a workshop titled "Total Quality and Improving Work Environment." The workshop was conducted by Dr. Mohammed Shaib Abdulmaqsoud, Director of the Legal Affairs Unit and Head of the Law Department, with participation from Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, Director of the Quality and Development Unit.

The workshop took place on Friday, January 2025 ,24, from 8:00 to 9:30 AM Mecca time. It targeted directors and staff of administrative units, as well as university employees and interested individuals from outside the university. Certificates accredited by the university were awarded to attendees in recognition of their active participation.



Da'wah Center Organizes Interactive Lecture

Upon the gracious invitation of Dr. Manal Mustafa, the Da'wah Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota – Main Center, organized an interactive lecture titled "The Concept of Governance Among Disbelieving Movements." The lecture was delivered by Professor Dr. Imaduddin Abduh Al-Ajili, Head of the Department of Creed and Contemporary Sects at the College of Islamic Studies at the university.

The lecture was moderated by Assistant Professor Dr. Siham Abdulbaqi, Secretary of the Da'wah Center, and took place on Thursday, January 2025, 9, lasting for a full hour. Delivered in Arabic, the lecture, as usual, concluded with participants receiving attendance certificates accredited by the university.

The lecture explored the concept of governance among disbelieving movements, with Dr. Imaduddin Al-Ajili shedding light on the dimensions of this concept and its intellectual and doctrinal impacts. He provided an in-depth analysis of its origins and contemporary applications. The lecture garnered significant interaction from the audience, who showed great interest in the topic and its rich discussions.

This lecture is part of the Da'wah Center's efforts at the Islamic University of Minnesota to promote intellectual and doctrinal awareness, offering high-quality lectures that contribute to addressing contemporary intellectual challenges and enhancing a proper understanding of Islamic concepts and principles.

Da'wah Center Holds Interactive Lecture



Under the direct supervision of the center's director, Her Excellency Dr. Manal Mustafa, the Da'wah Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota – Main Center, organized an interactive lecture titled "Towards Reshaping the Jurisprudential Mind," delivered by Professor Dr. Rayan Tawfiq Khalil.

The lecture, conducted in Arabic, took place on Thursday, January 2025, 2, from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM Mecca time. It was moderated by Dr. Mohammed Al-Shuqairi, Deputy Director of the Da'wah Center.

This lecture is part of a series of scientific and cultural activities organized by the Da'wah Center aimed at enriching Islamic thought and developing jurisprudential awareness among the audience.

It is worth noting that all activities of the Da'wah Center are recorded and subsequently uploaded to the center's platform on the university's official website, making them accessible for everyone to benefit from and follow at any time.

Idrees Abdulrahman Continues Lectures for Diploma in Inheritance Science



Doctor Idris Abdulrahman continues to deliver lectures for the Diploma in Inheritance Science, organized by the Dawah Center of the Islamic University of Minnesota, under the management of Dr. Siham Abdulbaqi, the center's secretary. The series of lectures is titled "The Lost Science - Inheritance Science," and the first lecture commenced on January, 12, 2025, running until February 2025, 14, according to the promotional announcement for the diploma.

This diploma is characterized by an accredited certificate from the Islamic University of Minnesota, along with practical applications in inheritance science, using easy and effective methods to simplify the understanding of this science, and providing audio and video recordings.

The announcement also stated that the diploma will be offered in both Arabic and English, spanning several weeks with two lectures per week, targeting all university students and those interested in studying inheritance science.

The lecture schedule includes Sundays on January 19 and 26, Fridays on January 24 and 31, Sundays on February 2 and 9, and Fridays on February 7 and 14, from 10:00 PM to 11:00 PM Mecca time.



Da'wah Center Holds Interactive Lecture

The Da'wah Center at the Islamic University in Minnesota, USA, organized an interactive lecture titled "The Levant: Cradle and Future of Islamic Civilization," delivered by Dr. Rufaida Abdulrahman Al-Habash, President of the Canadian Academy of Islamic Sciences and Civilization. The lecture took place on Saturday, January 2025, 25, from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM Mecca time.

The event was moderated by Dr. Zakaria Ibrahim, Assistant Professor of Educational Administration at the Islamic University in Minnesota. During the lecture, Dr. Rufaida discussed the historical and civilizational role of the Levant in shaping Islamic civilization, as well as the future of the region and its role in reviving Islamic heritage and strengthening the cultural identity of Muslims.

This event was part of a series of cultural and academic activities organized by the Da'wah Center at the university, aimed at promoting awareness of the history of Islamic civilization and its role in building the future. The lecture received significant engagement from the audience, who expressed great interest in the topic and its relevance in the current context.

Da'wah Center Organizes Lecture on Scientific Miracles in the Quran



The Da'wah Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota, USA, organized an interactive lecture titled "The Scientific Miracle in the Verse: 'He emerges from between the backbone and the ribs'", delivered by Dr. Mohammed Al-Hilal, President of the Union of Scholars of Miracles in the Quran and Sunnah.

The lecture took place on Wednesday, January 2025, 22, and lasted for one hour. It was moderated by Dr. Mohammed Al-Shuqairi, Deputy Director of the Da'wah Center. The lecture

explored the scientific aspects of the Quranic verse, highlighting modern scientific discoveries that confirm the precision of the Quranic expression.

It is worth noting that the Da'wah Center has an online platform on the university's official website, where videos of its activities and events are uploaded. Additionally, the platform is used to distribute electronic participation certificates to attendees.



Training Center Organizes Training Course on Basics of Artificial Intelligence

The Training, Development, and Community Programs Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota organized a training course titled "Your First Steps into the World of Artificial Intelligence: From Observer to Participant", presented by Dr. Mohammed Rashidi, a faculty member in the College of Computing and Information Technology at the university.

The course was managed by Engineer Mu'tasem Faiz, Director of the Training Center, and consisted of four lectures, each lasting two hours, from 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM Mecca time. The course began on Thursday, January 2025, 9, and continued over four days. The second lecture was held on Tuesday, January 14, the third on Thursday, January 16, and the course concluded with the fourth and final lecture on Saturday, January 2025, 18.

The Training and Development Center announced that video recordings of the lectures would be made available to all interested individuals through the university's official website platform. This initiative aims to provide self-learning opportunities and allow broader access to the scientific content presented during the course.

This course is part of the university's efforts to enhance technical knowledge and develop the skills of students and enthusiasts in the field of artificial intelligence, which is one of the most prominent technologies of the modern era.

Training Workshop on Negotiation Skills



Under the auspices of the Training and Development Center and Community Programs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Mr. Mohammed Ameen Al-Hitar, Founder and President of the Leaders Makers Center, delivered a training workshop titled "Negotiation Skills."

The workshop took place on Tuesday, January 2025, 28, from 9:00 to 11:00 PM Mecca time, and was moderated by the center's director, Engineer Al-Mu'tasem Faez. As usual, participants were awarded accredited certificates, and a recording of the workshop was uploaded to the center's platform on the university's official website, allowing interested individuals to access the content.



Training Center Organizes Lecture on "Jurisprudence of Human Development"

Under the patronage of the Center for Training, Development, and Community Programs, and in coordination with the Da'wah Center at the Islamic University in Minnesota, Dr. Kifah Abu Hanoud delivered an interactive lecture titled "The Jurisprudence of Human Development" on Thursday, January 2025, 30, from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM Mecca time.

The lecture addressed the legal and intellectual foundations for building a well-rounded human being, emphasizing the enhancement of faith-based and moral values to achieve a balance between spiritual and material aspects of life. The event was part of the university's efforts to promote cultural and religious awareness and develop community skills.

The lecture received significant engagement from the audience, who praised its valuable content and distinguished presentation style, reflecting the university's vision to promote Islamic and human values.



Scientific symposium on Ibn Khaldun



The Center for Training, Development and Community Programs in cooperation with the Department of History and Archeology at the Islamic University of Minnesota held a scientific symposium entitled "History and Historians Who Made History - Ibn Khaldun as a Model".

The seminar was attended by a group of academics, including Prof. Abdulbaqi Al-Qattan and Prof. Dr. Sulaf Faidullah, Dr. Shaima Khattab, Dr. Mohammed Saeed Athamneh, Dr. Marah Al-Burghash.

The seminar was moderated by Professor Fikri Al-Duwairi, Dean of the Faculty of Educational Sciences at Irbid University in Jordan, where the symposium was held on Sunday, December 2024, 29, from 8:00 to 10:30 pm Makkah time.

This symposium comes within the framework of the Center's efforts to promote scientific research and exchange knowledge in the fields of history and archeology.

Training Center Organizes Lecture on Behavior Modification



Minnesota, January 2025, 7 – Under the patronage of the Training, Development, and Community Programs Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota – Main Center, Dr. Ali Mohammed Ahmed Dawahdeh delivered an interactive lecture titled "Insights into Behavior Modification" via Zoom.

The lecture, held on Tuesday, January 2025, 7, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Mecca time, was moderated by Engineer Al-Mu'tasem Faiz. It was open to all students and individuals interested in the topic.

At the conclusion of the lecture, participants received accredited certificates through the Training Center's electronic platform on the university's official website, where recordings of activities are uploaded as a free service for those wishing to benefit.

The Training Center is committed to offering high-quality programs that contribute to skill development and knowledge enhancement in various fields.



Training Center Holds Training Workshop on Modern Teaching Strategies

The Training, Development, and Community Programs Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota, USA, organized a training workshop titled "Modern Teaching Strategies and Methods," presented by Dr. Tahani Mahmoud Binat, Vice Chair of the Department of Educational Administration at the university.

The workshop, managed by Eng. Mu'tasem Faiz, Director of the Training Center, was held on Tuesday, January 2025, 21, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Mecca time. It targeted faculty members, students from within and outside the university, as well as anyone interested in educational development.

The center has made the workshop video available on its official university website for those who wish to benefit from its content. This initiative is part of the university's efforts to enhance teaching skills and develop educational methods in line with modern advancements in the field of education.



Dean of Faculty Affairs Holds Meetings to Monitor Workflow



Doctor Noorhan Salama, Dean of Faculty Affairs and Director of the Administrative Affairs Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held three meetings within one month with the administrative affairs team to monitor the workflow in the colleges and ensure its integrity.

The latest meeting took place on Tuesday, January 2025 ,28, at 9 PM Mecca time, where the agenda included discussions on the progress of the administrative affairs team and feedback on the colleges' archives on Drive. The meeting also addressed the activation of the Deputy Director position and the formulation of guidelines for the team, overseen by the unit director, to be disseminated throughout the week. Additionally, the idea of "Manager for a Day" was introduced to enhance leadership spirit within the team.

Dr. Nourhan facilitated an open discussion, allowing each administrative head to engage in a Q&A format, which helped address various administrative matters across the colleges. She praised their diligent efforts and close attention to every detail within their respective colleges.

Nourhan highlighted the achievements of the heads, including the preparation of special files to honor faculty members at the end of the second semester and the follow-up on the ideal faculty member award in collaboration with the Deanship of Academic Affairs. She

also commended the updates made to faculty files in coordination with the dean's secretary, Ms. Maha Mohammed, and the review of these files in collaboration with the IT team.

At the end of the meeting, a date for the monthly report submission was set, and an agreement was reached to prepare for the final exams of the second semester in 2025.

Earlier, on Monday, January 2025 ,6, the Administrative Affairs Unit held a meeting to discuss the workflow of the dean's team and recent developments, as well as to follow up on the Ideal Faculty Member Award competition.

Attending the meetings were Ms. Maha Mohammed, Secretary of Faculty Affairs, Ms. Hanadi Abdullah, Head of Administrative Affairs for the College of Computer Science and Information Technology, Dr. Badia Abdulqader, Head of Administrative Affairs for the College of Media, Ms. Anisa Al-Zekri, Head of Administrative Affairs for the College of Islamic Studies, Ms. Khadija Radman, Head of Administrative Affairs for the College of Developmental Studies, Ms. Banan Saif, Head of Administrative Affairs for the College of Economics and Business Administration, and Ms. Mariam Al-Maqrmi, Head of Administrative Affairs for the College of Sharia and Law.



Our Beloved University

By: *Dr. Ayman Al-Halahela*

Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Sharia

To you, the beacon of knowledge and the torch of light in a world yearning for enlightened thought, we direct our words and scatter our dreams. We aspire for you to be the summit that surpasses all other universities, a model for those seeking knowledge.

Dear university, we see you as more than just an educational institution. You are an idea, a vision, and a dream realized in the halls of contemporary Islamic thought. You are a bridge that researchers cross towards excellence, and a guiding light illuminating the path of progress for those aspiring to a bright future.

Our ambition is for you to be a symbol of pride, a structure discussed in scholarly circles, and a topic of conversation among thinkers. We want your academic

programs to be a reference point, your research a treasure for generations, and your vision a model to emulate in global Islamic education.

However, dear university, glory cannot be achieved without effort. Thus, we pledge to you, as your faculty and students, to work tirelessly, renewing our determination each day, so that you may have a sun in every sky and a monument in every land.

To our beloved university, we say with hearts full of hope: we will see you as the beacon of universities and a source of inspiration for scholars and thinkers. Together, we will write an endless success story, penned with love and loyalty.



Flexible and Inspiring Educational Journey : New Window to Knowledge and Development

By: *Fouad Sayed Fouad Al-Manshawry - College of Arts and Humanities*

In recent years, distance education systems have witnessed remarkable development, with many universities providing flexible and comprehensive solutions for individuals seeking to pursue their academic studies without being restricted by time or place. Among these pioneering institutions stands the Islamic University of Minnesota – Main Center, which has proven its excellence in offering a unique educational experience that combines academic quality with accessibility.

When I came across the university's advertisement online, I was intrigued by its flexible educational system tailored to meet the needs of individuals with various daily commitments. What attracted me even more was their ability to deliver modern education in a comfortable and convenient manner, without compromising the quality of content or interaction with professors.

Studying at the Islamic University of Minnesota was not just a series of traditional lectures; it was a comprehensive and enriching experience. Their educational system masterfully balanced flexibility with discipline, allowing me to organize my time in a way that fit seamlessly into my daily life. This made learning more productive and enjoyable. Each lecture I attended was like opening a new window to a world filled with knowledge—not only in terms of information but also in developing my ways of thinking and learning approaches.

What truly impressed me was the dedication and continuous support of the professors. Their role was not limited to delivering lectures; they were always ready to answer any questions or clarify any ambiguous points in the curriculum. Their communication with us

was prompt and effective, making me feel like I was part of a real academic community, even though I was studying remotely.

Moreover, the administrative staff at the university set an exemplary standard of cooperation and assistance. They were always ready to provide the necessary support, whether in academic or administrative matters, which greatly facilitated my educational experience.

I can only express my deep gratitude to the Islamic University of Minnesota – Main Center, as this educational journey has been one of the most significant milestones in my life. It gave me the opportunity for both academic and personal growth and opened new horizons for learning and development.

I pray to Allah Almighty to bless everyone who contributed to the establishment of this pioneering academic institution and to reward them generously for their efforts in serving students of knowledge.

I write these words as a sincere testimony based on my personal experience with this esteemed university. Allah says: "And do not conceal testimony, for whoever conceals it—his heart is indeed sinful." (Surah Al-Baqarah: 283).

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly recommend anyone seeking a distinguished educational opportunity to enroll at the Islamic University of Minnesota, where they will find an inspiring educational environment full of challenges that sharpen one's character and enhance capabilities.