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## International Conference for Muslims in the West

Under the auspices of the Islamic University of Minnesota and the Applied Science University in Jordan, an international academic conference (in-person and remote) will be held titled "Jurisprudential, Legal, and Educational Developments for Muslims in the West: Reality, Future, Challenges, and Solutions." The conference will take place in Houston, Texas, on August 2025 ,2-1.

This event aims to discuss the most prominent issues and challenges facing Muslims in the West, as well as to look towards the future and propose possible solutions. For more details, please refer to page 4.

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## Call from Vice President to Ensure Quality of Lectures

Doctor Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrami, the Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, urged faculty members to prioritize "presenting lectures by displaying educational material and turning on the video whenever possible," emphasizing that "delivering a lecture with a black screen on Zoom significantly affects students' understanding and comprehension."

Dr. Al-Maqrami called for a summary of each lecture to be prepared in a PowerPoint or PDF file, noting that the course instructor can upload these summaries to the new electronic portal to make them available to all students.

He explained that each lecture lasts two hours, and instructors can choose to deliver it in one session or split the two hours into two separate lectures. He

highlighted the students' enthusiasm and eagerness to meet their teachers and start the lectures, stressing that a professor's cancellation of a lecture at its scheduled time and postponement to a later date can lead to student frustration and negatively impact the quality of education in the department, college, and university.

It is noteworthy that the Vice President's remarks were part of a letter addressed to faculty members on the occasion of the summer semester's launch, which began on Saturday, April 2025 ,5, and typically lasts for six weeks according to the university's regulations.



## Release of Ninth Issue of Quarterly Scientific Electronic Journal



The Islamic University of Minnesota announced the release of the ninth issue, "April Issue," of the quarterly peer-reviewed electronic journal, the Minnesota International Journal of Academic Studies, on Wednesday, April 2025 ,9.

This issue, prepared by the university's media center, comprises 648 pages and includes 16 research papers in both English and Arabic. The research covers various fields, including e-learning, cultural anthropology, educational psychology, Islamic banking, educational administration, international law, and artificial intelligence in different contexts such as education and international relations.

The contributors include 16 researchers from various nationalities, with five from Jordan, three from Saudi Arabia, two from Egypt and Iraq, and one each from the UAE, Qatar, Sudan, and the UK.

In a statement to the university's news administration, Professor Hanan Sobhi Obaid, the editor-in-chief of the journal, confirmed that all papers underwent preliminary acceptance by the editorial board before being sent to two reviewers: one internal and one external specialist. She added that all reviewers were honored with "Reviewer Appreciation Certificates" that included their names and the titles of the papers they reviewed.

Professor Obaid noted that the research aligns with developments in several fields, characterized by quality and geographical diversity among researchers. She praised the

quality of the design and production, stating that the preparation for this issue lasted three months, from January to March 2025, thanks to the collaboration between the media center team and the editorial team.

She expressed her aspiration to improve the journal's citation score after its participation in an initiative to partner with Arab and international peer-reviewed scientific journals for citation exchanges, aiming for global classification. The journal has obtained the International Standard Serial Number (E: ISSN: E:9122-2994).

It is noteworthy that the Minnesota International Journal of Academic Studies is overseen by Professor Waleed Al-Meneesi, the president of the Islamic University of Minnesota, with Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, the vice president of the University, as the editor-in-chief. The editorial management is led by Professor Hanan Sobhi Obaid, head of the graduate studies department and scientific deputy of the dean of the College of Media, while Dr. Abdu Naser Al-Sailani handles the editorial secretariat, with language editing by Associate Professor Dr. Badi'a Abdulqadir.

The journal has an advisory board consisting of 48 professors and doctors, and an editorial board of 49 members across various academic ranks. It is published electronically with a distinguished design by Jordanian graphic designer Abdullah Darrs, under the supervision of the media center director, engineer Abdullah Mohammed Al-Mansoub.



Dr. Zainab Basyouni

## Deputy Vice President Emphasizes Importance of Professional Department Management



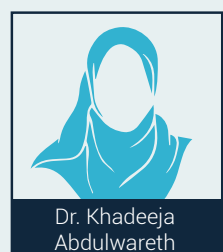
In a letter marking the start of the summer semester, which began on Saturday, April ,5 2025, Dr. Zainab Basyouni, Deputy Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, emphasized the necessity of managing each department with high professionalism to ensure the efficient organization of academic and administrative work and to achieve the department's goals according to established plans.

Dr. Zainab stressed the importance of "caring for self-directed learning students and treating them equally to regular students" in terms of the quality of educational content provided, academic follow-up, guidance support, timely responses to their inquiries, and

facilitating their communication with faculty members.

She noted that self-directed learning students are an integral part of the educational system, and the commitment of departments to serve them reflects the academic and professional responsibility of the university.

These affirmations, as Dr. Zainab explained, come in light of the significant role that department heads play in leading the academic and administrative processes within their departments, ensuring quality performance and fairness in dealing with all student categories.



Dr. Khadeeja Abdulwareth

## Dean of Admissions and Registration Announces Summer Semester Results



عمادة القبول والتسجيل  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينيسوتا

Doctor Khadija Abdulwareth, Director of the Admissions and Registration Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota, confirmed that admissions and registrations for the summer semester were conducted through the new version of the academic system portal for the first time. She explained that this achievement was made possible by the continuous developments the deanship has undergone in improving and accelerating admission and registration procedures, which resulted from keeping pace with modern technological advancements that facilitate work efficiency and simplify processes, as well as transitioning to an electronic work environment and implementing the concept of "digital government."

Regarding the number of new enrollments for the summer semester, Dr. Khadija stated that the total number of new students in the three academic levels (bachelor's, master's, and doctoral) reached 322 students. Among them, 157 students are in the bachelor's level,

with 87 male students and 70 female students.

She added that there are 107 students in the master's program, including 82 male students and 25 female students, while the number of doctoral students stands at 58, comprising 51 male students and 9 female students.

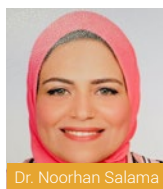
According to data obtained by the news department from student affairs, this number is in addition to another group of continuing students who opted to take advantage of the summer semester, bringing the total to nearly 2,000 students, not counting those who prefer to take a break during the summer, estimated to be around 3,000 students.

It is noteworthy that the figure provided by the dean regarding new enrollments is expected to increase, as the statement was made while registration processes are still ongoing according to the announced schedule in the approved academic calendar.

## Dean of Faculty Affairs Calls for Adherence to Academic Schedules



عمادة شؤون أعضاء هيئة التدريس  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينيسوتا



Dr. Noorhan Salama

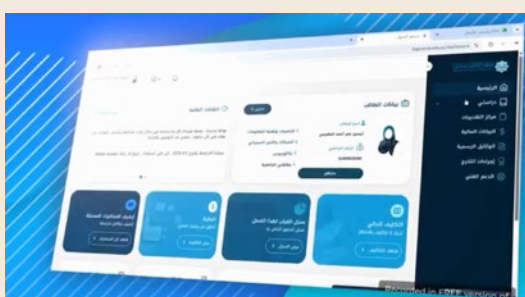
Doctor Noorhan Salama, Dean of Faculty Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, emphasized the importance of professors attending their lectures before the scheduled time and delivering them promptly without delays. She noted that creativity in presenting educational material and adhering to deadlines for tests and assignments enhances the opportunities for recognition and deserved excellence for the faculty member.

This was stated in a letter addressed to faculty members on the occasion of the launch of the summer semester, where she congratulated all faculty and prayed for their knowledge to be beneficial and their efforts to be blessed.

Dr. Noorhan also reminded faculty members to consider the time differences for lectures compared to the university's official time (Mecca time). She praised each professor's efforts in using PowerPoint for presenting material and stressed the importance of conducting lectures on time to achieve "zero compensatory lectures," except in cases of extreme necessity.

She pointed out that each course instructor has a complete team within each college, starting from the dean and the college vice president, through department heads and their deputies, down to the administrative affairs officer and departmental secretaries, emphasizing that everyone is present to facilitate the educational process while respecting the administrative hierarchy.

Dr. Noorhan stated that the total grade for each course is 100 points, with 20 points for attendance, 20 for assignments, and 60 for the final exam, noting that there is no midterm exam in the summer semester. She explained that the duration of the summer semester is only 6 weeks, with each lecture lasting two hours per week for each course, totaling 12 hours.



عمادة تقنية المعلومات  
Deanship of Information Technology



## Launch of New Electronic Portal

The Deanship of Information Technology at the Islamic University of Minnesota has announced the launch of the new electronic portal in its trial version, which includes the most important electronic services that support the educational process and is characterized by easy access to all its services.

This announcement coincided with the start of the summer semester, which began on Saturday, April 2025 ,5. The Deanship confirmed that classes will be conducted during this semester through the new electronic portal, alongside the "University Educational App" and other educational channels such as Zoom and educational groups on WhatsApp.

The Deanship pointed out that the portal features advanced electronic services developed with high professionalism to enhance the academic experience and provide more efficient technical services. The Deanship welcomed inquiries and feedback from faculty members regarding the new portal.

The new portal includes several features, such as:

- An improved user interface to facilitate usage and navigation between different services.
- Integrated digital services that include course registration, schedule access, and educational material downloads through a single platform.
- Performance analysis tools that provide detailed reports on academic progress.
- An instant support system that allows direct communication with the technical support team.
- An archive service for recorded lectures containing videos and summaries.

In this context, Dr. Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrami, the University Vice President, urged faculty members to prepare a summary for each lecture in a PowerPoint or PDF file, noting that instructors can upload these summaries to the electronic portal for all students to access.

Additionally, the Dean of Faculty Affairs distributed the new academic numbers and passwords for each faculty member in collaboration with the Deanship's secretary and the administrative affairs unit manager.

The faculty members' page was filled with congratulations on this achievement, as faculty expressed gratitude and appreciation for the university's role in disseminating knowledge and education.





## Appointment of Al-Shaqaldi as Head of Department of Judiciary and Sharia Policy



Doctor Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrami, Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, issued a decision appointing Dr. Mohammed Al-Shaqaldi as Head of the Department of Judiciary and Sharia Policy at the College of Sharia and Law, succeeding Dr. Alaa Hosni. The decision was made on Friday, March 2025 ,14, as part of efforts to strengthen academic leadership within the university.

Dr. Al-Maqrami sent a congratulatory message to Dr. Al-Shaqaldi, describing him as "worthy of the responsibility" and praying for his success and guidance in his new role to continue the journey of excellence and contribution in this blessed department. He also expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Alaa Hosni for his outstanding efforts and significant contributions to the Department of Judiciary and Sharia Policy since its establishment, noting that Dr. Hosni had nominated Dr. Al-Shaqaldi to take over this responsibility after him.

The university honored Dr. Alaa Hosni with a certificate of appreciation for his valuable efforts and academic contributions, which have enhanced knowledge, developed curricula, and enriched the research environment, serving students and scholars alike.

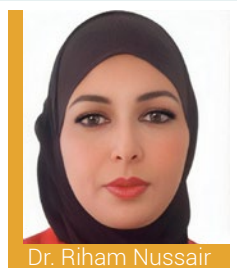
For his part, Dr. Muzahem Tariq Al-Mustafa, Dean of the College of Sharia and Law, stated that both Dr. Alaa Hosni and Dr. Mohammed Al-Shaqaldi have a distinguished record of achievements

and clear impacts within the college, expressing his confidence in the continuation of excellence under Dr. Al-Shaqaldi's leadership.

In a message, Dr. Alaa Hosni expressed his pride in the achievements made during his tenure as head of the department, emphasizing that the transition of leadership to Dr. Mohammed Al-Shaqaldi aligns with the concept of "leadership succession" that he believes in. He described Dr. Al-Shaqaldi as a "virtuous brother and an exceptional leader," wishing him success in his new role.

Dr. Mohammed Al-Shaqaldi, in turn, sent a message of thanks to the President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, Professor Walid Al-Menisi, Vice President Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, Dean of the College of Sharia and Law Professor Muzahem Al-Mustafa, and Vice Dean Dr. Alaa Hosni for their trust in appointing him as head of the department. He expressed his happiness and eagerness to work with the distinguished team of the department, affirming his determination to continue the path of excellence initiated by Dr. Alaa Hosni.

Dr. Al-Shaqaldi concluded his message by acknowledging the magnitude of the responsibility, expressing his confidence that, with God's guidance and the support of his colleagues, he will achieve further progress and accomplishments in this blessed academic journey.



## Appointment of Riham Nussair as Head of Department of Disaster and Strategic Risk



The Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, Dr. Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrami, issued a decision appointing Dr. Riham Arshid Sami Nussair as the Head of the Department of Disaster and Strategic Risk in the College of Development Studies, succeeding Dr. Elham Moatasem Al-Bashir, effective Monday, March 2025 ,17.

Doctor Riham holds a Ph.D. in Human Resource Management from the Malaysian Islamic Science University (2024), a Master's degree from Jadara University in Jordan (2018), as well as a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the same university (2013), and a diploma in Accounting from Al-Hesn University College (2003).

In terms of awards, Dr. Riham received the Academic Excellence Award and the Faculty Award from the Malaysian Islamic Science University in recognition of her academic achievements. She was also a member of the scientific committee for the International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences held in London in April 2025.

Dr. Riham has extensive academic and research experience, currently serving as an Assistant Professor at the Islamic University of Minnesota since October 2024, and as the Editor-in-Chief of the North Africa Scientific Publishing Journal since August 2024. Additionally, she holds the position of Public Relations and Training Coordinator at the International Board of Human

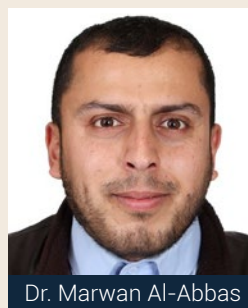
Development Scholars since November 2018, and served as an Administrative Secretary in the Deanship of Scientific Research and Graduate Studies at Al-Jadara University from 2015 to 2017.

In a congratulatory message, Dr. Musab Al-Hashimi, Associate Professor in the Department of Disaster and Strategic Risk, praised Dr. Riham's efforts and dedication, emphasizing that her appointment reflects the university administration's trust in her academic and administrative capabilities.

Moreover, Dr. Youssef Bani Younis, Dean of the College of Development Studies, congratulated Dr. Riham, expressing his wishes for her success in working collaboratively with her colleagues.

In her response to the appointment decision, Dr. Riham expressed her gratitude to the university administration for the trust placed in her, affirming that this responsibility represents both a challenge and an opportunity. She emphasized her commitment to enhancing the department's role and expressed her eagerness to collaborate with the team.

The university also extended its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Dr. Elham Moatasem Al-Bashir for her distinguished efforts and valuable contributions in enhancing knowledge and developing curricula in the Department of Disaster and Strategic Risk.



## Appointment of Dr. Abbas as Head of Human Resources Department

The Deputy President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, Dr. Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrami, has appointed Dr. Marwan Muwafaq Ghazi Abbas as the Head of the Human Resources Department in the College of Economics and Business Administration. This decision was made on Friday, April 2025 ,5.

Dr. Marwan Abbas, a Jordanian born in 1992, currently serves as an Assistant Professor and faculty member in the Business Administration Department at the university. He earned his Ph.D. in Philosophy in Management and Business from UCSI University in Malaysia in 2024, with a specific focus on Human Resource Management.

He also holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from Al al-Bayt University in Jordan (2019) and a Bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems and Public Administration from Yarmouk University (2015). Dr. Abbas has experience in the educational sector, both at the school and university levels, since 2015, and has several published research papers in the fields of management and human resource management.

It is noteworthy that the Human Resources Department is one of the new departments announced in conjunction with the opening of registration for the current summer semester.



## Appointment of Khalid Basreeda as Head of Marketing Department



The Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, Dr. Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrami, issued a decision appointing Dr. Khalid Basreeda as the Head of the Marketing Department at the College of Economics and Business Administration, effective Thursday, April 2025 ,3.

Doctor Khalid Basreeda holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration with a specialization in "Strategic Management" from the European International University. He has been a faculty member at the College of Economics and Business Administration at the Islamic University of Minnesota since 2021. Previously, he served as the Head of the Business Administration Department for one year and four months, teaching various courses across all levels and participating in the supervision of doctoral theses and research seminars.

Dr. Basreeda has a strong research background, having worked on over 10 national strategic projects and studies aimed at identifying developmental needs and developing strategies for various topics. He has published and peer-reviewed research on topics related to the strategic positioning of organizations, the effectiveness of communication strategies, and the impact of community change theory on the success of nonprofit organizations.

Basreeda is a leader in the fields of strategy and institutional excellence, with over 25 years of experience in public, private, and nonprofit sectors. He is an expert in strategic planning, strategy implementation, strategic communication, strategic marketing, performance management, and institutional development, with a clear ability to align operational plans with long-term institutional goals.

He has contributed to the success of more than 45 strategic projects in the fields of education, social development, agriculture, industry, investment, healthcare, and tourism. He has held several leadership positions, served on various boards and committees, and has a published management novella in English.

It is noteworthy that the Marketing Department is one of three new departments opened concurrently with the announcement of the summer semester registration.



# International Academic Conference on Juridical and Legal Developments for Muslims in West



The Islamic University of Minnesota, the main center, and the Applied Sciences University of Jordan announced the organization of an international academic conference (in-person and virtual) titled "Jurisprudential, Legal, and Educational Developments for Muslims in the West: Reality - Future - Challenges - Solutions." The conference will take place in Houston, Texas, on August 1 and 2025 ,2.

In this context, the media center at the Islamic University of Minnesota issued an electronic brochure introducing the conference, which will be held under the slogan "You Have the Right to Know... Muslims Deserve the Best." The conference is sponsored by the Gold Sponsor, the Al-Hajj Nabi Mosque in America, and organized by American Knowledge Academy.

The brochure highlights the main themes of the conference, which include jurisprudential developments, laws and regulations, educational and economic challenges, and the role of social scientists. It also addresses the need to organize the conference in light of the ongoing changes faced by Muslims in Western societies.

The conference will cover several topics, including:

1. Juridical developments for Muslims in the West.
2. Laws and legislation and their impact on Muslim communities.
3. Educational challenges.
4. Economic challenges.
5. The role of social scientists.
6. Political changes and their effects.

7. Future solutions and recommendations.

Important dates for the conference include:

- Deadline for submitting research abstracts: April 2025 ,20.
- Notification of acceptance of abstracts: April 2025 ,30.
- Deadline for submitting completed papers: June 2025 ,1.
- Response to papers: June 2025 ,15.
- Deadline for submitting revised papers: July 2025 ,1.
- Date of the conference: August 2025 ,1.

Additionally, the participating entities in the conference have been announced, which include several universities and academic and religious institutions, as well as relevant government agencies.

The conference will be chaired by Professor Waleed bin Idris Al-Menieesi, President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, and Professor Haytham Abu Khdeejah, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Applied Sciences University of Jordan. Dr. Imad Ahmed Al-Khatib will oversee the management of the conference, while Dr. Zainab Basyouni will handle the general administration.

For those wishing to participate or inquire, they can contact via email, through these two links: (conf@site.ium.edu.s) (admin@americalearningacademy.com), or through the available WhatsApp numbers: (https://wa.me/5014-500(682)1+) (https://wa.me/962776498947+).

## University Activities Harvest for April 2025



The university witnessed distinguished activities during April 2025, with numerous research papers and books published by faculty members.

Dar Maraya for Printing and Publishing in Dubai released the first edition of the book "Kingdoms of the Zanj" by Dr. Ismail Hamed, Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. The book discusses the history of the Zanj people, their notable figures, and the role of Arabs in establishing their kingdoms, comprising 16 chapters across 480 pages.

Additionally, the Journal of Law at Al-Bayan University in Iraq published two papers by Associate Professor Dr. Mohammed Shaib Abdul-Maqsood, the head of the law department; the first titled "The Impact of Legal Formality on Rights Evidence," and the second "The Role of Mediation in Resolving Commercial Disputes to Attract Foreign Investments," both in Volume 4, Issue 2025) 1).

In related news, Dr. Salah Faraj and Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh participated in the international scientific symposium on "The Global Woman's Role in Strengthening Critical Thinking in the Technological Generation" held in Tetouan, Morocco. Dr. Salah presented a distinguished paper titled "The Impact of Technology on Children and the Mother's Role in Guidance and Counseling," while Dr. Fatima delivered a paper on the role of women in enhancing critical thinking.

Also published was a paper by Dr. Hani Jirjis titled "Recurring Crime: A Theoretical Analysis of Its Causes and Mitigation Mechanisms" in the Peer-reviewed Burout Journal. Dr. Abdullah Hamet published a paper titled "Renewal and Ijtihad: An Analytical Study in Light of the Objectives of Islamic Law" in the Scientific Development Journal.

In the field of media, Professor Hassan Mohammed Abdullah Al-Bayti published a paper on "Ways to Adopt a Culture of Sharing Preprints in the Arab Scientific Research Community." Meanwhile, Dar Amjad published the book "Theories of International Relations" authored by Dr. Hadi Barham and Dr. Hind Al-Jaldawi.

The Journal of Social Empowerment published a paper by Dr. Walid Al-Tuni titled "The Regulatory Framework of Internal Parliamentary Regulations and Its Impact on Legislative Performance." Additionally, Dr. Elias Al-Hani's paper titled "Ethical Philosophy in the Modern European Context" appeared in the Journal of Critique and Enlightenment.

In legal studies, the Journal of International Law and Business published a paper by Dr. Ayman Al-Halahlah on "Artificial Intelligence and Crime: Legal Frameworks for Criminal Liability." Dr. Nancy Al-Faqi also published a paper titled "Towards a Theory of Civil Liability for Users of Artificial Intelligence in Medical Procedures."



Dr. Imad Al-Khatib\_

## Launch of Documentation Service for Faculty Participation in Conferences and Seminars

Under the slogan "Through Documentation We Develop and Elevate," the Conferences and Seminars Administration at the Islamic University of Minnesota has launched a new service to document faculty members' participation in conferences and seminars. This service includes the issuance of an official document (memo) bearing the administration's seal and the signature of its director, Dr. Imad Ahmed Al-Khatib. The document is titled "Blessing and Documentation" and includes a copy of the certified participation certificate received by the faculty member from the organizing body.

Dr. Imad Al-Khatib confirmed that these documents will be uploaded to the Conferences and Seminars Management platform on the university's official website, aiming to enhance benefit and increase the university's presence on digital platforms, emphasizing the importance of rewarding every diligent effort.

Dr. Al-Khatib pointed out that any faculty member wishing to document their participation in a conference or seminar must complete two steps: request participation in the conference and obtain the participation certificate.





Dr. Abdulrazek Al-Bakri

## Meeting of College Council of Islamic Studies

كلية الدراسات الإسلامية  
الجامعة الإسلامية بهنيسوتا



Doctor Abdulrazek Al-Bakri, Dean of the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a meeting for the college council on Saturday, April 2025 ,5, at 10:00 PM Mecca time. During the meeting, the dean emphasized the importance of conducting the educational process with transparency and quality, reiterating the administration's support for academic staff.

The meeting addressed the need for supervisors to submit periodic reports to department heads and the necessity for members to adhere to the instructions sent via the college council group. The dean welcomed the college's associate dean, Dr. Ghada Al-Bahensi, and department heads, stressing the importance of effective follow-up within academic departments.

Contributions from council members included Dr. Zakarya Ibrahim, Secretary of the Department of Islamic Studies in English, confirming that matters are proceeding according to the dean's directives. Meanwhile, Dr. Taha Al-Juhari, head of the Department of Da'wah and Islamic Culture, pointed out some minor issues related to self-education in his department and called for organizing upcoming semesters to avoid repetition of courses.

Dr. Musab Nabeel, head of the Department of Hadith and Its Sciences, proposed creating a special group for master's and doctoral students to follow up on their affairs and motivate them. He also suggested organizing a workshop on how to present lectures using PowerPoint slides. In this regard, the dean noted that the university does indeed organize such workshops, and Dr. Ghada Al-Bahensi expressed her support for the first proposal.

The meeting concluded with remarks from Dr. Islam Abdulhamid, head of the Department of Qur'an and Its Sciences, who praised the swift handling of unexpected changes in the curriculum.

It is worth mentioning that this meeting coincided with the start of the summer semester, where academic arrangements necessary for a smooth educational process were discussed.



Dr. Taha Al-Jawhari

## Meeting of Graduate Students in Islamic Studies College

كلية الدراسات الإسلامية  
الجامعة الإسلامية بهنيسوتا



Doctor Taha Al-Jawhari, Head of the Department of Da'wah and Islamic Culture at the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, affirmed that the majority of students in the college come for genuine learning, which motivates faculty members to give their best. This statement was made during a meeting for graduate students held on Tuesday, April 2025 ,8, at 10 PM Mecca time, chaired by Dr. Al-Juhari on behalf of the college dean, who was unable to attend.

The meeting was dedicated to allowing students to raise their issues and suggestions as the summer semester classes commenced. Several proposals and complaints were presented during the meeting; suggestions included the need for an electronic library containing references in all specializations, establishing separate groups for female students to facilitate their participation, and ensuring that student ID cards are in both Arabic and English.

Complaints focused on the conflict between lecture times and prayer times, particularly for students in different time zones, the presence of some instructors who lack expertise in their subjects, and the lack of clarity in course plans, as well as issues related to grade recording and the non-calculation of grades for some students.

In response, Dr. Al-Jawhari confirmed that the electronic library is under construction and that efforts have already begun to upload academic theses under the supervision of some faculty members. He pointed out the difficulty of coordinating between prayer times and lectures due to time zone differences but assured that attempts are being made to address this with course instructors. He promised to refer complaints regarding the inadequacy of some instructors to the dean for performance review.

Dr. Al-Jawhari emphasized the importance of developing teaching methods beyond mere reading and committed to raising related issues to the administration. He expressed his support for the proposal to establish separate groups for female students, contingent on administrative approval.

At the end of the meeting, Dr. Al-Jawhari and the graduate students agreed on the necessity of documenting all complaints and suggestions and submitting them to the administration for necessary action, enhancing communication between students and faculty to ensure improvements in the educational process, and continuing regular meetings to monitor developments and gather feedback.



Dr. Muneer Abdulbari

## Meeting of College of Computer Science Council

كلية الحاسبات وتقنية المعلومات  
الجامعة الإسلامية بهنيسوتا



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The Council of the College of Computing and Information Technology at the Islamic University of Minnesota held a meeting chaired by the Dean of the College, Dr. Muneer Abdulbari Abdulfattah, on Thursday, April 2025 ,10, at 9:00 PM Mecca time.

The Dean opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, during which several important topics related to the educational process were discussed. The importance of reviewing the educational process and organizing the summer semester was emphasized to ensure smooth operations.

Members also discussed the need to update and develop the curricula for the various departments, focusing on graduate studies. Dr. Saleh Mas'ad Al-Riyashi, head of the Department of Management Information Systems, was tasked with making necessary adjustments to improve the college's outcomes.

Regarding practical courses, the distribution of these subjects was examined to ensure a balanced approach with theoretical aspects. The Dean requested innovative strategies to support the practical side and provide the necessary resources.

Additionally, members reviewed the challenges facing faculty members, such as the lack of specializations and the difficulty of managing course schedules. The Dean requested effective solutions to improve internal communication.

As for the second summer camp, the evaluation of the first camp and the lessons learned were discussed before proposing improvements for the second camp to enhance activities that meet students' needs.

The meeting concluded at 11:52 PM, with members reaching recommendations and proposals that include:

- 1- Holding regular departmental meetings to exchange opinions and challenges.
- 2- Enhancing coordination and course schedules through communication groups.
- 3- Allocating separate times for practical and theoretical aspects in course curricula.
- 4- Developing academic and social activities for the summer camp.
- 5- Conducting a study to evaluate the effectiveness of current curricula and suggest improvements.

Several faculty members attended the meeting, including Dr. Salah Alawi Al-Sharafi, the College's Vice Dean, Dr. Yaser Al-Malek, Head of the Computer Science Department, Dr. Hani Al-Hobi, Vice Head of the Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Department, among others.

## Dean of Faculty Affairs Welcomes New Faculty Members



عمادة شؤون أعضاء هيئة التدريس  
الجامعة الإسلامية بهنيسوتا

Doctor Nourhan Salama, Dean of Faculty Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, announced her warm welcome to a new group of faculty members who have joined various departments of the university.

In a welcoming post shared on the faculty WhatsApp group, the dean expressed her "great pride and overwhelming happiness" at the addition of these faculty members to the "distinguished academic team," expressing her hopes for achieving further successes under the university's umbrella.

The dean included the names of the new faculty members along with their academic ranks and the departments they have joined: Dr. Fatima Said Abdulghani Ismail - Assistant Professor - Disaster and Strategic Risk Management, Dr. Khalil Al-Taher Saleh Al-Darwish - Assistant Professor - Judiciary and Sharia Politics, Dr. Abeer Issa Saleh Al-Eissa - Assistant Professor - Quran and Its Sciences, Dr. Hossam Fathi Suleiman Wahba - Assistant Professor - Networks and Cybersecurity, Dr. Ibrahim Said Hasanain Zayed - Assistant Professor - Law, Dr. Mohammed Waheed Mohammed Sulaiman - Assistant Professor - Educational Technology, Mr. Hazem Said Abdullah Al-Nahas - Lecturer - Quran and Its Sciences, Dr. Doa' Mohammed Hussein - Assistant Professor - Networks and Cybersecurity, Dr. Samira Khaled Abdel Salam - Assistant Professor - Quran and Its Sciences, Dr. Sam Zahi Fahim Halfa - Assistant Professor - Law, Dr. Bilal Abdullah Ali Al-Dweiri - Assistant Professor - Family Counseling, Dr. Omar Hussein Al-Sadiq Bou Shaala - Assistant Professor - Disaster and Strategic Risk Management, Dr. Sayed Salah Majeed Sayed - Assistant Professor - Marketing, Dr. Shadi Ibrahim Hassan Shahada - Assistant Professor - Marketing, Dr. Abdullah Saleh Mohammed Sulaiman Abu Masamih - Assistant Professor - Marketing, Dr. Walaa Majdi Ismail Rizq - Associate Professor - Human Resources, Dr. Mabrouka Hussein Sulaiman Hammet - Assistant Professor - Human Resources, Dr. Manal Ibrahim Ahmed Ashri - Assistant Professor - Human Resources, Dr. Noha Naji Abdulsamad Mohammed Al-Khatib - Assistant Professor - Human Resources, and Dr. Laith Fuad Faleh - Assistant Professor - Human Resources.

This addition comes as part of the university's efforts to enhance its academic capacity and provide the best education for students.



Dr. Abdulrazek Al-Bakri

## Dean of Islamic Studies College Emphasizes Importance of Effective Supervision in Doctoral Stage



كلية الدراسات الإسلامية  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنيسوتا

Doctor Abdulrazek Al-Bakri, Dean of the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, affirmed that the doctoral stage represents the beginning of the journey in the field of scientific research, not its end as is commonly believed. He explained that awarding a student a doctoral degree does not mean they have become a fully independent researcher; rather, it indicates that the department has approved the student as a researcher taking their first steps in a long research journey.

These statements were made during a meeting with faculty members on Sunday, April ,6 2025, where academic arrangements for the summer semester were discussed. Dr. Al-Bakri emphasized the necessity of assisting students at this stage, noting that the academic supervisor should have a real impact on the student's work, warning against mere nominal supervision.

He highlighted the importance of integrity in supervision, stressing that supervisors must leave a clear mark on the student's work, whether they are compensated for it or not. He cited the example of a student he supervised in the field of "readings and methods from the Maghreb and Mashriq," illustrating how his careful guidance led to significant improvements in her performance.

Additionally, the dean addressed the issue of integrity in scientific discussions, pointing out that some supervisors receive payment for their participation without making a genuine scientific contribution, which contradicts academic integrity. He emphasized the importance

of recording observations during discussions to enhance academic knowledge.

In conclusion, Dr. Al-Bakri called for a commitment to their scholarly responsibilities, stating he spoke from a place of advice. He allowed for a discussion among faculty members before concluding with important recommendations, which included emphasizing the importance of diligent follow-up with students, enhancing academic integrity, and improving the quality of scientific supervision.

The recommendations included:

- 1 - Affirming that the doctoral stage is the beginning of scientific research.
- 2 - The necessity for academic supervisors to fully assume their responsibilities toward students.
- 3 - Requiring supervisors to leave a clear mark on the student's work.
- 4 - Regular and serious follow-up with students, especially in their early stages.
- 5 - Enhancing academic integrity in supervision and discussions.
- 6 - Encouraging faculty to take notes and benefit from academic meetings.
- 7 - Holding regular meetings to discuss the development of scientific supervision.
- 8 - Committing to lecture schedules and presenting lectures in an outstanding manner.
- 9 - Promptly assigning tasks to students from the first week and monitoring them.
- 10 - Quickly recording assignment grades continuously.



Dr. Khalid Al-Shahawi

## Meeting of English Language Department

Under the sponsorship of Dean Dr. Ismail Hamed, Dr. Khalid Al-Qutub Al-Shahawi, Head of the Department of English Language and Literature at the College of Arts and Humanities at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a meeting with faculty members on Sunday, Shawwal 1444 ,8 AH, corresponding to April 2025 ,6, at 10:00 PM Mecca time.

The meeting, coinciding with the start of the summer semester, was dedicated to discussing arrangements for this semester after welcoming new faculty members. The attendees addressed course descriptions and faculty suggestions regarding these descriptions, emphasizing the importance of covering course requirements. It was noted that students who have not studied "Composition 1" and "Composition 2" cannot be accepted in the "Composition 3" teaching group. The necessity of conducting a "Placement Test" for students before joining the English department was also discussed.

Furthermore, the meeting highlighted the need to assign courses based on the specializations of faculty members, along with proposed strategies for professional development. The importance of using university email by faculty members was emphasized, as well as encouraging them to publish research in accredited journals under the university's name. Additionally, the need to complete assigned tasks for students early due to the short duration of the summer semester was stressed.

Attendees included Dr. Abdulrahman Abu Al-Majd, Dr. Ibrahim Salem, Dr. Nour Saad, Dr. Siddeeq Ahmed, and Dr. Suad Qasar, reflecting the department's commitment to enhancing the educational process and improving academic performance.



Dr. Anas Nawafleh

## Meeting of Faculty Members of Educational Psychology Department

كلية العلوم التربوية  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنيسوتا



Doctor Anas Nawafleh, Chair of the Department of Educational Psychology at the College of Educational Sciences at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a meeting for the faculty members of the department on Saturday, April 2025 ,12.

The meeting addressed several important topics listed on the agenda, including monitoring the educational process with the start of the summer semester, presenting educational material using various technological tools, and how to prepare tests and assignments, in addition to curricula and descriptions.

The meeting was opened by Dr. Nourhan Salama, the administrative affairs officer of the college, who welcomed the attendees. Dr. Nawafleh then detailed each topic of the meeting's plan. In this context, he assigned his deputy, Dr. Ali Dawahdeh, Chair of the Curriculum and Testing Committee, to oversee the topics of tests and curricula and follow up on their submission.

The floor was opened for participation from faculty members, with Dr. Hafiz Lasfar, Dr. Fadia, and Dr. Kamal Al-Dhamour sharing their opinions. The chair, his deputy, and the administrative affairs officer responded to the inquiries and suggestions raised. The meeting was attended by the deputy chair, Dr. Ali Dawahdeh, the administrative affairs officer, Dr. Nourhan Salama, and several faculty members including Dr. Kamal Al-Dhamour, Dr. Hafiz Lasfar, Dr. Fadia Rizq, Dr. Omar Al-Laboun, Dr. Salma Shaaban, Dr. Abeer Ismail, and Dr. Alia Mustafa, reflecting a positive interaction in enhancing the educational process within the department.

## Meeting of Head of Arabic Department with Faculty Members



كلية الآداب والعلوم الإنسانية  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنيسوتا



Dr. Osama Awf

Doctor Osama Abdulrahman Awf, Head of the Arabic Department in the College of Arts and Humanities at the Islamic University of Minnesota, met with faculty members assigned to teach in the summer semester on Saturday, April 2025 ,5.

In a written statement shared on the department heads' WhatsApp group, Dr. Osama explained that the primary purpose of the meeting was to familiarize the faculty with the nature of the summer semester system, which differs from the first and second semesters, and to clarify any details related to the system that required explanation.

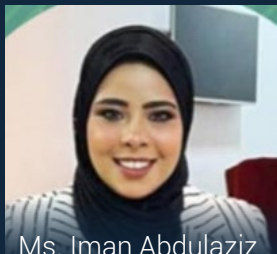
It is noteworthy that the meeting coincided with the first day of the educational process in the summer semester, which began on April 2025 ,5, and will last for a month and a half.



## Educational Affairs Unit Hosts Ceremony to Honor Ideal Secretaries



عمادة الشؤون الأكاديمية والتعليمية  
جامعة الإسكندرية بنيسوانا



Ms. Iman Abdulaziz



Mr. Sulaiman Maqbool



Dr. Jumana Al-Kharashi



Dr. Osama Abdulrahman



Dr. Zainb Basyouni



Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami

The Educational Affairs Unit of the Academic Affairs and Educational Administration at Minnesota Islamic University held a ceremony on Saturday, March 2025 ,15, to honor those awarded the title of "Ideal Secretary" from the various departmental secretaries, via a general WhatsApp group for the secretaries.

The ceremony commenced at 10 PM Mecca time, with an opening speech by program host Ms. Iman Abdulaziz, followed by an introductory address by Ms. Dhuha Al-Malqi. This was followed by a recitation from the Quran by student Muhi Al-Din. The event's patron, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, the university's vice president and head of the main center, then delivered a speech expressing his gratitude to all the secretaries for their efforts, describing them as the lifeblood of the educational process. He emphasized the significant responsibilities they carry and expressed confidence in their ability to meet these challenges, concluding his remarks by thanking the Educational Affairs Unit and wishing all secretaries well.

**In his speech**, the vice president expressed heartfelt thanks to the loyal secretaries, stating, "With your high dedication and unwavering determination, you present wonderful examples of how to uphold and carry duties. May God bless you and make you a beacon of knowledge and a guide to goodness."

**Dr. Zainab Basyouni**, Deputy Dean of the university, then addressed the secretaries with pride and appreciation, praising their dedication and commitment to their roles. She also thanked the vice president and the

Academic Affairs and Educational Administration.

**Dr. Osama Abdulrahman**, Dean of Academic Affairs, emphasized in his remarks the importance of honoring the ideal secretaries, commending their performance, which contributed to achieving a lecture attendance rate exceeding %99 in the second semester.

The ceremony also featured a video produced by the media center that included distinguished praise for the secretaries, followed by the presentation of certificates of honor to the ideal secretaries, with one secretary from each college receiving the title.

**Afterward, Mr. Sulaiman Maqbool**, Director of Undergraduate Student Affairs, addressed all the secretaries, thanking them for their efforts and describing them as the backbone of the educational system. Ms. Oaima Adel, Director of Graduate Student Affairs, also spoke, highlighting the spirit of cooperation and determination embodied by the secretaries.

**Dr. Jumana Al-Kharashi**, Director of the Educational Affairs Unit, concluded the speeches by praising the secretaries as guides for students throughout their educational journey.

At the end of the event, certificates of appreciation were awarded to several officials and college secretaries, along with recognition for those awarded the title of "Ideal Secretary" from various departments.

The celebration lasted nearly three hours, ending just five minutes before 1 AM Mecca time.

### Announcement of Spanish Language Course Level A1



Ali El-Shboul

The Latin American Studies Center, in collaboration with the Language and Translation Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota, USA, has announced the launch of a Spanish language course for Level A1.

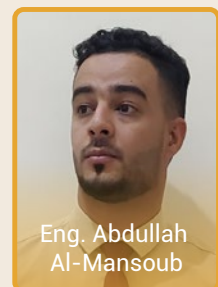
This course aims to empower participants with the basics of the Spanish language and develop initial communication skills, enhancing their academic and research capabilities.

Dr. Ali El-Shboul, the head of the Latin American Studies Center and the Language and Translation Center, will deliver 15 lectures throughout the course. The first lecture is scheduled for Sunday, April 2025 ,27.

Lectures will be held twice a week, with Dr. El-Shboul presenting one lecture on Sunday and another on Thursday, starting at 2:00 PM Minnesota time.

The announcement also specifies a nominal fee for the course of 20\$ for university members and 50\$ for others, with participants receiving certified certificates from the university.

### Media Center Prepares for New Semester



Eng. Abdullah  
Al-Mansoub

Engineer Abdullah Al-Mansoub, Director of the Media Center, announced that the center is undertaking numerous important tasks before the start of each academic term, including the preparation of various media materials that are essential for a university striving for leadership in the field of distance education.

Engineer Al-Mansoub pointed out that the center is responsible for designing all official templates for daily and weekly class schedules, in addition to a large number of course profiles, which can exceed 400 profiles for each semester. Each profile includes the course name, room number, class time, and instructor's name, with a design that reflects the content of the course, as each course, department, and college has a specific format.

He also added that the Media Center has introduced new designs that enable instructors to add their academic content and explanations, making them ready for presentation via Zoom as slides on PowerPoint during lectures. After the lecture, these materials are uploaded to the academic system portal, along with the video recording provided by the Educational Rooms Unit, allowing students to access them at any time.

Engineer Al-Mansoub emphasized that the center prepares all administrative structures and communication guides for colleges and departments, in addition to designing welcome cards and templates for students and instructors, along with the necessary instructions in various artistic designs. These efforts accompany the educational process until the end of the semester.

He concluded by noting that what has been mentioned is just a sample of the tasks undertaken by the center, as there are many non-standard requests that are completed before the start of the educational process.



# Graduate Studies Releases Second Issue of Graduate Studies Journal



The Graduate Studies and Research Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota, main center, has released the second issue of the Graduate Studies Journal for March 2025.

The issue features an editorial by the Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Yasmeen Abu Shabana, in both Arabic and English, where she emphasized that the university prioritizes students of knowledge, providing them with a flexible learning environment that fosters their passion for knowledge and learning.

The journal also includes a message from the Director of the Research Unit, Dr. Yusra Salama, who discussed the importance of scientific research as a divine trust that encourages researchers to explore the signs of God in both the universe and within themselves, citing the verse from Surah Adh-Dhariyat. She highlighted the role of Muslim scholars as pioneers in various fields, stressing the need to connect science with human values

and ethics.

The issue contains a section focused on the essential information for scientific discussions regarding master's and doctoral theses, along with summaries for each thesis, as well as a separate section for seminar sessions.

Additionally, the issue features a collection of scholarly articles, including one titled "Scientific Research in the Islamic Perspective: Between Knowledge Pursuit and Piety," along with other articles addressing topics such as "The History of Prophetic Medicine," "Ramadan and Islamic Sciences: Integrating Spirituality and Reason," and "Aspects of Egyptian Social Life Through the Writings of Al-Jabarti."

Through this, the journal continues to provide academic insights that enhance the status of the Islamic University of Minnesota in the fields of graduate studies and scientific research.

## Scientific Committee Awards PhD to Researcher Muneer Abdulbari

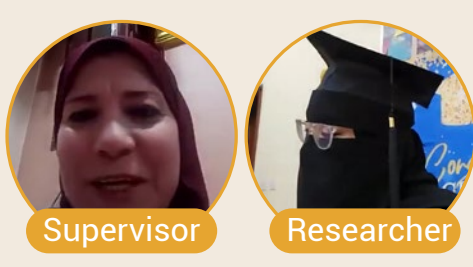


A scientific committee from the Department of Networks and Cybersecurity has awarded a PhD to Yemeni researcher Muneer Abdulbari Abdul-Fattah Abdu, following a public defense session held on Tuesday, March 2025 ,25, at 11:00 PM Mecca time.

The session discussed his thesis titled "Protecting Information Systems Networks from Cyber Attacks: An Applied Study Using OPNET," under the supervision of the Deanship of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research at the main campus of the Islamic University of Minnesota, College of Computer Science and Information Technology.

The discussion committee was composed of Dr. Salah Alawi Al-Sharafi, Head of the Department of Networks and Cybersecurity at the Islamic University of Minnesota, who served as the chair and rapporteur; Dr. Saleh Al-Riyashi, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the internal examiner; and Dr. Yaser Al-Malek, also a faculty member at the university, as the external examiner.

## Awarding Doctorate to Researcher Amal Mustafa Ali



An academic committee from the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Fundamentals at the College of Sharia and Law has decided to award a doctorate to researcher Amal Mahmoud Mustafa Ali, following a public defense session organized by the Graduate Studies and Scientific Research Deanship at the main campus of the Islamic University in Minnesota.

The session took place on Thursday, 5 Shawwal 1446 AH, corresponding to April 2025 ,3, at 8 PM Mecca time. The committee consisted of Prof. Hana Abdulrashid Mohammed Badawi, a faculty member at the Islamic University in Minnesota, who served as the supervisor and rapporteur, along with Prof. Ziyad Ahmed Al-Hajj, Head of the Department of Readings at the University of Jinan in Lebanon, who acted as an external examiner, and Dr. Ahmed Ma'bed Issa, a faculty member at the Islamic University in Minnesota, who served as an internal examiner.

## Graduation Ceremony for Master's Graduating Class



The Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, held an in-person graduation ceremony for a group of master's graduates on Monday, Ramadan 1446 ,17 AH, corresponding to March 2025 ,17, in Kuwait City. The ceremony was attended by the Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Awaf, and Dr. Abu Bakr Al-Sayed Mahmoud Abdullah Al-Kurdi, a professor of Tafsir and Quranic Sciences at the university.

The ceremony featured various segments, including a speech by Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Awaf, who congratulated the graduates on behalf of the university administration, expressing pride in their achievements. Dr. Zainab Basyouni, the Deputy Vice President of the university, also

expressed her gratitude in a post on the faculty WhatsApp group to Dr. Osama and Dr. Abu Bakr for their distinguished presence and active participation in the graduation ceremony.

Additionally, the university administration coordinated with the relevant authorities in Kuwait to select a suitable venue for the event and facilitate the necessary arrangements.

It is noteworthy that the number of graduates celebrated at the ceremony was 28 students from the Colleges of Educational Sciences, Islamic Studies, and Arts and Humanities.





Ibrahim

## Approval of Research Plan on Modern Trends in Internal Auditing

A scientific committee from the Accounting Department, headed by Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Shahab Al-Din, has approved a research plan prepared by researcher Ibrahim Mahmoud Ibrahim. The study is titled "Modern Trends in Internal Auditing and Their Role in Evaluating Operational Performance of Internal Audit Departments in Government Units: A Case Study of the Sudanese Customs Forces (2024-2014)."

The approval of the plan came after a seminar session held on Wednesday, April ,9 2025, at 10 PM Mecca time, under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota. The discussion committee, in addition to its chair, included Dr. Khalaf Abu Shaqra and Dr. Abdulrahman Ahmed Rateb.

This step is part of the researcher's pursuit of a Ph.D. degree from the College of Economics and Business Administration.

## Scientific Committee Approves Research Plan for Thuwaiba Al-Turaifi



A scientific committee chaired by Dr. Hiba Tawfiq Abu Iyadah, Head of the Educational Administration Department, has approved the research plan prepared by researcher Thuwaiba Abdullah Al-Turaifi for her study titled "Proposed Concept for Improving Job Performance in Private Secondary Schools in Jeddah in Light of Digital Leadership," as part of her pursuit of a PhD in Educational Administration.

The approval of the plan came following a seminar session held on Wednesday, March 2024 ,26, at 4:30 PM Mecca time, during which the committee discussed the plan under the supervision of the Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, main center - College of Educational Sciences.

The discussion committee consisted, in addition to its chair, of Dr. Lamyaa Al-Khalayleh and Dr. Tahani Benat as members.

## Approval of Research Plan to Study Role of Prophetic Sunnah in Resolving Social Conflicts



A scientific committee from the Department of Prophetic Sunnah and Its Sciences, under the supervision of the Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a seminar session on Monday, April 2025 ,14, at 10:00 PM Mecca time.

During this session, the research plan prepared by Saudi PhD student in the College of Islamic Studies, researcher Hassan Ali Shar, was approved. The plan aims to study the role of the Prophetic Sunnah in resolving social conflicts and its impact on our contemporary reality.

The discussion committee was chaired by Dr. Musab Nabil, Head of the Department of Prophetic Sunnah and Its Sciences, and included members Dr. Samir Zakaria and Dr. Hajar Akour.

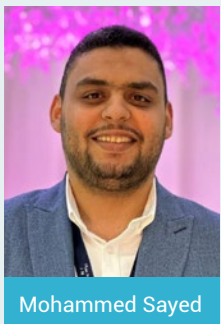
## Approval of Research Plan to Study Academic Achievement of Physically Disabled Students



A scientific committee has approved a research plan submitted by Hanan Hamid Mohammed Said Al-Sobhi, a doctoral student in the Family Counseling Department, to conduct a survey study on the elementary education stage to assess the academic achievement of physically disabled students in the city of Jeddah.

The plan was approved on Thursday, March 2025 ,6, following a seminar session held at 10 PM Mecca time, under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, College of Educational Sciences.

The discussion committee that approved the plan consisted of Dr. Mohammed Shtayat, Head of the Family Counseling Department, as Chair, Dr. Ahmad Al-Zawahra, as a member, and Dr. Farhan Lafi Al-Nuwairan, as a member.



Mohammed Sayed

## Approval of Research Plan on Role of Islamic Sukuk in Economic Development

A scientific committee from the Department of Islamic Economics and Banking, chaired by Dr. Hiyam Al-Zoubi, Head of the Department, has approved the research plan prepared by Egyptian researcher Mohamed Sayed Darwish Hussein. The study aims to conduct an analysis of "Role of Islamic Sukuk in Achieving Economic Development in Egypt," as part of his efforts to obtain a PhD from the College of Economics and Business Administration.

The committee held a seminar session to discuss the plan on Monday, March 2025 ,24, at 4:30 PM Mecca time, under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota, main center.

In addition to the chair, the committee included Dr. Saad Al-Din Khaled and Dr. Yaseen Ramadan as members.

## Approval of Research Plan to Study Impact of Strategic Planning on Cultural Events



A committee from the Department of Business Administration, chaired by Dr. Mohammed Younis, held a seminar session on Monday, March 2025 ,10, at 10:00 PM Mecca time. During this session, the research plan prepared by researcher Mariam Abdulrahman Bajeba' was approved, aiming to conduct an applied study on a project between two cultures in Riyadh.

This study seeks to explore the impact of strategic planning on cultural events and their role in promoting sustainable development in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This research is part of the researcher's efforts to obtain a Ph.D. from the College of Economics and Business Administration.

The discussion committee included Dr. Mohammed Younis as the chair, alongside Dr. Mohammed Fathi and Dr. Manal Mohammed Mahmoud as members.

## Scientific Committee Approves Research Plan for Haya Al-Aklabi



A scientific committee has approved the research plan prepared by researcher Haya Farzan Ali Al-Aklabi for her study titled "Proposed Guide for Developing Artificial Intelligence Skills among General Education School Principals in Bisha Governorate Based on the Six Sigma Strategy," as part of her pursuit of a PhD in Educational Administration.

This decision was made during a seminar session held on Wednesday, March ,26 2024, at 4:30 PM Mecca time, under the supervision of the Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, main center - College of Educational Sciences.

The discussion committee consisted of Dr. Hiba Tawfiq Abu Iyadah, Head of the Educational Administration Department, who chaired the committee; Dr. Abdulsalam Al-Hatamleh; and Dr. Najla Saleh Mohammed as committee members.

## Arrangements by Educational Rooms and Registrations Unit for Summer Semester 2025



وحدة التسجيلات والغرف الصوتية  
الجامعة الإسلامية بمينسوتا



Engineer Mohammed Abduljawad, Director of the Educational Rooms and Registrations Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota, outlined the preparations made by his unit in response to an inquiry from the News Department regarding the upcoming summer semester for the academic year 1446/2025.

Engineer Abduljawad confirmed that the unit's team worked on preparing the academic schedules using Google tools. Initial schedules were sent to department heads via Google Sheets, with a dedicated sheet for each college, allowing modifications only by department heads. Additionally, schedules were shared through Google Drive, with links prepared for review and approval, consolidating departments and stages into a single PDF file for easier review.

After the schedules were approved, the team set up Zoom links for each course, providing a continuous link for the entire summer semester. The schedules were then divided and sent to the academic secretaries for matching with the provided links, facilitating easy distribution to students in various formats such as images and PDFs.

Engineer Abduljawad revealed that the total number of weekly lectures reached 149, with 32 on Saturday, 25 on Sunday, 31 on Monday, 24 on Tuesday, 21 on Wednesday, and 16 on Thursday.

He also mentioned the establishment of a WhatsApp community to consolidate work groups related to the unit's functions, including requests for compensatory lectures and issues faced by secretaries.

Regarding the new portal, the engineer stated that all courses, along with their instructors and Zoom links, were added as soon as the portal was operational.

In terms of innovations, Abduljawad pointed out that they are testing the addition of video and audio for each lecture within the portal, emphasizing the unit's ongoing efforts to enhance and facilitate the educational process.

In conclusion, the Director of the Educational Rooms Unit stressed the team's commitment to being responsible and possessing the administrative and technical capability to resolve any issues affecting the educational process for all parties involved.

## Jumana Al-Khurashi Outlines Summer Semester Arrangements



عمادة الشؤون الأكاديمية والتعليمية  
الجامعة الإسلامية بمينسوتا



Dr. Jumana Al-Khurashi

Doctor Jumana Al-Khurashi, Director of Educational Affairs at the Academic Affairs Deanship of the Islamic University of Minnesota, confirmed that the unit has implemented precise measures to prepare for the summer semester based on student data and course offerings. She noted that there are six common courses for undergraduate students, with over a thousand students enrolled in three courses at the first level across 24 departments, and three courses at the second level in 18 departments.

Dr. Al-Khurashi added that non-common courses have been organized for students from three departments: Islamic Studies in English, Arabic Language, and English Language. Additionally, the courses for graduate studies have been organized, including the new doctoral programs launched this semester.

She highlighted the creation of general groups for common courses that include students from all departments, as well as specific groups for graduate studies. The arrangements included adding students and faculty to their respective study groups, standardizing the descriptions of these groups across the university, and publishing schedules and announcements for lectures.

Dr. Al-Khurashi mentioned that the unit began preparations for the summer semester on the 15th of Ramadan by holding meetings with the Audio Rooms Unit to discuss common courses, in addition to continuous collaboration with the Student Affairs and Administrative Affairs units.

She emphasized the importance of communication with the Technical Support Unit to provide necessary data, ensuring a smooth educational process. The Educational Affairs Unit team comprises college deans, department heads, and their assistants, each playing a crucial role in organizing academic work.

## Student Affairs Procedures Before Start of Academic Semester



عمادة شؤون الطلاب  
الجامعة الإسلامية بمينسوتا



Mr. Sulaiman Maqbool



Ms. Omaima Adel

In response to an inquiry from the News Department regarding the procedures followed in the Student Affairs Administration before each semester, both Mr. Sulaiman Maqbool, Director of the Undergraduate Students Unit, and Ms. Omaima Adel, Director of the Graduate Students Unit, outlined several important steps.

The procedures begin with sorting the levels of returning students, followed by welcoming new students. Both groups are then added to their respective study groups, and necessary instructions are distributed. Additionally, students needing course equivalencies and graduating students are identified, and the arrival of schedules and curricula for all students is monitored.

The directors confirmed that the Student Affairs Units work on finalizing schedules on the electronic portal and diligently tracking the transfer of student data, in collaboration with the technical support units for both undergraduate and graduate levels, which fall under the Information Technology Deanship. Copies of student data are also sent to each college and to the administrative unit for faculty members before publishing student lists for department heads.

The units also announce the opening of deferral and transfer options for those interested, coordinating all necessary procedures with relevant administrative units. They publish specific lists detailing the levels of each department and distribute copies to the audio rooms and the Educational Affairs Unit.

Typically, the two units collaborate with the Guidance and Counseling Unit in the Deanship to organize a general meeting for all students, where necessary information is clarified and inquiries are addressed.

Additionally, the News Department received a preliminary statistic indicating that the number of undergraduate students enrolled for the summer semester has reached 1,309, while there are 562 graduate students, including 416 in master's programs and 146 in doctoral programs. Thus, the total number of students for the summer semester stands at 1,871.

## Administrative Affairs Director Reveals Unit Responsibilities

عمادة شؤون أعضاء هيئة التدريس

الجامعة الإسلامية بمينسوتا



Ms. Maha Mohammed Abdu, Director of the Administrative Affairs Unit for the colleges under the Deanship of Faculty Members at the Islamic University of Minnesota, confirmed that her unit plays a vital role before each semester and during the educational process. This came in response to a question from the news editorial team regarding the unit's responsibilities.

Maha explained that the college administration, represented by the administrative affairs officer, monitors the workflow within the college and its staff in coordination with the Dean and department heads. The unit also connects the college with relevant administrative units and works to resolve any issues promptly, making it the backbone of the college.

She added that the unit's responsibilities include conveying links for distributing materials and schedules from department heads to the audio room, followed by publishing the schedules for faculty members. The unit also handles curricula and course descriptions and assists department heads in uploading course descriptions to Google Drive.

Furthermore, Ms. Maha stated that the administration publishes the academic calendar and reminds faculty members of study dates. It also follows up with the college and department secretary to ensure that faculty members are added to course and self-learning groups, encouraging them to arrive before lectures and maintain high-quality presentations of the material.

She continued, "We also need to monitor assignments given to students during the first lectures to ensure they can prepare and submit them on time. If the college secretary is occupied, the administrative affairs unit intervenes to assist the faculty member in any needs."

The director concluded her remarks by saying, "We strive to preserve and archive all faculty data, publish guiding files for them, welcome them into the college, and provide them with everything they need to facilitate the educational process in the best way possible."





## Appointment of Maha Mohammed as Director of Administrative Affairs Unit for Colleges



عمادة شؤون أعضاء هيئة التدريس  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

The administration of the Islamic University of Minnesota, represented by Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, Vice President and Head of the Main Center, issued a decision appointing Ms. Maha Mohammed Abdu as Director of the Administrative Affairs Unit for Colleges under the Deanship of Faculty Affairs. This decision was made on Wednesday, March 2025 ,12, as part of efforts to enhance the university's administrative structure and improve academic operations.

In a related context, Dr. Norhan Salama, Dean of Faculty Affairs, held a periodic meeting with the team of the Administrative Affairs Unit affiliated with the Deanship, coinciding with the announcement of Ms. Maha Mohammed Abdu's appointment. The meeting aimed to follow up on Ms. Maha's training with the unit's team, review workflow within the colleges, and prepare for the upcoming summer semester.

The meeting included a detailed explanation of the duties of the unit director, such as how to interact with other units, manage administrative affairs, and prepare monthly reports. Dr. Norhan also listened to the administrative affairs officers from various colleges, discussed the current

administrative situation with them, addressed their inquiries, and provided guidance to ensure smooth operations.

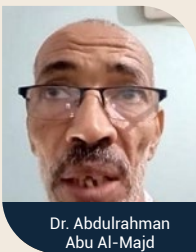
Attendees of the meeting included: Ms. Maha Mohammed Abdu, Director of the Administrative Affairs Unit for Colleges; Ms. Anisa Al-Zekri, Administrative Affairs Officer at the College of Islamic Studies; Ms. Hanadi Abdullah, Administrative Affairs Officer at the College of Computing and Information Technology; Ms. Khadija Radman, Administrative Affairs Officer at the College of Development Studies; Dr. Badeea Abdulqader, Administrative Affairs Officer at the College of Media; Ms. Samira Al-Saghir, Administrative Affairs Officer at the College of Arts and Humanities; and Ms. Mariam Mohammed Abdulrahman, Administrative Affairs Officer at the College of Sharia and Law.

This appointment and meeting are part of the university's preparations for the start of the summer semester and its efforts to enhance administrative efficiency to achieve its academic and organizational goals.

### Scientific Workshop on Research Preparation



Dr. Fatima Jumaa

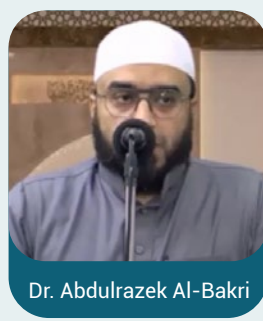


Dr. Abdulrahman  
Abu Al-Majd

The Quality and Development Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota, in coordination with the Student Affairs Deanship, held a scientific workshop titled "Research Preparation," presented by Professor Abdulrahman Abu Al-Majd, a faculty member at the university.

The workshop was managed by Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, the Director of Quality and Development, and took place on Saturday, April 2025 ,12, lasting two hours from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Mecca time.

These training workshops typically target a segment of graduate students at the beginning of each new semester, contributing to the enhancement of their research skills and the development of their academic capabilities.



Dr. Abdulrazek Al-Bakri

### Training Center Organizes Interactive Lecture on Fiqh of Fasting

The Training and Development Center, in collaboration with the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, USA, held an interactive lecture titled "Introduction to Fiqh of Fasting," delivered by Dr. Abdulrazzaq Al-Bakri, Dean of the College of Islamic Studies.

The lecture, managed by Engineer Al-Mu'tasem Faez, took place on Sunday, March ,9 2025, and lasted for two hours from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Mecca time.

Participants were awarded accredited certificates from the university, which were distributed through the center's platform on the official university website via a link shared at the end of the lecture.



Mr. Sulaiman  
Maqbool

## Expansive Orientation Meeting for New Students

Under the patronage of Dr. Zainab Ali Basyouni, Deputy Vice President for Student Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, the Deanship of Student Affairs held an extensive orientation and guidance meeting for new students on Thursday, March 2025 ,13. The meeting aimed to prepare students for the upcoming summer semester and provide them with a clear understanding of the educational process.

The event featured representatives from the three units of the Deanship: the Guidance and Counseling Unit, the Undergraduate Student Affairs Unit, and the Graduate Student Affairs Unit. The meeting began with a brief welcoming speech by Dr. Zainab Basyouni, who greeted the new students and emphasized the importance of this session in guiding them toward a successful academic journey.

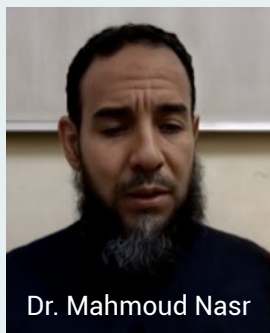
This was followed by an orientation lecture delivered by Mr. Sulaiman Maqbool, Director of Undergraduate Student Affairs, who provided a detailed explanation of everything related to students' academic life, from the registration process to receiving graduation documents. He also addressed the

challenges students might face during their studies, reassuring them about their academic and administrative rights, especially in the context of distance learning.

For her part, Ms. Omaima Adel, Director of the Graduate Student Affairs Unit, delivered a speech highlighting the commonalities between undergraduate and graduate students while focusing on the procedures and regulations specific to graduate students. She expressed her readiness, along with Mr. Sulaiman, to answer any questions raised by the students.

The students actively engaged with the session, asking numerous questions and inquiries, which were answered with precision and clarity by Mr. Sulaiman and Dr. Zainab. Some questions were referred to Ms. Omaima Adel or other relevant departments.

This meeting is part of the ongoing preparations for the start of the summer semester, scheduled to begin on April 2025 ,5, according to the university's academic calendar. It aims to enhance students' understanding of academic regulations and ensure a successful start to their educational journey.



Dr. Mahmoud Nasr

### Training Center Organizes Lecture on Repentance and Seeking Forgiveness



مركز التدريب والتطوير  
والبرامج المجتمعية

كلية الدراسات الإسلامية  
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا



The Training and Development Center, in collaboration with the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, USA, held an interactive lecture titled "Repentance, Seeking Forgiveness, and the Virtues of Good Deeds," delivered by Dr. Mahmoud Ahmed Nasr, Assistant Professor of Creed and Contemporary Schools of Thought.

The lecture, managed by Engineer Al-Mu'tasem Faez, took place on Tuesday, March ,11 2025, and lasted from 10:00 PM to 11:00 PM Mecca time.

It is worth noting that the center's administration usually uploads recordings of its activities to the center's platform on the official university website.



Dr. Hajar Al-Akkour

### Training Center Organizes Lecture on Financial Planning in Ramadan



Al-Mu'tasem Faez

The Training and Development Center, in collaboration with the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, USA, held a lecture titled "Financial Planning in Ramadan," delivered by Dr. Hajar Al-Akkour, a faculty member at the college. The lecture was managed by Engineer Al-Mu'tasem Faez, the center's director.

This lecture is part of the university's Ramadan program and lasted for two hours, from 10:00 PM to 12:00 AM on Sunday, March 2025 ,16, Mecca time.

## E-Learning in Saudi Arabia: New Regulations Enhance Quality and Trust



**Dr. Mohammed Shaib Abdul-Maqsood**

Head of the Law Department and  
Director of Legal Affairs at the University

The Saudi regulator issued the National Center for E-Learning organization in 1439 AH, aiming to ensure the quality of e-learning in the Kingdom. The National Center for E-Learning proposed the E-Learning Regulations on the Istital platform, available until January 2024 ,11.

The regulations seek to organize e-learning and training activities in Saudi Arabia, enhancing trust and achieving the desired quality. In 1446 AH, a new version of the regulations was issued and approved, representing a qualitative leap in e-learning in alignment with Saudi Vision 2030.

Article four of the regulations stipulates that all governmental, private, non-profit entities, and global organizations engaging in e-learning and training activities in Saudi Arabia are subject to these regulations.

Article five clarifies that forms of e-learning include:

- E-Learning: Utilizing educational, training, information, and communication technologies to improve the quality of the learning process.
- Blended Learning: Combining traditional education with distance learning within accredited learning hours.
- Technology-Enhanced Learning: Employing various technologies to support the educational process.
- Distance Learning: Using electronic means and technologies in education, allowing for separation between the teacher and learner.

The National Center for E-Learning is the competent authority responsible for issuing regulations, policies, and standards governing e-learning and training activities.

The regulations apply to e-learning and training programs, incorporating the statutory provisions applicable to traditional education, consistent with the nature, specifications, and standards of e-learning.

The regulations require educational and training entities to obtain necessary licenses from the center before commencing any educational activities, prohibiting individuals from providing e-learning services for a fee unless through licensed entities.

This new organization aims to encourage universities and training centers to obtain the necessary licenses and accreditation for their educational programs, thereby enhancing the credibility of certificates issued through e-learning and equating them with those from in-person education.



**Sheikh Al-Huwaini**

The Islamic University of Minnesota, the main center, has mourned the passing of the renowned scholar and hadith expert Sheikh Abu Ishaq Al-Huwaini, who passed away on Monday, the 17th of Ramadan 1446 AH, corresponding to March 2025 ,17. The university prays that Allah grants him vast mercy and dwells him in Paradise.

In the official statement of condolence issued by the university, it stated: "The loss of scholars is a gap in Islam, but our hope in Allah is that He will provide the Ummah with individuals who carry the banner of knowledge and uplift it."

In addition to the official condolence, the Vice President of the university and the head of the main center, Dr. Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrami, expressed his sadness over the loss of Sheikh Abu Ishaq Al-Huwaini in a post on his personal Facebook page. Similarly, the university president, Professor Walid bin Idris Al-Meneesi, shared a certificate he had written about the late scholar, which was issued on Tuesday, the 15th of Dhul-Hijjah 1436 AH, corresponding to September ,29 2015, and published in the book "Heritage of Loyalty: Words, Testimonies, and Research Dedicated to Sheikh Abu Ishaq

Al-Huwaini."

The certificate praises the sheikh's prominence, stating: "When you see him, you see in his face the radiance that the Prophet prayed for the people of hadith. When you hear him, your soul is motivated toward righteous deeds." Dr. Al-Meneesi also highlighted the love people had for the sheikh and his positive impact on their hearts.

It is noteworthy that the book "Heritage of Loyalty" was published by Dar Ibn Al-Jawzi in Dammam and sheds light on various aspects of Sheikh Abu Ishaq al-Huwaini's life. The book includes a brief biography, testimonies from scholars, poetry, and valuable research about his knowledge and contributions to the field of hadith.

The late scholar, Abu Ishaq Hegazy bin Mohammed bin Youssef bin Sharif Al-Huwaini, was born in the village of Huwain in Kafr El-Sheikh Governorate in 1956. He was distinguished by his scholarly achievements, having authored numerous books in the science of hadith, in addition to his well-known da'wah efforts through Friday sermons and television programs.

## Islamic University of Minnesota Mourns Passing of Dr. El-Mahrasawi



**Dr. El-Mahrasawi**

The Islamic University of Minnesota, represented by Dr. Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrami, Vice President and Head of the Main Center, along with all university staff, extends its condolences to the Islamic community in general and to scholars and students of knowledge in particular on the passing of Dr. Mohammed El-Mahrasawi, former President of Al-Azhar University and former Dean of the Faculty of Arabic Language. He passed away on Thursday, Ramadan 1446 ,27 AH, corresponding to March 2025 ,27, at the age of sixty-four.

The obituary stated: "Today, the Islamic community lost one of its great scholars and a prominent figure in the fields of Arabic and Islamic studies. He dedicated his life to serving knowledge and its students, contributing his expertise and intellect to the advancement of academic institutions, particularly within the esteemed halls of Al-Azhar University. We ask Allah to envelop him in His vast mercy, grant him a place in His paradise, and inspire his family, students, and loved ones with patience and solace. Indeed, we belong to Allah and to Him we shall return."

Dr. Mohammed Hussein El-Mahrasawi, according to the encyclopedia, was an eminent Arab scholar and researcher

from Egypt. He served as the President of Al-Azhar University from May 2017 to August 2022, and was a professor in the Department of Linguistics and a former Dean of the Faculty of Arabic Language at Al-Azhar University in Cairo.

He was born on Saturday, Rabi' al-Awwal 1382 ,11 AH, corresponding to August 1962 ,11, in Cairo. He received his education at the Faculty of Arabic Language at Al-Azhar University, earning a Bachelor's degree with honors in 1985. He obtained a Master's degree in Linguistics, specializing in syntax, morphology, and prosody, in 1992 with excellent distinction, with a thesis titled "A Study of Grammatical and Morphological Issues from the Book 'Sharh Qasidat Banat Su'ad' by Ka'b ibn Zuhair." He continued his studies and received a PhD in Linguistics in 1996 with first-class honors, with his dissertation titled "The Second Part of the Book 'Al-Nabil ila Nahw al-Tashil' by Sheikh Khalid Al-Azhari - A Study and Verification."

It is noteworthy that the encyclopedia (Wikipedia) published an article about his life, covering his birth, education, work, activities, lectures, and contributions to academic committees, as well as his books and research published and still in progress.