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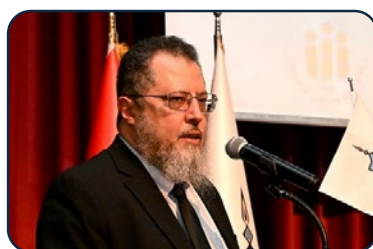
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Islamic University of Minnesota Concludes its Third International Forum in Turkey



Malatya, Turkey – September 2025 ,6 – The Islamic University of Minnesota, in cooperation with its academic partners in Turkey, successfully concluded the work of the Third International Forum held in honor of Sheikh Hamed Hamdi Al-Malati, one of the most prominent pioneers of the scientific renaissance in Anatolia. The forum, which lasted for two days in the city of Malatya, was not just a platform for celebrating science and scholars, but also a starting point for strategic discussions aimed at consolidating the university's presence in the region, culminating in a historic meeting with His Excellency the Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.

The forum's activities kicked off on Friday, September 5, at the Malatya Congress and Culture Center, with the presence of the guest of honor, writer and researcher Fatih Çitlak, President Erdoğan's son-in-law, who added great momentum to the event. The opening also witnessed wide participation from prominent academic and political figures, led by Professor Walid bin Idris Al-Meneesi, President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, and the presidents of Inonu University and Turgut Ozal University, in addition to government officials and members of the Turkish Parliament, reflecting the importance the Turkish side attaches to scientific cooperation with the university.

The forum's activities were not limited to scientific sessions, but extended to include a series of important diplomatic and academic meetings. The university delegation, headed by Professor Al-Meneesi and Dr. Omar Al-Maqrabi, Vice President of the university, paid official visits to the Governor of Malatya, its mayor, and the presidents of public universities.

Discussions focused on ways to enhance partnership in the fields of education, scientific research, and innovation, develop joint academic programs, and launch pioneering projects that serve society.

The most prominent outcome of these visits was the advanced discussions regarding the establishment of a permanent official headquarters for the university's branch in Malatya. This proposal received strong support from the local authorities, who expressed their readiness to allocate suitable land for the project. Confirming the seriousness of this step, the university delegation concluded its visit with a meeting with His Excellency President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, who was present in the city, where the completion of the necessary procedures to launch this ambitious project, which will enhance the university's position as a global scientific center, was discussed.

On the sidelines of the forum, the university celebrated the graduation of a new batch of students from its branch in Turkey, in a joyous ceremony attended by the university's leadership. The speakers expressed their pride in the graduates' achievements, emphasizing the university's commitment to continuing its mission of spreading knowledge and contributing effectively to shaping the future.

Thus, the Third International Forum concludes its work successfully, not only on the scientific level, but also on the level of strengthening international relations and opening new horizons for cooperation, which consolidates the position of the Islamic University of Minnesota as an active and influential player in the global academic arena

Registration Open for Second Semester and Launch of 8 New Departments

The Islamic University of Minnesota, its main center, has announced the start of registration for the second semester of the academic year 2026/2025, in all its colleges and academic departments. This step comes within the framework of the university's endeavor to provide distinguished academic education that combines originality, modern knowledge, and innovation.

The university called on students wishing to join a global academic environment, which includes a group of students of knowledge from all over the world, to take the initiative to register. The university is characterized by providing accredited education, and various study programs that include bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees, in addition to an educational staff that includes the best scientific competencies, and reduced tuition fees that can be paid in installments.

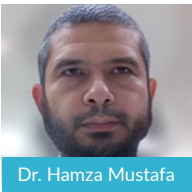
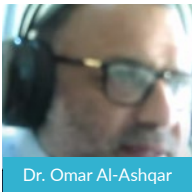
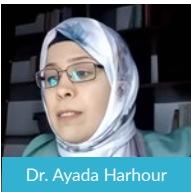
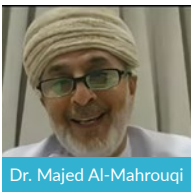
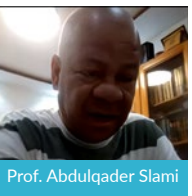
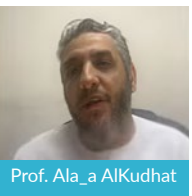
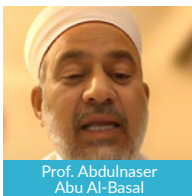
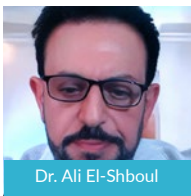
Available registration options include 37 academic departments, distributed over eight main colleges. In detail, the College of Islamic Studies includes 6 departments, the College of Sharia and Law 3 departments, the College of Computers and Information Technology 4 departments, the College of Economics and Business Administration 7 departments, the College of Educational Sciences 6 departments, the College of Arts and Humanities 4

departments, the College of Media 5 departments, and the College of Development Studies two departments.

In a related context, the university revealed the creation of 8 new departments to enhance its academic specializations. In the College of Economics and Business Administration, the two departments of Financial Management and Investment, and Project Management were opened. As for the College of Sharia, it witnessed the addition of the two departments of Litigation and Arbitration, and Personal Status and Family Law. In the College of Arts and Humanities, the two departments of Translation and Applied Languages, and Teaching Arabic to non-native speakers were launched. Finally, in the College of Development Studies, the two departments of Relief and International Development, and Non-Profit Organizations Management were launched.

For inquiries and registration, you can contact the Deanship of Admissions and Registration team at the Islamic University of Minnesota, main campus, through the dedicated WhatsApp links, Dr. Khadija Abdulwareth (<http://wa.me/905317389279>) Prof. Asmaa Mostafa (<https://wa.me/201559471679+>) Dr. Fatima Abdurashheed (<https://wa.me/6281319038485>)

Conclusion of International Scientific Conference



The International Scientific Conference "Jurisprudential, Legal, and Educational Developments for Muslims in the West" successfully concluded its proceedings in Houston, Texas, USA. After two days of intensive scientific sessions, the conference yielded constructive recommendations aimed at fostering the integration of Muslims into Western societies while preserving their religious and cultural identity. The conference activities spanned nine hours, divided into four sessions.

The conference commenced on Friday, August 2025 ,29, organized jointly by the Islamic University of Minnesota – Main Center, and Al-Ahliyya Amman University in Jordan. The event witnessed the participation of a distinguished group of researchers and scholars from several Arab and foreign countries, including Jordan, Syria, Algeria, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Turkey, and the United States of America.

The honorary presidency of the conference was held by Professor Dr. Walid bin Idris Al-Meneesi, President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, and Professor Dr. Haitham Abu Khadija, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Al-Ahliyya Amman University in Jordan. The conference was also chaired by Professor Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota – Main Center, and Professor Dr. Alaa Al-Qudah, General Manager of AMERICAN KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY.

Professor Dr. Emad Ali Al-Khatib, Director of the Conferences and Seminars Management Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota – Main Center, headed the supreme organizing committees of the conference. Dr. Zainab Bassiouni, Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, oversaw the general administration of the conference, with Dr. Hanan Obaid from the same university serving as her deputy. The general secretariat of the conference was undertaken by Professor Dr. Maher Aref, former Director of the Jordanian Scholars Association.

The four sessions of the conference covered diverse and interconnected themes. The first session addressed "Jurisprudential Developments - Between Law and Customs," and the second session focused on "Jurisprudential Developments - Between Education and Ethics." On the second day, the first session was dedicated to discussing "Jurisprudential Developments - Between the

Constant and the Changing," while the second session concentrated on "Jurisprudential Developments - in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.

"Dr. Ali El-Shboul, Director of the Latin American Studies Center and Director of the Language Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota, moderated the conference. The opening ceremony featured significant speeches, including a speech by Dr. Zainab Bassiouni on behalf of the University President, a speech by His Excellency Professor Dr. Abdul Nasser Abu Al-Basal, former Minister of Awqaf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Sites and President of the Jordanian Scholars Association, and a speech by Professor Dr. Abdulsalam Al-Fandi representing Al-Ahliyya Amman University in Jordan. Dr. Alaa Al-Qudah emphasized the conference's importance in highlighting the rapid changes faced by Muslims in the West and providing practical solutions to enhance their integration while preserving their identity.

The sessions included presentations of valuable research. In the first session, chaired by Dr. Omar Shuqairat, Professor Dr. Muzahim Tariq Al-Mustafa presented a paper titled "The Role of Endowments in Social and Economic Development," Dr. Ali Ibrahim El-Shboul presented a paper on "Islam in Spain: Past and Present," and Dr. Firas Ali Al-Shiab concluded the session with a paper on "Loyalty and Disavowal in Islam: A Moderate Study.

" In the second session, chaired by Professor Dr. Emad Ali Al-Khatib, Professor Dr. Abdulqader Miloud Salameh and Dr. Amina Ahmed Al-Hashemi presented a joint paper titled "Islamic Culture and Mechanisms for its Preservation in a Multi-Identity Environment," Dr. Majed Nasser Al-Mahrouqi presented a paper on "The Impact of Arab Educational Policies on Shaping the Identity of the Emerging Muslim Generation," Dr. Ayada Ashour Harhour presented a paper on "Mosques and Their Role in Promoting Political Participation of Muslims in the United States," and Dr. Ayman Al-Halhaleh presented a paper titled "Legal Challenges Facing Muslims in the West: Towards a Legal Framework for Protecting Religious Identity.

"The sessions continued on the second day, with Professor Dr. Abdulsalam Al-Fandi chairing the first session, which discussed research including Dr. Hamza Mustafa Yaqoub's paper titled "Sharia Arbitration for Muslim Minorities in the

West: Challenges and Solutions – Application to Canadian Law in Commercial and Family Cases," Professor Dr. Emad Ali Al-Khatib's paper on "Rulings on the Sale of Slaves in Jurisprudential Discourse," Dr. Mai Khalid Baklizi's paper on "The Evolution of the Term Zakat Between Ancient and Modern: A Linguistic and Jurisprudential Study," and Dr. Noah MOhammEd Al-Fadoul's paper on "Rulings on Sale in Dealing with Non-Muslims – A Maqasid Study of the Sale of Alcohol and Pork as a Model.

"Professor Dr. Alaa Al-Qudah chaired the second session of the second day, which included a discussion of Dr. Sahar Talaat Al-Samadi and Ms. Ahlam Al-Samadi's paper titled "Human Communication with Smart Converters in the Balance of Islamic Sharia," Mr. Mustafa Nasser Al-Naabi's paper on "Mechanisms for Investing Endowment Funds," Dr. Abdullah Abu Musameh's paper on "Islamic Economic Media in the Age of Artificial Intelligence for Depicting Media Strategies Supporting Financial Inclusion and Economic Integration of Muslims in the West," and Professor Dr. Mansour Ali Al-Qudah's paper titled "The Reliability of the (Kuzu) Methodology in Sharia Auditing.

"The conference sessions concluded with the formation of a recommendations committee comprising participating professors and researchers. Dr. Zainab Basyouni then recited the most important recommendations that emerged from the discussions. These recommendations included highlighting the reality of Muslims in the West and linking conference topics to their daily issues, encouraging the study of Sharia objectives and comparing them with contemporary changes, integrating artificial intelligence technologies such as ChatGPT into the service of Islamic issues, developing specialized software for the Islamic world subject to scientific and technical oversight, and enhancing cooperation between mosques and Islamic centers in the West and charitable institutions in Islamic countries, among other important recommendations.

Finally, the supreme administration of the conference, represented by Dr. Ali El-Shboul, extended its gratitude to the heads of the conference committees from the participating universities and to all committee members who contributed to the success of this prominent scientific event.

Important Warning Regarding YouTube Publishing Policy



وحدة التسجيلات والغرف الصوتية

Engineer Mohammed Abduljawad, the Director of the Educational Rooms and Registrations Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota, has alerted all faculty members about the necessity of adhering to the publishing policy set by YouTube. This is crucial for maintaining the integrity of the university's channel dedicated to academic lectures.

Engineer Abduljawad emphasized that YouTube sends notifications regarding certain video recordings of lectures that violate publishing policies. He referenced examples of warning messages that have been received. He urged faculty members to be aware of the publishing policy terms to avoid the risk of having lecture videos blocked or facing actions that could jeopardize the channel, based on the warnings received.

Abduljawad warned that the university's YouTube channel for lectures is currently under close scrutiny due to some violations of the site's policies. He confirmed that the Educational Rooms Unit will educate faculty members about YouTube's publishing policy and ensure they understand how to effectively use Zoom rooms for educational purposes.



Scientific Visit of University President to Africa



On August 2025 ,13, Professor Waleed bin Idrees Al-Maneesi, President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, made a scientific visit to the countries of the Horn of Africa, starting with Ethiopia and followed by a visit to Somalia on August 2025 ,15.

During his visit to Ethiopia, Professor Al-Maneesi participated in the graduation ceremony for students of the Islamic University of Minnesota - Ethiopia branch, which was established five years ago and has over 700 students. This year, 220 students graduated, including government officials, judges, and members of the Ethiopian Parliament, some of whom welcomed him at Addis Ababa Airport.

The ceremony was attended by several prominent figures, including the Qatari ambassador and representatives from the Saudi and Turkish embassies, as well as the Minister of Higher Education from Kenya and delegations from various countries such as Ivory Coast, Madagascar, and Comoros, along with senior scholars from Ethiopia.

Professor Al-Maneesi also had the honor of meeting Sheikh Abdulrahman

bin Adam, one of Ethiopia's most prominent scholars, who is 105 years old and founded a Salafi school to teach the Quran and Islamic sciences with the help of Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Baz.

In Somalia, Professor Al-Maneesi served as a member of the judging panel for the University Reader's Competition in the city of Hargeisa, which is considered one of the most prestigious Quranic competitions in the world. According to Dr. Shirzad Abdulrahman, the competition is distinguished by the quality of the competitors' memorization, despite limited resources.

The judging panel consists of several prominent reciters, led by Sheikh Abdulrashid Sheikh Ali Sufi, with participation from Professor Waleed Al-Maneesi, Sheikh Reciter Hassan Mohammed Saleh, Sheikh Reciter Dr. Waleed Al-Nizami, and Sheikh Reciter Dr. Mohammed Yahya Al-Ahdal.

This visit aims to enhance academic and religious cooperation in the region and emphasizes the importance of education in promoting Islamic values.



الندوة العالمية للشباب الإسلامي
World Assembly of Muslim Youth

Graduation Ceremony for New Batch of Students in Ethiopia



Addis Ababa - August 2025 ,17

The World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY) participated in the graduation ceremony for the second cohort of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree holders from the Islamic University of Minnesota, Ethiopia branch. The event was well-attended in the capital, Addis Ababa.

Representing WAMY at the ceremony was Mr. Faisal bin Saad Al-Jabr, Director of the Offices and International Relations Department. During the event, he met with several academic elites, heads of associations, and specialized researchers. Attendees expressed their appreciation for WAMY's participation and its commitment to supporting educational programs and projects aimed at youth and students in Ethiopia.

At the conclusion of the event, WAMY commended the efforts of the Ethiopian Islamic Affairs Supreme Council and its continuous cooperation in overcoming difficulties and opening avenues for fruitful collaboration.

In turn, the administration of the Islamic University of Minnesota's main campus celebrated the publication of the news by Sabq electronic newspaper. Dr. Omar

Al-Maqrami, the University's Vice President and head of the main campus, shared the news link on the university community's main WhatsApp group. His deputy, Dr. Zainab Basyouni, noted that the publication of the news reflects the prestigious status the university holds in its global mission to spread knowledge.

Dr. Musa Mohammed Noor Al-Daw, a faculty member, commented on Sabq's coverage, describing it as "the fruit of a notable scientific and missionary effort." He added that "the praise from the Islamic Affairs Supreme Council reflects the university's status and its role in spreading Islamic knowledge and serving the community."

It is noteworthy that Sabq electronic newspaper, established in 2007, is one of the most prominent electronic newspapers in Saudi Arabia, leading the list of news websites in terms of visitor numbers. The World Assembly of Muslim Youth is also considered a leading charitable organization in supporting Muslim youth worldwide.

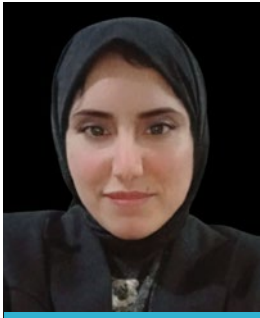
Academic Visit of Dr. Ismail Hamed



Professor Dr. Ismail Hamid Ismail, Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at the Islamic University of Minnesota, conducted a research academic visit to the Sultanate of Oman from July 25 to August 2025 ,10.

The visit included the Oman National Archives and university libraries, as part of Dr. Ismail's mission to study ancient Islamic manuscripts and documents. This visit is part of his scientific project, in which he has invested many years of historical writing.

It is worth mentioning that Dr. Ismail Hamed has extensive scholarly activity and distinguished research, having published dozens of books, papers, and peer-reviewed studies in various fields, especially in the history of Islamic civilization and the history of Islam in sub-Saharan Africa. He is also interested in the ancient history of Oman and its relations with the East African coastal countries, as well as the Omani role in establishing many Arab kingdoms and sultanates along the East African coast, such as the Sultanate of Zanzibar. Dr. Ismail is considered one of the leading scholars in these fields.



Dr. Zainab Basyouni

Deputy Dean: Student Evaluation System Through Online Portal is Excellent

Doctor Zainab Ali Basyouni, the Deputy Dean of the Islamic University of Minnesota, expressed her satisfaction with the current system for evaluating students via the online portal, describing it as "very excellent" and achieving several key goals, including accommodating student levels, standardizing procedures, and ensuring fairness and transparency in grading. She added that it helps reduce the burden on faculty members, allowing them to fully engage in their academic role in preparing and grading exams electronically if they are objective, while the professor handles grading essay exams.

Dr. Zainab's remarks came after an open discussion held by the main group of the university community on WhatsApp, where opinions were exchanged about the techniques and methods used in student evaluation. Opinions varied between supporters of the evaluation system and critics of aspects they see as lacking, focusing on evaluation techniques that rely on automated methods for objective tests, in addition to the manual grading method for essay exams.

The Deputy Dean expressed her happiness with the discussion, describing it as wonderful, and thanked the faculty members for their valuable feedback and suggestions that reflect their commitment to improving the educational process. She emphasized that any new system requires a period for adjustment and practice, noting that the cooperation and experience of faculty members will make the evaluation system smoother and more effective.

Several academics participated in the discussion, including Dr. Yousef Bani Younis, Dean of the College of Developmental Studies, Dr. Nourhan Salama, Dean of Faculty Affairs, and several faculty members from various departments, reflecting the university's interest in promoting academic dialogue and developing educational performance.

The university continues to prioritize ongoing development and modernization aimed at serving students and enhancing the quality of education to match its esteemed status.

Quranic Maqra'ah Opens Registration for its Global Programs

المقراءة القرآنية

المركز الرئيسي بالجامعة الإسلامية بمنيستوتا



The Quranic Maqra'ah (Quranic Recitation Center) at the Islamic University of Minnesota has announced that registration is now open for its Quranic circles and programs, extending a general invitation to students of knowledge from all over the world to join.

The Maqra'ah, supervised by a distinguished group of proficient male and female teachers, offers comprehensive programs that include correcting recitation according to the rules of Tajweed, memorizing the entire Holy Quran or parts of it, and granting Ijazah (licenses) in Sanad (chains of transmission) and scholarly texts.

The Maqra'ah's administration clarified that the programs are characterized by a spiritual and motivating learning environment, with flexible schedules to accommodate the circumstances of all students from different countries.

This initiative aims to facilitate the learning of the Holy Quran and its sciences, spread its tolerant message, and provide professional instruction that combines scholarly mastery with spiritual tranquility.

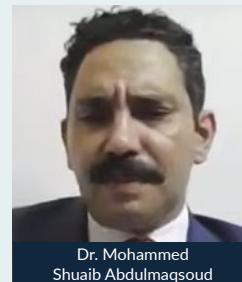
To facilitate the process of joining these blessed circles, the Maqra'ah has provided direct links via WhatsApp and Telegram for those wishing to register or inquire.

For men: https://chat.whatsapp.com/BkSj25luY0DtNdea4H7OS?mode=ac_t

For women: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DF945I2v9YUEy2iKnXHHC>

Telegram: <https://t.me/2+XGEMLAULXEyMGY0>

Creation of Legal Forum at College of Sharia and Law



Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud



كلية الشريعة والقانون
الجامعة الإسلامية بمنيستوتا

The Law Department at the College of Sharia and Law at the Islamic University of Minnesota has announced the launch of the "Legal Forum" under the supervision of Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud, Head of the Law Department.

In a statement, Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud explained that the forum aims to promote legal culture and train students in various legal activities, such as drafting contracts, documents, and legal and commercial papers. It also focuses on preparing legal consultations, writing petitions, briefs, and appeals, including types of appeals and cassation, as well as requests for reconsideration and litigation skills. The forum seeks to equip students for the job market by integrating academic knowledge with practical experience, fulfilling the university's mission to provide graduates with global expertise that qualifies them to work professionally.

It is noteworthy that the Legal Forum began its first activities with an interactive public lecture presented by Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud, where he addressed a range of topics related to the forum's objectives. The lecture received a significant response from students, and the video was shared in the WhatsApp groups associated with the Law Department and the College of Sharia.

Latin American Studies Center Launches Activities with Three Distinguished Lectures



Dr. Waleed Al-Areedh



Dr. Nour Saad



Dr. Nour Bani Ata



Ms. Amal Al-Khwaja



Dr. Sara Al-Shamas



Dr. Ali El-Shboul

Minnesota – August 2025

Under the patronage of Dr. Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrami, Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota and Head of the Main Center, the Latin American Studies Center at the College of Arts and Humanities inaugurated its cultural, literary, and philosophical activities with three distinguished lectures, supervised by the Center's Director, Dr. Ali El-Shboul, and Deputy Director, Dr. Noor Saad.

The lectures included:

- "Heritage Window: Sesame Presses... Authenticity Challenging Modernity" by Dr. Sarah Al-Shamas, highlighting the cultural and economic value of Palestinian

heritage.

- "Tales of Absence... When Absence Becomes the Hero" by writer Amal Al-Khawaja, exploring how absence transforms into a profound human presence.

- "The Epistle of Hayy ibn Yaqzan: The Journey of Knowledge and Its Representation in Andalusian Narrative" by Dr. Noor Bani Atta, offering a critical reading that linked philosophy and literature through Ibn Tufail's work.

The university emphasized that these events mark a significant beginning for the Center's activities, aiming to foster cultural dialogue and enrich the academic scene.



Dr. Salah Al-Sharafi

College of Computing Holds Regular Council Meeting



Dr. Muneer Abdulbari

Minnesota – August 2025 ,18

The College of Computing and Information Technology at the Islamic University of Minnesota – Main Center, held its regular council meeting on Monday evening, August 2025 ,18, under the chairmanship of the Dean, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muneer Abdulbari, with the participation of the college's vice-deans, department chairs, and a number of administrative officials.

The Dean opened the session by welcoming the attendees and stressing that the main objective of the meeting was to evaluate the educational process at mid-semester, review overall academic performance, and discuss course quality, examination mechanisms, and academic advising, in order to enhance educational outcomes and achieve academic excellence.

The council discussed several key topics, including adherence to the academic plan and ensuring clarity of course content, challenges faced by first-year students in practical courses and English, exam preparation in alignment with learning outcomes, activation of academic advising to follow up with new students and support low-performing ones, coordination among departments to unify course content before the start of the semester, prompt handling of administrative remarks and complaints, and monitoring faculty attendance and punctuality to maintain the continuity of the teaching process.

- The meeting concluded with a set of recommendations, most notably:
- Unifying course content before the beginning of the semester.
- Adopting unified exam guidelines in coordination with the control office.
- Systematically activating academic advising.
- Starting early in preparing the schedule for the second semester.
- Speeding up the disbursement of faculty financial entitlements.
- Requiring the student affairs office to handle students' issues through department chairs first, ensuring a balanced and dialogue-based educational environment.

The council ended its session at 11:00 p.m. in a positive atmosphere that reflected the commitment of all parties to enhancing the quality of education and strengthening the college's academic standing.

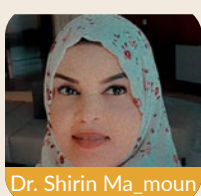
In addition to the Dean, the meeting was attended by the College Vice-Dean, Dr. Salah Alawi (Chair of the Department of Networks and Cybersecurity), Dr. Saleh Al-Riyashi (Chair of the Information Systems Department), Dr. Bushra Abrar (Chair of the Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Department), Dr. Mohammed Rashidi (Deputy Chair of the Information Systems Department), and Ms. Hanadi Abdullah (Administrative Affairs Officer).



Dr. Hiam Al-Zoubi



كلية الاقتصاد وإدارة الأعمال
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا



Dr. Shirin Ma_moun

College of Economics Holds Meetings to Discuss Midterm Exams

The College of Economics and Business at the Islamic University of Minnesota held its fifth meeting, chaired by Dean Dr. Sherin Mamoun, on the evening of Thursday, August 2025 ,7. The meeting was attended by the college council and faculty members. This gathering was part of the final preparations for the midterm exams for the first semester of the 2026/2025 academic year. The dean opened the meeting with a welcoming speech, expressing her gratitude to those present. Instructions regarding the exams were discussed. The exam period was set to begin on Saturday, August 2025 ,9, and continue until Thursday, August 2025 ,14, with each exam lasting two hours, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Mecca time. Faculty members were also reminded of the importance of being available in their respective subject groups to respond to student inquiries and explain the grading distribution process.

During the meeting, department heads and their deputies were given the opportunity to express their readiness to conduct the exams, and faculty members' comments and suggestions were heard. At the end of the meeting, the dean reiterated her appreciation to all attendees for their cooperation and efforts in ensuring the success of the educational process.

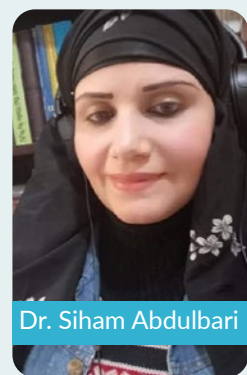
Later, on the evening of Monday, August 2025 ,11, the college held its sixth meeting, again chaired by Dean Dr. Sherin Mamoun, to discuss the opening of two new departments: the Department of Finance and Investment, and the Department of Project Management.

The dean began the meeting with a welcoming address, thanking attendees for their interest and cooperation. The agenda was reviewed, which included presenting the vision, mission, and objectives of the new departments, as well as discussing the academic plans for undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs.

Members of the college council were also given the chance to provide their feedback and suggestions regarding the opening of the new departments, leading to a fruitful exchange of ideas and developmental insights. The meeting concluded with a thank-you speech from the dean to those present, acknowledging their efforts and active role in supporting the college's development and expanding its academic fields.

Department of History Officially Launches "University Book" Project

كلية الآداب والعلوم الإنسانية
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا



Dr. Siham Abdulbari

MINNESOTA, USA – July 2025 ,21 – The Department of History and Archaeology at the College of Arts and Humanities, Islamic University of Minnesota, has announced the launch of its strategic project to create its own official university textbook and academic courses. The announcement was made during an extended meeting held on the evening of Saturday, July 2025 ,20.

The meeting, conducted via Zoom, was chaired by the Head of the Department, Dr. Siham Abdulbaqi, with active participation from faculty members. The comprehensive plan for the project was reviewed, and its implementation mechanisms and surrounding challenges were discussed.

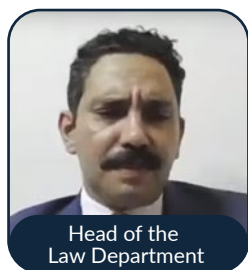
The meeting focused on key pillars to ensure the project's success, most notably granting full authority to professors in determining the academic content of their courses and enhancing specialized coordination among them to ensure the integration of subjects across different academic stages.

An agreement was reached to commence the project immediately, with specialized working groups formed for each academic track. Each faculty member will have the freedom to choose the subject that aligns with their specific area of expertise. Despite anticipated challenges, such as limited time and resources, all attendees expressed their full commitment and readiness to accomplish this important academic endeavor.

The meeting resulted in several strategic recommendations, including:

- Forming an executive committee to oversee the project according to a specific timeline.
- Seeking to provide the necessary financial and technical support to produce the courses at the highest quality.
- Enhancing academic coordination among professors to ensure content integration.

In her closing remarks, Dr. Siham Abdulbaqi praised the spirit of cooperation among the faculty members, stressing the importance of adhering to the set timeline to complete the project, which aims to enhance educational quality and solidify the department's academic standing.



Head of the
Law Department

Law Department Discusses Plans to Enhance Academic Quality



كلية الشريعة والقانون
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

MINNESOTA, USA – July 2025 ,25 – The Law Department at the College of Sharia and Law, Islamic University of Minnesota, held a significant periodical meeting on the evening of Thursday, July 2025 ,24, to discuss ways to advance the educational process and boost academic performance. The meeting, conducted online, was chaired by the Head of the Department, Assistant Professor Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud, with notable attendance from the department's faculty members.

The meeting, which lasted over an hour, focused on strategic pillars aimed at developing the quality of educational outcomes. Attendees discussed the necessity of expediting the preparation of the university coursebook to the highest academic standards, as well as the importance of finalizing midterm exams in alignment with the approved study plan.

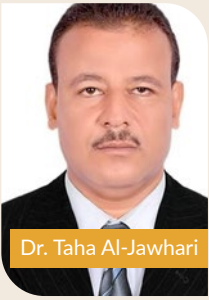
The members also emphasized the need to activate the electronic assignment system on the educational platform and to monitor students' timely submissions. To ensure educational

discipline, a strict commitment to the primary lecture schedule was affirmed, with postponements to be minimized and any rescheduled lectures to be compensated for within the same week.

In an effort to enhance students' research capabilities, the department approved the organization of a specialized educational lecture on the fundamentals of scientific research, aimed at refining their skills and qualifying them for rigorous academic writing.

The meeting was characterized by constructive discussion and fruitful interaction among faculty members, reflecting a shared commitment and team spirit to elevate the department and solidify its position as a leading center for legal education.

The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment to implement all issued recommendations and to continue diligent efforts to achieve the department's academic goals, serving the university's mission and enhancing its reputation both locally and internationally.



Dr. Taha Al-Jawhari

Meeting of Department of Islamic Call and Culture



كلية الدراسات الإسلامية
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

The Department of Islamic Call and Culture, part of the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held its regular meeting on the evening of Wednesday, August 2025 ,13, chaired by Dr. Taha Al-Jawhari, with the attendance of faculty members from the department.

The meeting discussed the achievements related to preparing the university textbook, which is considered one of the current priorities of the department. The discussion focused on several key points, including:

1-Preparation of the University Textbook and Intellectual Property Rights: Dr. Al-Jawhari emphasized the importance of expediting the completion of the textbook to avoid issues related to intellectual property rights, stressing the need to prepare courses for both master's and doctoral levels.

2-Review of the Bachelor's Degree Plan and Course Specializations: Dr. Al-Jawhari pointed out the overlap of the courses offered with the Department of Creed, and suggested that it's essential to broaden the scope of the specializations within the Department of Call.

3-Monitoring Progress and Distributing Roles: Dr. Al-Jawhari warned about the

consequences of slow progress, proposing to restructure the committee or redistribute roles among the members, while stressing the importance of taking responsibility.

4-Welcoming New Faculty Members: The department welcomed Dr. Khalid Al-Sayed Al-Sheikh, who presented a vision about the importance of establishing a strong knowledge base for undergraduate students, emphasizing the department's excellence in its courses.

The meeting witnessed multiple contributions, with Dr. Khalid Al-Sayed Al-Sheikh calling for enhancing the academic training of students. Dr. Fatima Radwan suggested preparing a book that includes six or seven research papers within two to three months to expedite progress.

The meeting concluded with a series of recommendations, including speeding up the completion of the university textbooks, re-evaluating the bachelor's degree plan, collaborating with specialists in curriculum planning, and closely monitoring the completion of the books, with the possibility of redistributing roles if necessary.

The attendees stressed the importance of teamwork to achieve the academic objectives of the department and the university.



Dr. Manal Mustafa

Department of Islamic Studies in English Holds Open Meeting with Students



كلية الدراسات الإسلامية
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

MINNESOTA, USA – July 2025 ,24 – In a move aimed at fostering direct communication and supporting the educational environment, the Department of Islamic Studies in English at the Islamic University of Minnesota held an open meeting bringing together the Head of the Department, Dr. Manal Mustafa, with its students.

The meeting, held via the Zoom platform on Wednesday, July 2025 ,23, was intended to listen to students' opinions and discuss the academic and behavioral challenges they face, as well as to instill the values of seeking knowledge and respecting scholars.

The discussion addressed several key issues, notably the problem of frequent absenteeism, where Dr. Manal emphasized the importance of regular attendance and its role in academic achievement. The meeting also covered student conduct, stressing the necessity of adhering to the etiquette of constructive dialogue with professors and respecting their status, clarifying the difference between scholarly debate and unacceptable defiance.

In a related context, the flexibility of the university's educational system was highlighted, noting its consideration for students' diverse circumstances by simplifying curricula while maintaining quality. Students were also guided toward their future vision after graduation, with a review of available career opportunities in the fields of Da'wah (Islamic call) and education, and the importance of their role as ambassadors of Islam in their communities.

The meeting concluded with several important recommendations, including:

- The necessity for students to commit to regular attendance and academic follow-up.

- Organizing periodic meetings for student guidance and follow-up.

- Launching a "Student Role Model" initiative to encourage positive behavior.

At the end of the meeting, the Head of the Department affirmed the importance of building a sophisticated educational environment governed by mutual respect, serving the university's mission of preparing qualified scholarly cadres.

Dawah Center Launches Specialized English Language Course



Dr. Zakariya Ibrahim



مركز الدعوة
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا



Dr. Ibrahim Salem

The Dawah Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota, a leading academic institution founded in 2006, has announced the launch of a specialized course in English language instruction. The course will be taught by Dr. Ibrahim Salem and managed by Dr. Zakaria Ibrahim, the center's Deputy Director.

The course is set to begin on Sunday, August 2025 ,17, and will conclude on Thursday, September 2025 ,28. It will consist of 12 lectures followed by a final exam. Classes will be held every Sunday and Thursday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Developed under the supervision of certified experts, this course is designed to prepare trainees for advanced English programs. It specifically targets students of Islamic studies in English and anyone interested in combining English language skills with Sharia sciences, distinguishing it from the general courses offered by the university's Center for Languages and Translation.

The course offers several key benefits, including:

- Accredited Certificate: Participants will receive a certificate accredited by an American university.

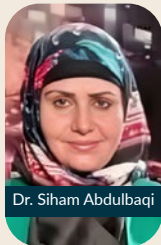
- Simplified Method: The course uses a simplified and engaging teaching style to motivate learners.

- Practical Training: The program includes hands-on training to develop practical language skills.

- Comprehensive Curriculum: The curriculum is suitable for all ages and requires no prior background in English.

- Interactive Lessons: Lessons focus on conversation, listening, reading, and writing, and are conducted in both Arabic and English.

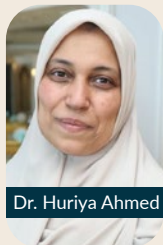
Scientific Research Unit Holds Scientific Meeting Titled "Pioneers of Scientific Research"



Dr. Siham Abdulbaqi



مركز الدعوة
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا



Dr. Huriya Ahmed

The Scientific Research Unit at the main center of the Islamic University of Minnesota, under the patronage of its new director, Dr. Shaimaa Khattab, held a specialized scientific meeting titled "Pioneers of Scientific Research." This important event took place on Thursday, July 2025 ,24, at 7:00 PM Makkah time.

The hour-long meeting attracted a crowd of graduate students, along with a number of researchers and academics interested in developing their research skills. The content of the meeting was carefully designed to specifically meet the needs of master's and doctoral students, aiming to help them define their academic paths with confidence and distinction.

The meeting included a comprehensive overview of the academic tracks available in graduate programs, as well as a detailed presentation of the training package for supplementary research. The session also featured an analytical discussion on the most prominent challenges and difficulties facing researchers and graduate students, offering practical solutions and insights to overcome them.

This meeting is part of the Scientific Research Unit's endeavor to promote a culture of outstanding scientific research and to provide the necessary support for its students to achieve the highest levels of academic excellence.

Academic Debate on Exams and Assessment Mechanisms



Reported by: Saba Al-Layl Al-Murakshi

The main faculty group at the Islamic University of Minnesota – Main Center – on WhatsApp has recently witnessed a vibrant intellectual exchange, where professors used the platform to raise fundamental issues at the heart of the educational process. A recent discussion quickly evolved from an individual comment into a collective brainstorming session, reflecting the university's flexibility and its administration's commitment to quality and leadership in online education.

Authority to Adjust Grades

The debate began with a proposal from Dr. Yousef Bani Younes, Dean of the College of Developmental Studies, who suggested granting course instructors the authority to adjust exam grades just as they do with assignments. Supporting him, Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Zahrani argued that some students deserve grade adjustments in recognition of their effort despite struggling in exams. However, Dr. Ali Ouda rejected the idea, warning that it could create an additional burden, emphasizing instead that exam questions should accommodate varying student levels. Meanwhile, Dr. Sahar Al-Samadi argued that adjusting assignments does not fully capture student effort, calling instead for marks to be allocated for participation.

Criticism of Current Exam System

Dr. Ibrahim Al-Ajlouni described the current exam system as "ineffective" in truly measuring knowledge acquisition. He pointed out that the lengthy time allotted for online exams

provides wide opportunities for cheating or reliance on artificial intelligence, suggesting a reduction in the time given for each question.

Supporters of the Current System

On the other hand, Dr. Mona Al-Loboudi defended the existing system, calling it "well-designed" and ensuring quick results without injustice. Dr. Hafez La far, however, warned against the spread of cheating. Responding to him, Dr. Shaimaa Khattab stressed that a professor's responsibility ends with evaluating submitted work, and that student commitment to study is itself a value worthy of respect—a point supported by Dr. Afaf Al-Haddad.

Challenge of Artificial Intelligence

Dr. Salah Farraj acknowledged that some students' use of AI tools has become a tangible reality. Dr. Afaf Al-Haddad proposed adopting the "open book" model to address this issue, while Dr. Mohammed Abbas suggested practical projects or direct interviews, though he admitted such measures may be difficult to implement with large numbers of students.

University's Official Position

Amid the debate, Dr. Nourhan Salama, Dean of Faculty Affairs, clarified that the newly adopted electronic system remains the official reference, stressing that any grade adjustment must be processed by the course instructor before being submitted to the control office. Supporting her, Dr. Yasser Al-Malek, Head of the Computer Science Department, described the current procedures as balanced and fair.

Additional Proposals

Dr. Dhuqan Ubaidat suggested awarding grades for attendance and participation to avoid disputes over exam adjustments.

Dr. Majid bin Obeid raised critical questions about fairness between diligent students and those who rely on technological shortcuts, warning of the future credibility of online education.

Dr. Marwan Al-Abbas stressed the importance of designing practical, real-world-based exam questions and recommended plagiarism detection tools such as Turnitin.

Dr. Mousa Mohamed Nour Al-Daw called for more diverse assessment methods, including short quizzes, oral discussions, and presentations.

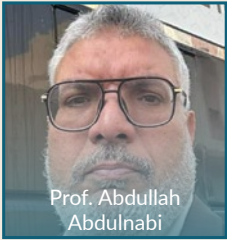
Toward Broader Academic Symposium

The debate concluded with a proposal from Dr. Ibrahim Al-Ajlouni to hold an expanded academic symposium with experts, aimed at producing practical recommendations. The idea was widely welcomed by faculty members, reflecting a shared awareness of the need for continuous development to meet the challenges of online education.

Response from University Leadership

At the end of the discussion, the administration's official position was conveyed by Vice Provost Dr. Zainab Basyouni, who affirmed the university's commitment to listening to all viewpoints and considering them as a foundation for academic development. She stressed that this inclusive approach would enhance the university's standing and leadership in the field of distance education.

Expanded Meeting to Enhance Scientific Production and Academic Publishing



On Wednesday, August 2025 ,13, the Research Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota held an expanded meeting with the editorial board of the College of Education Journal, attended by prominent academic leaders.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Abdullah Abdulnabi, Dean of the College of Education and Head of the Editorial Board, along with the participation of Dr. Heba Tawfiq Abu Ayada, Deputy Head of the Editorial Board; Dr. Anas Odaibat, Editorial Secretary; Dr. Nourhan Salama, Dean of Faculty Affairs; and Dr. Shaimaa Khattab, Director of the Research Unit and International Cooperation.

The session discussed a series of quality proposals, including allocating space in the journal to showcase the latest research publications and scientific books by faculty members, as well as highlighting the academic theses awarded within the college. It was also proposed to create a comprehensive database of publications, appointing a coordinator in each department to ensure continuity, and opening up publishing opportunities for foreign research by doctoral students.

Additionally, the idea of preparing bilingual profiles and summaries for research papers was discussed, along with uploading them to the digital library. The journal's division into specialized sections and issuing special editions to discuss current issues were also considered. The possibility of transforming the journal into a semi-annual publication was discussed to allow sufficient time for review and editing.

In a related context, the joint meeting between the digital library and the technology unit resulted in important decisions, including re-categorizing digital files, issuing annual subscription cards at nominal fees for students, and creating a guiding database to support research skills.

A proposal was also put forward to produce audio summaries of scientific research using artificial intelligence and make them available through the digital library, along with coordination with the Languages and Translation Center to conduct specialized English language courses for students in the College of Computing and Information.

Strategic Meeting to Enhance Scientific Research



As part of its efforts to promote scientific research, the Research Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota held an extensive meeting chaired by Dr. Shaimaa Khattab, the director of the unit, with the editorial board of the "Journal of Arts and Humanities" and the advisory committee of the journal, along with the heads of academic departments in the College of Arts and Humanities.

The meeting was led by Prof. Abdulbaqi Al-Qattan, the editor-in-chief of the journal, who proposed allocating a dedicated space in upcoming issues of the journal to showcase the latest scientific publications from the college's departments, including books, published research, and approved dissertations, under the supervision of the Research Unit.

After thorough discussions, the meeting resulted in several key recommendations, including:

- 1-Establishing new sections to include Arabic and foreign research, articles, reports, translated book reviews, and historical documents.
- 2-Launching a special section for scientific translations and research in various languages by faculty and doctoral students.
- 3-Publishing the journal biannually to allow sufficient time for gathering and reviewing scientific content.
- 4-Implementing strict quality control measures that include standards for scientific research and the novelty of topics.
- 5-Activating the role of scientific activity committees in departments to sort and categorize research works.

The Research Unit emphasized that these steps are part of the university's strategy to enhance its local and international standing, support outstanding scientific production, and document the achievements of faculty members and students, contributing to knowledge dissemination and expanding academic horizons.

Several prominent academic figures attended the meeting, including Prof. Abdulbaqi Al-Qattan, Dr. Mohammed Ithamna, Dr. Sahar Al-Samedi, Prof. Sulaf Faïd Allah, Dr. Sihem Abdulbaqi, Prof. Khaled Atiyah, and Mr. Anas Ahmed Al-Sayyar.

Academic and Research Achievements of Faculty Members

Compiled and monitored by: **Diaa Al-Demerdash**

The Islamic University of Minnesota has recently witnessed a series of remarkable academic and research accomplishments by its faculty members, reflecting the university's strong international presence and consolidating its role in advancing scientific research and knowledge dissemination.



Climate Conference in Indonesia

The university congratulated Dr. Eid Al-Harhasha for representing the university at the Conference on Climate and Solutions from an Islamic Perspective, held in Indonesia. According to the

university's statement, this participation-from Jordan to Indonesia-embodied the commitment of Muslim scholars to linking science with religion and highlighting environmental solutions inspired by the principles of Islam, thereby reinforcing the university's mission to contribute to contemporary global issues.



International Conference in Morocco

The university also extended its sincere appreciation to Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh for her distinguished participation in the

12th International Refereed Scientific Conference, organized by the World Association of Scholars and Researchers in Morocco in cooperation with Ajloun National University in Jordan. Dr. Al-Wahsh presented a research paper entitled "Artificial Intelligence in Islamic Jurisprudence from a Maqasid Perspective." The university noted that the paper reflects a mature scholarly vision addressing modern technological issues with sound Islamic

foundations.



Outstanding Research Contributions

The university congratulated Dr. Shaimaa Khattab, Director of the Scientific Research Unit, for publishing two scientific papers under her name:

-The Impact of Technology Use in Education in Sub-Saharan Africa"
-Egypt and the Fifth Industrial

Revolution: Towards a New Understanding of Discoveries and the Oil Industry"

In its message, the university praised her efforts as a "confident scholarly approach to contemporary issues" that enrich the university's research output and strengthen its academic standing.

International and Regional Publications

Several faculty members also had their research published in distinguished academic journals:



Dr. Ali El-Shboul, Director of the Center for Latin American Studies and the Center for Languages, published a paper titled "Geography and Historical Memory in the Poetry of Dulce María Loynaz" in Catedra, a journal issued by the University of Panama (Issue 2025/22).



El-Sheikh University (Issue 2025/118).

Dr. Mamdouh Awad Mufleh Al-Enezi, Associate Professor at the College of Educational Sciences, published a study entitled "Professional Development of University Faculty in Saudi Arabia in Light of Digital Education Requirements: Reality, Challenges, and Burdens" in the Journal of the Faculty of Education, Kafr



Dr. Hend Mahrous Mohammed Al-Jeldawi and Dr. Hadi Mohammed Hussein Barham from the Department of Political Science co-authored a paper entitled "Crimes Against Humanity as International Crimes" published in African Studies Journal (Issue 2025/20).

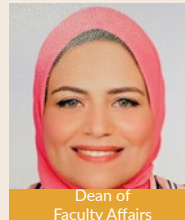


Dr. Imad Al-Din Hussein Bahr Al-Din, also from the Department of Political Science, published a paper titled "Foresight into the Future of the Conflict between the Hausa and Hamaj Tribes in the Blue Nile Region" in the same journal issue.

Deanship of Faculty Affairs Holds Meeting



عمادة شؤون أعضاء هيئة التدريس
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا



Dean of
Faculty Affairs

Minnesota - Wednesday, August 2025, 19:

The Deanship of Faculty Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota (Main Center) held an expanded meeting with the Administrative Affairs Unit of the colleges, as part of the continuous follow-up on administrative workflow and quality improvement.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Nourhan Salama, Dean of Faculty Affairs, in the presence of the Director of the Administrative Affairs Unit for Colleges, Ms. Maha Mohammed, and a number of administrative affairs officials from various colleges.

The discussion focused on key themes aimed at developing administrative performance and raising operational efficiency. Emphasis was placed on following up on the work of the Deanship's teams and ensuring the accurate and continuous updating of college and department databases. Current work priorities were also identified, and a practical action plan was developed for implementation within clear timeframes.

The meeting addressed the most prominent challenges and difficulties facing work teams in some colleges, proposing practical solutions and suggestions to overcome them. Attendees stressed the importance of enhancing communication and coordination channels with other

departments to achieve common goals that reflect performance quality.

The meeting resulted in several recommendations and outcomes, most notably:

- Emphasizing periodic and accurate updating of databases.
- Preparing a short-term action plan focusing on urgent priorities.
- Adopting clear mechanisms to address administrative challenges.
- Enhancing integration and coordination between various units and departments.
- Submitting periodic follow-up reports to measure achievement rates.

For her part, Ms. Maha Mohammed, Director of the Administrative Affairs Unit for Colleges, confirmed that such periodic meetings represent a fundamental pillar for developing administrative work and ensuring quality sustainability, in line with the university's vision and strategic mission.

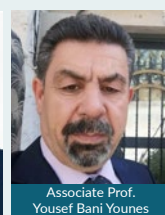
The meeting saw the participation of administrative affairs officials from the Colleges of: Media, Arts and Humanities, Computing and Information Technology, Sharia and Law, Economics and Business Administration, Islamic Studies, and Development Studies

Two Lectures by Dr. El-Shboul at Irbid National University



Doctor Ali El-Shboul, Director of the Language and Translation Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota, delivered two in-person lectures for Spanish language students at Irbid National University in Jordan. The lectures took place on Sunday and Monday, July 21 and 2025 ,27, for students in the Spanish language course (Level A1).

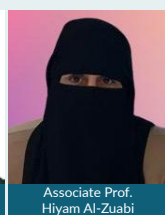
The lectures were attended by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and the Head of the Translation Department, and they received great appreciation from the students. Participants expressed their admiration for the lecture style, according to a survey distributed by the Translation Department at Irbid University to evaluate the experience.



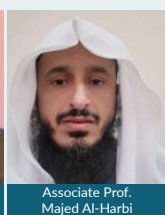
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Promotions Committee Issues Promotion Decisions for Five Faculty Members

Minnesota – Islamic University:

Dr. Saniya Salama, Secretary of the Permanent Scientific Promotions Committee at the Islamic University of Minnesota (Main Center), announced that the committee has issued promotion decisions for five of the university's faculty members.

The decisions included the promotion of the following individuals Dr. Yousef Mohammed Bani Younis, Dr. Majed bin Marzouq Al-Harbi, Dr. Abdullah Hezam Al-Otaibi, Dr. Yasser Al-Malek Sulaiman, and Dr. Hiyam Sami Al-Zoubi

The promotion was from the rank of "Assistant Professor" to the rank of "Associate Professor".

On this occasion, Dr. Saniya Salama, on behalf of the Promotions Committee, extended her warmest congratulations to the promoted professors. She expressed her wishes for their continued progress and success in their academic and research careers, praying to the Almighty that they attain the highest scholarly rank of "Full Professor".



Prof. Al-Meneesi

Maryam Assaf Earns Ph.D. in Islamic Sociology



Dr. Mariam Assaf

Researcher Maryam Samir Assaf from the College of Islamic Studies has earned a Ph.D. in Islamic Sociology after a public defense of her thesis titled "The Impact of Islamic Belief on the Formation of Cultural Identity among Muslims in the United Kingdom."

The defense session was held on Monday, the 17th of Safar 1447 AH, corresponding to August 2025 ,11, at 8 PM Mecca time, under the supervision of the Graduate Studies and Research Deanship at the main campus of the Islamic University of Minnesota.

The discussion committee consisted of Professor Waleed bin Idris Al-Manisi, President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, who chaired the session, Dr. Fayed Mohammed Said, a professor of Islamic Studies at the university, as an internal discussant, along with Dr. Mohammed Al-Saidi, Dean of Birmingham College of Humanities, as an external discussant.



Dr.Haya Al-Aklabi

Researcher Haya Al-Aklabi Awarded Doctorate



Dr. Heba Abu Ayada

MINNESOTA, USA – August 2025 ,6 – The College of Educational Sciences at the Islamic University of Minnesota has awarded a Doctorate in Educational Administration to researcher Haya Farzan Ali Al-Aklabi, following the public defense of her dissertation titled, "A Proposed Guide for Developing Artificial Intelligence Skills Among Public School Principals in Bisha Governorate, Saudi Arabia, Based on the Six Sigma Strategy."

The defense session was held on the evening of Tuesday, August 2025 ,5, under the supervision of the Deanship of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research at the university.

The examination committee consisted of Assistant Professor Dr. Heba Tawfiq Abuayadah (Supervisor and Rapporteur), Assistant Professor Dr. Abdulsalam Al-Hatamleh (Internal Examiner), and Dr. Aya Dhaifallah Al-Mawmeni (External Examiner).

The committee praised the importance and novelty of the study, as it provides a practical framework for applying artificial intelligence strategies to develop school leadership, aligning with modern global trends in the education sector.



Ahmed Al-Horoup

Scientific Committee Approves Research Plan for Comparative Study of Laws



Dr. Mohammed Shuaib

A scientific committee, chaired by Dr. Mohammed Shu'aib Abdulmaqsoud, head of the law department, has approved the research plan prepared by Palestinian researcher Ahmad Azmi Ahmed Al-Haroub. This plan aims to conduct a comparative study between Palestinian, Jordanian, and Egyptian laws on the topic of "Nullity of Administrative Decisions."

This approval came after a seminar session held on Monday, August 2025 ,4, at 9:30 PM Mecca time, under the supervision of the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota, main center - College of Sharia and Law.

In addition to the chairperson, the seminar committee included Dr. Salah Rajab and Dr. Ameer Khalifa, who discussed the research plan extensively, reflecting the interest of academics in contemporary legal issues.



Mohammed Boufli

Scientific Committee Approves Research Plan on Islamic Finance



Dr. Hiyam Al-Zoubi

On Wednesday, August 2025 ,6, at 9:30 PM (Makkah time), the scientific committee convened under the leadership of Professor Imad Al-Din Abdu Al-Ajili, Head of the Department of Creed and Contemporary Sects, during a special seminar organized by the Graduate Studies Office at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center - College of Islamic Studies.

The committee discussed the research proposal prepared by researcher Abdulrahman Mahmoud Sabandal, which focuses on an analytical-descriptive study titled "The Conclusive Argument Against Extremist Shiites." The proposal received the committee's approval as part of his pursuit of a Ph.D. in Creed.

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Prof. Emad Al-Ajili

Research Proposal Approved for Analytical-Descripti ve Study on Extremist Shiites



Abdulrahman Sabandal

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Approval of Research Plan to Study Qur'anic Foundations for Confronting Trials



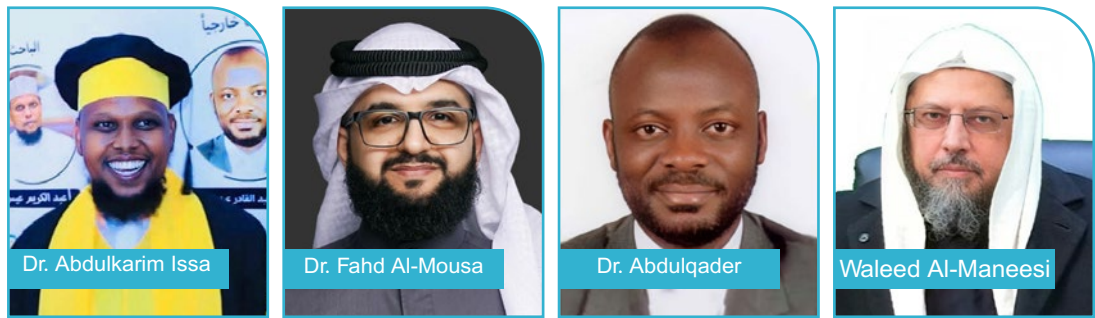
Prof. Abdulrazeq Al-Bakri

On Saturday, August 2025 ,9, the College of Islamic Studies held a seminar session chaired by Dr. Abdulrazeq Al-Bakri, the dean of the college. The research plan prepared by researcher Abdulghani Derong Arabin from the Department of the Qur'an and its Sciences was approved. The study aims to analyze the Qur'anic foundations for confronting trials in the Medinan Surahs in an objective manner.

This event was supervised by the Graduate Studies Office at the Islamic University of Minnesota, and the session started at 5:30 PM Mecca time.

The seminar committee, in addition to its chair, included Dr. Hind Al-Ashmawi, Dr. Youssef Al-Ma'ani, Dr. Najima Al-Ridwani, Dr. Hazem Al-Nahas, and Dr. Abdulrahman Hayjan, reflecting a diversity of academic expertise within the committee.

This study is considered an important step in enhancing Qur'anic understanding and providing new insights to address contemporary challenges.



Researcher Abdulkarim Issa Earns PhD in Islamic Banking

Researcher Abdulkareem Issa Ali has earned a PhD in Islamic Banking after successfully completing the public defense of his thesis titled "Sharia Audit of Islamic Banking Transactions: Its Importance and Mechanisms with Application to the Reality of Islamic Banks in Somalia - A Case Study of Salaam Somali Bank."

The defense session was held on Sunday, 16 Safar 1447 AH, corresponding to August 2025 ,10, at 8 PM Mecca time, under the supervision of the Graduate Studies and Scientific Research Deanship at the main center of the Islamic University of Minnesota, College of Economics and Business, Department of Economics and Islamic Banking.

The discussion committee consisted of Professor Waleed bin Idrees Al-Maneesi, President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, who served as the supervisor and rapporteur; Dr. Fahd Ahmed Abdulatif Al-Mousa, Professor of Jurisprudence and Its Principles and Islamic Economics, and Financial Consultant in Kuwait, who served as the internal examiner; in addition to Dr. Abdulqader Abdulatif Ola, Professor of Jurisprudence and Its Principles and Islamic Economics and Finance in Nigeria, who served as the external examiner.

This achievement is considered an important milestone in the researcher's journey and reflects the efforts made in the field of Islamic banking.

Research Plan by Researcher Khaled Al-Faqeeh Approved



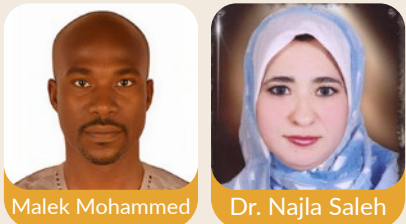
The research plan prepared by researcher Khaled Mohammed Saeed Al-Faqeeh has been approved. It addresses the topic "The Role of Governance Practices in Non-Profit Health Organizations in Achieving Sustainable Development - A Case Study of Al-Ain Medical Complex in Riyadh from 2019 to 2024."

This approval is part of Al-Fuqeeh's efforts to obtain a Master's degree from the Department of Development Management and Strategic Planning at the College of Development Studies.

The approval took place during a seminar session held on Wednesday, August 2025 ,20, at 9 PM Mecca time, chaired by Assistant Professor Dr. Youssef Bani Younes, Head of the Department of Development Management and Strategic Planning, with the participation of Dr. Iman Mahmoud Ibrahim and Dr. Ahmed Zuhair Qanbar. The session was supervised by the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota.

This research reflects Al-Faqeeh's efforts to enhance understanding of the role of governance in the non-profit health sector and contribute to achieving sustainable development goals.

Seminar committee Approves PhD Proposal on Transformational Leadership's Impact on Educational Administration in Chad



MINNESOTA – The seminar committee of the Department of Educational Administration at the College of Educational Sciences, Islamic University of Minnesota (Main Center), has approved the PhD research proposal submitted by Chadian researcher Malek Mohammed Malek. The proposal is titled, "The Impact of Transformational Leadership on Educational Administrative Performance in the State of Chad."

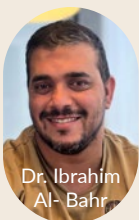
The approval followed a scholarly discussion session held on Saturday, August ,23 2025, under the supervision of the Deanship of Graduate Studies at the university. The study aims to analyze the effect of transformational leadership styles on improving and developing administrative performance within educational institutions in the Republic of Chad, as part of the researcher's pursuit of a doctoral degree.

The seminar session was chaired by Assistant Professor Dr. Heba Tawfiq Abu-Ayadeh, Head of the Department of Educational Administration. The committee also included Dr. Ibrahim Al-Bahar, Dr. Najla Saleh, Dr. Lamia Al-Khalayleh, and Dr. Abdulsalam Al-Hatamleh as members.

The committee praised the significance of the topic chosen by the researcher, considering it a valuable addition to specialized studies in the field of educational administration. They also provided a set of recommendations and observations to enrich the research and deepen its methodological and practical aspects.

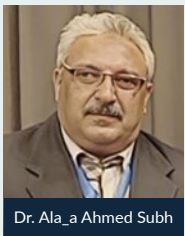


Seminar Committee Approves PhD Research Plan on Educational Leadership

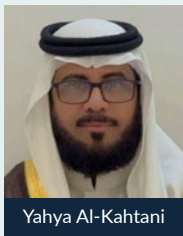


A seminar committee at the Islamic University of Minnesota (IUM) has granted final approval to the research plan submitted by Sudanese researcher Mona Al-Mahi Ali Mohamed. The approval came during a scholarly session chaired by Assistant Professor Dr. Hiba Tawfiq Abu Eyadah, Head of the Department of Educational Administration. The plan aims to prepare a specialized doctoral study focused on analyzing effective educational leadership styles and their impact on enhancing productivity in Sudanese schools in the city of Riyadh.

The seminar session was held on Saturday, August 2025 ,23, at 9:00 PM Makkah time, under the supervision of the university's Deanship of Graduate Studies. Participating in the committee's proceedings alongside the chair were Dr. Ibrahim Al-Bahar, Dr. Najla Saleh, Dr. Lamia Al-Khalayleh, and Dr. Abdulsalam Al-Hatamleh, who provided their scholarly observations on the research plan before it was formally approved.



Deanship of Graduate Studies Approves Doctoral Research Plan on Legal Protection for Working Women



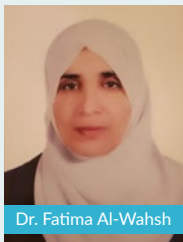
MINNESOTA, USA – August 2025 ,22

The Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota (IUM) – Main Center has officially approved the research proposal submitted by Saudi researcher Yahya Madwah Mufreh Al-Qahtani for his doctoral degree in law.

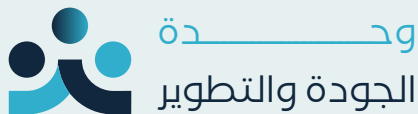
The approval was granted during a seminar held on Friday, August 2025 ,22, at 10:00 PM Mecca time. During the session, the researcher presented his plan for an inductive and comparative study titled, "The Legal Protection of Working Women," with a special focus on the Saudi legal system as a case study.

The seminar committee was chaired by Associate Professor Dr. Mohammed Shoaib Abdulmaqsoud, Head of the Law Department, and included Dr. Alaa Ahmed Sobh and Dr. Karam Saeed as members. This step is part of Al-Qahtani's pursuit of a Ph.D. from the Department of Law at the College of Sharia and Law.

Training Workshop on "Effective Communication Skills"



Dr. Fatima Al-Wahsh



Dr. Mohammed Al-Naqeeb

Under the slogan "Elevate Your Speaking and Listening Skills and Build Professional Relationships," the Quality and Development Unit, in collaboration with the Administrative Affairs Unit of the Islamic University of Minnesota, organized a training workshop titled "Effective Communication Skills." The workshop was held on Saturday, August 2025 ,16, at 8 PM Mecca time.

The workshop featured practical applications and real-life examples, in addition to a designated time for questions and immediate feedback. It covered four main topics: keys to influence and persuasion, crafting clear messages, deep listening skills and managing difficult conversations, body language and using tone of voice with confidence, and the communication protocol for enhancing team efficiency. The workshop was presented by trainer and international speaker in human skills development, Mohammed Al-Naqeeb, under the supervision of Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, the director of the Quality and Development Unit. Participants were awarded certificates accredited by the university, reflecting the quality and effectiveness of the training provided.



Prof. Abdulbaqi

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Eng. Al-Muatasem Faiz

Training and Development Center Organizes Course on "Morisco Period"

The Training and Development Center and Community Programs at the Islamic University of Minnesota organized a course titled " Morisco Period," presented by Professor Abdulbaqi Al-Qattan, a faculty member in the College of Arts and Humanities and the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Arts and Humanities.

The course included two lectures, each lasting two hours, with the first lecture held on Tuesday, August 2025 ,5, and the second lecture on Wednesday, August 2025 ,6. The course primarily targeted students from the College of Arts, as well as students from other colleges and those outside the university, aiming to enhance knowledge about the Morisco period and to explore the cultural achievements of the Moriscos in Andalusia.

The two lectures covered various topics, including the situation of the Moriscos after the fall of Granada, Morisco heritage in Islamic jurisprudence, prose and poetry, travel literature, and the art of jihad with cannons.

The organizers of the course hope to open new horizons for students to register topics related to the Moriscos and encourage them to highlight Morisco heritage, as well as to establish a journal or publish research papers dedicated to this heritage.

It is noteworthy that the Moriscos were Muslims who remained in Andalusia after its fall and were forced to convert to Christianity.

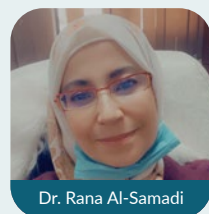


Dr. Shaima Al-Tantawi

Training Center Organizes Training Course on Creative Thinking



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Training Course on Research Ethics and Yarmouk University

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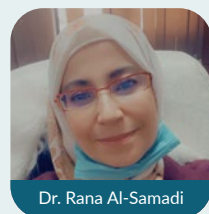
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The course was presented by Dr. Sahar Al-Samedi from the Islamic University of Minnesota and Dr. Rana Al-Samedi from Yarmouk University. It ran from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Mecca time.

The course aimed to reinforce concepts of honesty and integrity in research, introduce participants to key ethical violations, and train students on ethical handling of data and samples. It also addressed the requirements for approval from ethical committees and promoted scientific responsibility among researchers.

The course covered several important topics, including an introduction to the philosophy of research ethics, scientific integrity, plagiarism, protecting participants' rights, data confidentiality standards, data manipulation and its impact on results, and ethical responsibility in publishing and authorship. Additionally, it included case studies and ethical decision-making.

This course is the second in the first training program "Research Skills," following a course titled "How to Choose a Research Problem," which was delivered by Dr. Suhair Al-Khalil on July 24 ,22, and 2025 ,27.



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Workshop Announcement: "Aim for Moon"



Mohammed Al-Sayed

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Director of the
Quality Unit

Minnesota, USA - As part of its ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of education and develop the skills of its students, the Islamic University of Minnesota (main center) hosted an exceptional workshop titled "Aim for Moon." The workshop was described as one of the strongest developmental workshops organized by the university, due to the valuable content it provided and the specialized supervision.

The workshop took place on Friday, August ,1 2025, from 9 PM to 11 PM Mecca time. It was led by Master's researcher and certified trainer Mr. Mohammed Al-Sani, who presented key topics aimed at empowering attendees and guiding them toward a better professional and personal future.

The workshop included multiple topics focusing on the essential aspects of personal and professional development, which included:

- Discovering true passion.
- Defining professional and specialty identity.

- Crafting personal mission and vision.
- Learning how to choose the right field.
- Identifying the necessary skills for a stronger future.

The workshop, managed by Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahash, the Director of the Quality and Development Unit at the university, targeted all university students from various disciplines, as well as interested individuals both inside and outside the university. At the end of the workshop, all participants were awarded a certificate accredited by the Islamic University, confirming their benefit from this intensive training program.

This workshop is part of a series of events organized by the Islamic University of Minnesota to provide academic and professional support to its students and the community, reaffirming its leading role in building competencies and developing capabilities.

Training Center Organizes Voice-Over Skills Workshop



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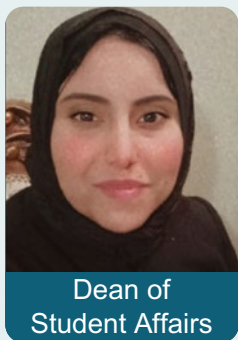


The Training, Development, and Community Programs Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota (Main Center) organized a training workshop titled "Voice-Over Skills." The workshop was delivered by Mr. Younes Othmani, a doctoral researcher in journalism and media, on Thursday, August 2025 ,28, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Mecca time.

The workshop aimed to develop vocal performance and delivery skills, understand the fundamentals of voice-over, acquire voice preservation techniques, and enhance proper expression. Topics included defining voice-over and its types, vocal care tools, performance techniques, and interactive applications.

Participants are expected to deliver clear and impactful voice-overs, control their voices according to the text, and receive constructive feedback for performance improvement. The university reaffirms its commitment to providing training programs that meet the evolving needs of the job market.

Deputy Dean Emphasizes Importance of Monitoring Attendance



Dean of
Student Affairs



The Deputy Dean of the Islamic University of Minnesota, Dr. Zainab Basyouni, praised the procedures followed by the university administration in monitoring attendance. She emphasized that these procedures reflect the academic and moral responsibility of the university towards its students, stressing that monitoring is not merely a formality, but represents a "fundamental basis for the success of the educational process."

This was stated in a letter sent by Dr. Zainab to the university's students, in response to some of their comments regarding the pressure of monitoring. She expressed her regret that some feel this matter burdensome.

Dr. Basyouni clarified that the university's message is clear, citing a verse from the Quran ("Take the book with strength"), indicating the necessity of a serious commitment to knowledge.

She also affirmed that the university considers students partners in responsibility, and that the actions it takes are a fulfillment of trust and a commitment to not waste their time, emphasizing the importance of education as an obligation, not a privilege.

She concluded her letter by stressing that commitment to education is the way to success, and that those who do not commit today may lose opportunities for success tomorrow.

Scientific Research Unit Holds Scientific Meeting Titled "Pioneers of Scientific Research"



Dr. Shaima Khattab



وحدة البحث العلمي
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا المركز الرئيسي

The Scientific Research Unit at the main center of the Islamic University of Minnesota, under the patronage of its new director, Dr. Shaimaa Khattab, held a specialized scientific meeting titled "Pioneers of Scientific Research." This important event took place on Thursday, July 2025, 24, at 7:00 PM Makkah time. The hour-long meeting attracted a crowd of graduate students, along with a number of researchers and academics interested in developing their research skills. The content of the meeting was carefully designed to specifically meet the needs of master's and doctoral students, aiming to help them define their academic paths with confidence and distinction.

The meeting included a comprehensive overview of the academic tracks available in graduate programs, as well as a detailed presentation of the training package for supplementary research. The session also featured an analytical discussion on the most prominent challenges and difficulties facing researchers and graduate students, offering practical solutions and insights to overcome them.

This meeting is part of the Scientific Research Unit's endeavor to promote a culture of outstanding scientific research and to provide the necessary support for its students to achieve the highest levels of academic excellence.

Resumption of Studies After Midterm Examinations



Amat Al-Rahman
Al-Maqrami



The Islamic University of Minnesota resumed its academic programs on Saturday, August 2025, 16, after a full week of pause from August 9 to 14, for midterm examinations that include all colleges, departments, and levels.

Midterm examinations are official and managed by the university administration, with the Control Affairs Unit, led by Ms. Ummah Al-Rahman Al-Maqrami, overseeing their organization, supported by several academic and administrative entities, including:

-Academic Departments: Their administrations and academic staff.

-Educational Affairs Unit: Led by Dr. Jumana Al-Kharashi, with a team of 8 members from the college secretaries.

-Student Affairs Deanship: Headed by Dr. Zainab Basyouni, along with the three units of the deanship.

-Information Technology Deanship: Led by Ms. Marwa Abdul-Wasi and her deputy, Mr. Ali Mustafa.

-Classrooms and Registration Unit: Managed by Mr. Mohammed Abdel-Jawad.

-Faculty Affairs Deanship: Headed by Dr. Nourhan Salama, with a team of 8 college directors.

-Media Center.

In a statement to the news administration, Ms. Amat Al-Rahman Al-Maqrami confirmed that the examinations are conducted using technologies that ensure the academic rights of the students. She pointed out that the Control Unit collaborates with relevant parties to assess and develop current testing technologies, aiming to achieve neutral ideal standards and ensure the highest levels of quality, transparency, and flexibility in the examinations.

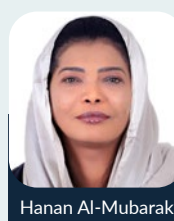
Outstanding Student Projects in "Media and Sustainable Development"



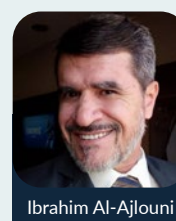
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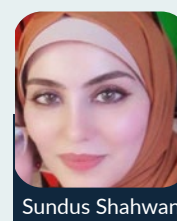
Ameen Atwal



Hanan Al-Mubarak



Ibrahim Al-Ajlouni



Sundus Shahwan

As part of the course "Media and Sustainable Development," designed to train PhD students in the Public Relations department, three students completed remarkable media projects under the supervision of Dr. Ibrahim Taha Al-Ajlouni. These projects were part of the assignment to "Produce Empowering Media Content," and the students dedicated two weeks to creativity and practical application.

-Sundus Shahwan presented an awareness video titled "Empowering Women," which focused on the essential roles of women in the family and society, their rights to education, health, and political participation, while correcting misconceptions about the legal texts related to them.

-Amin Atoul chose to produce a podcast titled "After Empowering Women," where he discussed the changes that occurred after women gained new rights, emphasizing the need for balance between women's and men's rights and avoiding turning their relationship into a conflict.

-Hanan Al-Mubarak produced a video titled "Community Initiatives for Water Provision," which highlighted the story of a Sudanese businessman who dug fifteen solar-powered wells and planted date palm trees, contributing to alleviating the effects of the civil war on the population.

These projects align with the media college's goals to equip students with practical skills in the field of media by integrating academic knowledge with hands-on experience. The college aims to empower students to produce content that addresses social and developmental issues with a critical and creative approach, ensuring the preparation of a generation of media professionals capable of making a positive and sustainable impact.