

**BACHELOR
OF ARTS
HONOURS
IN ISLAMIC
STUDIES**



PROSPECTUS

Bachelor of Arts Honours in Islamic Studies

Credits: 126 credits

NQF level 8

SAQA ID: 123432

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE

The Bachelor of Arts Honours in Islamic Studies is a postgraduate specialisation qualification, characterised by the fact that it prepares students for research-based postgraduate study. This qualification typically follows a bachelor's degree and serves to consolidate and deepen the student's expertise in a particular discipline, and to develop research capacity in the methodology and techniques of that discipline. This qualification demands a high level of theoretical engagement and intellectual independence. In some cases, a Bachelor Honours Degree carries recognition by an appropriate professional or statutory body.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

On completion of the qualification the student will be able to:

- Translate the text of the Quran and have an awareness of the basics of general subjects.
- Understand the true spirit of Islam.
- Answer the crucial contemporary questions regarding Islam & Islamic civilization.
- Become practical Muslims.
- Resolve the socio-political, economic, and cultural issues in individual and collective life and do quality research.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- The minimum admission requirement is an appropriate bachelor's degree or appropriate Advanced Diploma.
- Students intending to enroll for the Advanced Arabic or the Translation Theory of Selected Arabic Texts modules must hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum of two years of Arabic studies or an intermediate Arabic competency level. Students enrolling in either of these two modules will therefore be required to take an Arabic competency level test.

Duration:

Full Time: 1 Year

Part Time: 2 Years

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

Madina Institute accepts recognition of prior Learning (RPL) as an integral part of education and academic practice. For RPL in the Master of Islamic Studies programme, the Faculty acknowledges that all learning has value and thus, RPL is the comparison of previous learning and experience of a student, however obtained, against the learning outcomes required for a specific qualification and the acceptance of such learning for purposes of qualification of that which meets the requirements (SAQA Regulation 452, No. 18787. March 1998:5).

MODE OF DELIVERY: CONTACT AND REMOTE LEARNING

Teaching and learning approach (strategy)

The Bachelor of Arts Honours in Islamic Studies programme requires a considerable amount of preparation and reading before attending classes and seminars. Our teaching and learning approach encourages learners to be: (i) confident, (ii) understand complex social, religious, and/or philosophical concepts, (iii) express views, opinions, and judgments around these, (iv) recognise the complexity and sensitivity of issues that give rise to religious debate, (v) be reflective, (vi) consider the diversity of views (including personal ones) and how they are supported and justified.

ASSESSMENTS: ASSIGNMENT ESSAYS:

Formative Assessment 50%

Summative Assessment 50%



THE STRUCTURED COURSE CONSISTS OF THREE CORE MODULES AND TWO ELECTIVES MODULES:

Compulsory Modules

RESEARCH PROJECT	CORE	Semester 2
USUL FIQH (ISLAMIC LAW)	CORE	Semester 1
RESEARCH METHODS	CORE	Semester 1

Electives Choose 2 from the following

ULUM AL HADITH USUL	Elective	Semester 1
TRANSLATION THEORY OF SELECTED ARABIC TEXTS	Elective	Semester 1
ISLAMIC THEOLOGY	Elective	Semester 1
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN HIGHER EDUCATION	Elective	Semester 1
ADVANCED ARABIC	Elective	Semester 1

CAREER PATHS



Graduates of the Bachelor of Arts Honours in Islamic Studies may proceed to the Master of Islamic Studies or related fields. They can also seek employment opportunities in organisations in the private, public, and non-profit sectors in a broad range of positions and roles. The Bachelor of Arts Honours in Islamic Studies opens opportunities for careers that demand postgraduate skills in Islamic Studies such as in research, community leadership, policy analysis, consultancy, NGOs, and Media international development, and which require multi-disciplinary understanding to address challenges in their community, workplace and the world, as well as for becoming researchers in the field. Career choices also include a wide range of areas such as policy-making roles at local and national governmental levels, advisory/consultative positions in Civil services or NGOs; or working with Muslim specialised journalism and media; Islamic education; chaplaincy (pastoral care); charitable sectors; community service; international corporation, interfaith relations, Shariah advisors; the public sector - including the civil service; banking/finance; legal studies and post-graduate studies and research. A Bachelor of Arts Honours in Islamic Studies may be beneficial for policymakers, imams/religious ministers, chaplains, lecturers/teachers who aspire to advance their careers.



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