



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

*In the Name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful*



## Graduate program

Offered by the

Islamic University of MN

(Specialization: Islamic Studies)

This Program is offered **ONLY** in Arabic

# **(Graduate Program)**

## **(Masters & Doctorate)**

### **Goals of the Program**

**The Graduate Program aims:**

1. To develop the Islamic Acumen of students and help each student arrives at correct conclusions and judgments using the Islamic methodologies. These methodologies will be under the regulations, foundations, and research methods that are supported by most universities and academic institutions.
2. To graduate a number of researchers from the Islamic studies field that have the capability to meet the need of the Islamic centers, institutions, and the Muslim communities in the West.
3. To prepare specialized cadres in the Fatwa and Shariah Judiciary field, that can effectively strengthen the fabric of the Muslim community in the West by meeting the increasing need for qualified jurisprudential references.

# **(Master –Graduate)**

## **(M)**

### **Admission requirements to this program:**

1. The applicant must have a Bachelor's degree in Islamic studies with a GPA of at least 2.8. If the applicant has a Bachelor's degree in non-Islamic studies, he/she can still apply for the master's program but must complete undergraduate prerequisite courses before beginning the master courses. Pre-requisite courses will not be counted toward the master's degree requirement and will not be included in the GPA. Students must pass with at least D in all of the pre-requisite courses.
2. Submit two recommendation letters from professors or well-known clergy.
3. In order to be considered for the program, students must either pass the placement exam, or apply for a special review by a specialized committee.
4. The university reserves the right to impose any other requirements on individual students, when they are on academic probation/or when there are concerns with their academic level.

### **Master's degree requirements**

In order for a student to complete the program and earn his/her Master's degree, the following requirements must be met:

1. Accumulate 36 credit hours distributed as following:
  - 27 credit hours of Master's Degree level course work with a total GPA of at least (75%) and a grade of at least (75%) for each individual course.
  - 9 credits of Master's thesis work. Students are required to provide a research (Master's thesis) no less than (100) pages with relevant content and a recognized writing method. Students have the option to defend their Master.
2. Must be of good conduct and behavior during the period of study at the university.
3. **Must fulfill of all the required tuition & fees.**

## Graduate Courses

Course Name	Course Code
<b>Applications in Islamic Creed (Aqida)</b>	<b>M101</b>
<b>Interpretation (Tafsir) &amp; the Methods of Interpretation</b>	<b>M102</b>
<b>The Significance of the Prophetic Sunnah</b>	<b>M103</b>
<b>Fiqh of Reality &amp; Applications of Legislation</b>	<b>M104</b>
<b>Contemporary Educational Challenges</b>	<b>M105</b>
<b>Administration, in Light of Islamic Thought</b>	<b>M106</b>
<b>Events of Islamic History- a Critical Study</b>	<b>M107</b>
<b>Research Methods-an Advanced Study</b>	<b>M108</b>

# **(Doctoral –Graduate)**

## **(D)**

### **In order to earn a doctoral degree, 48 credit hours are required, as outlined below:**

1. If the student has earned a master's degree from the same university (IUMN), he/she will not be required to take any of the graduate courses. They can start the Doctoral Degree by preparing an appropriate thesis that is no less than (200) pages with relevant content and recognized writing method. The thesis should also meet the size of 48 hour credits.
2. If the student has earned a master's degree from another university, then the Graduate Studies Committee will consider his/her academic level and review the courses that the student has taken before. The Graduate Studies Committee will assign the student to take graduate courses if needed and upon completion of the courses, the student may begin work on their thesis, which should meet the 48 hour credit requirement.

**Note: Students don't have right to start writing the Doctoral thesis unless they have passed all of the assigned graduate courses successfully.**

## **(Supervision System on Thesis's & Dissertations)**

- \*\* The Graduate Studies Committee's approval is contingent on the recommendation of the student's advisor.
- \*\* A student may change advisor(s) by appealing to the Graduate Studies Committee, and attaining approval from the committee.
- \*\* Graduate Studies Committee reserves the right to take suitable actions when student report does not show satisfactory progress and when the student violates any of the Academic Integrity rules.
- \*\* When student is ready for final defense, his/her advisor should submit a report supporting such readiness. This report should include suggested names for the members of the defense committee.
  - The defense committee has to include the following members:
    1. The student's advisor.
    2. One IUMN faculty member that meets the criteria of defense committee membership.
    3. One committee member from outside of IUMN. Such a member should also meet the criteria of defense committee membership. In case an external advisor is not available, an internal IUMN advisor can be appointed instead.
  - The advisor will take the lead in the dissertation. If there were two advisors, the Graduate Studies Committee should appoint the one of academic position. If both are equal in the academic position, then the older (age) advisor will be appointed; the university administration will decide otherwise.

### **Dissertation and granting the Master's and Doctoral Degrees**

1. Upon receiving the dissertation, the advisors are given one month to approve its validity for final defense.
2. If the committee approves the dissertation, an appointment will be set for final defense, within one month of approval.
3. The head of the committee will request a presentation from the student in which he/she must demonstrates the question of the research, methods followed, analysis, results, and conclusion reached. Then, a discussion between the defense committee and the student will be moderated by the head of the defense committee. In the end, the final decision that is adopted by the majority of the committee will be announced in the presence of the student.

## **Thesis Modification**

1. In case modifications were required, the student is allowed no longer than three months to perform such modifications.
2. If the committee decides to reject the thesis, then the student is not allowed to defend his/her dissertation again unless he/she re-writes the whole thesis again and not repeating the same mistake that led to its rejection. A student is allowed to defend his/her dissertation six months from the date of the first defense.

## **Procedures of granting the Higher Diploma Degree:**

### **Higher Diploma Degree will be awarded in the following cases:**

1. If the student completed all of the required graduate courses but did not want to write a thesis and complete a Master's degree.
2. If the student earned a cumulative GPA of less than (75%) in the graduate courses.
3. If the committee decided not to validate the thesis for dissertation or rejected it after the defense and the student chose not to re-write the thesis.
4. If the student fails in the second dissertation.

### **General Policies:**

1. The maximum period of time that a graduate student can spend in a program is 5 year. Pre-requisite courses are not counted toward the 5 years.
2. An academic advisor can be appointed to each student if needed.
3. Policies of graduate transfer students:
  - Student should be transferred from a well-known university or institution.
  - A student transferring to a graduate IUMN program must meet the admission requirements at the time of transfer.
  - Transferring student should not be fired from other universities.
  - The IUMN department to which the student is transferring, is responsible for deciding which credits are transferrable