

# Specification Document of Master's Program in Islamic Studies

General Information about the Program		
<b>1</b>	<b>Program Title and Final Award</b>	Master's Degree in Islamic Studies
<b>2</b>	<b>Awarding Body/ Institution</b>	Faculty of Arts & Humanities, Sana'a University
<b>3</b>	<b>Teaching Institution/ Responsible Department</b>	Department of Islamic Studies
<b>4</b>	<b>Other departments involved in teaching the program</b>	Department of Arabic Language & Literature
<b>5</b>	<b>Medium of Instruction</b>	Arabic
<b>6</b>	<b>Program Start Year</b>	1445 A.H / 2023
<b>7</b>	<b>Study Mode</b>	Regular
<b>8</b>	<b>Type of Program</b>	10 Courses + Thesis
<b>9</b>	<b>Place of Study</b>	Faculty of Arts & Humanities, Sana'a University Campus
<b>10</b>	<b>System of Study</b>	Approved Credit Hours (Minimum 2 Years and Maximum 3 Years)
<b>11</b>	<b>Duration of the Program</b>	1 Year for coursework study (30 CH) + 2 Years for Master's Thesis Preparation (6 C. Hrs)
<b>12</b>	<b>Possible Future Career Options for Graduates:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teaching in the field of specialization.</li> <li>2. Working in the research field related to the specialization.</li> <li>3. Working in the field of counseling and preaching and related areas</li> <li>4. Working in the field of preparation</li> </ol>

		<p>and presentation of religious programs</p> <p>5. Working in scientific research centers and the development of research studies in the diverse fields of the department.</p> <p>6. Working in the field of Sharia (Islamic law) consulting in governmental and non-governmental institutions</p>
13	<b>Levels of Award/ Final Award:</b>	<p>In case a student completes the coursework study but fails to complete the Master's thesis, they will be awarded a PG Diploma in Islamic studies.</p> <p>In case a student successfully completes the coursework study and Master's thesis, they will be awarded a Master's Degree in Islamic studies.</p>
14	<b>Prerequisite Qualifications</b>	Bachelor's Degree in Islamic studies
15	<b>Required GPA/ Average Grade for Admission</b>	An average grade of no less than "good" (according to Graduate Studies Regulations)
16	<b>Other Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants must have completed all administrative and financial registration procedures in accordance with the regulations governing such matters.</li> <li>• Applicants must successfully pass a personal interview relevant to the program.</li> <li>• Applicants must not have a history of expulsion from any other university for disciplinary reasons.</li> <li>• Applicants may not enroll in more than one graduate program at a time.</li> <li>• The applicant must be Yemeni by nationality or have obtained official approval from the relevant authorities if they are not Yemeni.</li> </ul>
17	<b>Program Coordinator</b>	Dept. of Islamic Studies, Dr. Abdullah

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18	<b>Date of Program Specification/ Latest Accreditation:</b>	The program was approved by the Council of the Islamic Studies Department in its regular meeting No. (.....) on ....../...../ 2023.

<b>Program Vision, Mission, and Aims</b>	
<b>■ Program Mission</b>	
<p>The Master's Program in Islamic Studies seeks to solidify Islamic principles, promote authentic knowledge and understanding of the Islamic faith, and prepare well-qualified and specialized professionals in the various disciplines of Islamic Sharia (jurisprudence), who are capable of contributing to the intellectual and social development of the community, by offering a rigorous academic curriculum based on standards of quality and academic accreditation.</p>	
<b>■ Program Aims</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To solidify sound Islamic principles and values in the fields of education and specialized research in Islamic studies.</li> <li>2. To strengthen the foundations of knowledge in Quranic studies, creed, jurisprudence, hadith, ethics, and worship; highlighting the comprehensiveness, universality, and unique characteristics of Islam.</li> <li>3. To prepare well-rounded, moderate, and distinguished scholars with a deep understanding of the diverse rulings of Islamic laws.</li> <li>4. To provide society with well-qualified and specialized experts in the field of Islamic studies.</li> <li>5. To contribute to the advancement of human knowledge by providing quality studies and research in diverse areas of Islamic Studies, and by</li> </ol>	

diligently preserving the Islamic heritage in general and the Yemeni heritage in particular.

6. To elevate scientific research in the program's diverse fields and apply it to keep pace with emerging developments in a way that serves the Muslim community and reinforces its identity.

### **Program Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs)**

#### **First: Knowledge and Understanding**

**Upon successful completion of this program, graduates will be able to:**

A1	Demonstrate a comprehensive and nuanced understanding of the specialized knowledge in various Islamic Studies disciplines.
A2	Explain the key scientific and methodological foundations upon which rigorous academic research is based.
A3	Show a considerable command of the general principles and foundational rules in the program's specific areas of specialization.
A4	Discuss contentious issues, identify points of disagreement, and address them with a clear, scholarly, and methodical approach.

#### **Second: Cognitive/Intellectual Skills**

**Upon successful completion of this program, graduates will be able to:**

B1	Contribute new and evolving knowledge to the specific field of specialization through their studies and research.
B2	Derive sub-knowledge and diverse legal/Sharia rulings by drawing upon the relevant rules and principles of the related disciplines.
B3	Formulate scientific reports and research assignments with proficiency and competence.
B4	Establish connections between interrelated topics using sound analytical and inferential reasoning.

### **Third: Professional and Practical Skills**

**Upon successful completion of this program, graduates will be able to:**

C1	Demonstrate proficiency in research and investigation skills, making original contributions to the broader and specific fields of specialization.
C2	Effectively apply acquired skills to address contemporary issues and diverse challenges.
C3	Actively participate in presenting papers on specific topics within their area of expertise.
C4	Employ various scientific methodologies when conducting studies and research or engaging in heritage preservation efforts.

### **Fourth: General and Transferable Skills**

**Upon successful completion of this program, graduates will be able to:**

D1	Collaborate effectively with peers in the preparation of joint and specialized assignments.
D2	Utilize modern technologies in the field of research and handle them proficiently to stay updated on emerging issues and developments.
D3	Keep pace with the latest advancements in programs relevant to the field of specialization and actively engage in related academic forums and conferences.
D4	Communicate positively with the broader Arab and Islamic context to achieve the program's goals and objectives.

## Graduate Attributes:

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be:

- Proficient in the various fields of Islamic studies, in terms of education, research, and investigation.
- Capable of working efficiently in the domains of Islamic sciences, as per the specific requirements of their specialization.
- Demonstrating skills in identifying and religious issues that emerge in society and addressing them with wisdom and competence.
- Adept at highlighting the merits of Islamic Sharia, as well as societal values, and consistently reflecting these principles in their speech, actions, and conduct.
- Capable of applying their acquired knowledge to serve community and contribute to its development.
- Capable of communicating effectively and positively with others.

## Program structure

Program Requirements	Number of Courses	Credit Hours	Percentage %
Remedial Courses	12	36	For candidates students from other specializations
Compulsory/Core Courses	10	30	83%
Elective Courses	-	-	-
MA Thesis	1	6	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Program Study Plan

<b>First Semester</b>							
	Course Title	Code No.	Credit Hours				Pre-Requisites
			Th.	Pr.	Tut.	Total C.H.	
1	Advanced Studies in Quranic Sciences		3	-	-	3	
2	Advanced Studies in Hadith and its Sciences		3	-	-	3	
3	Comparative Jurisprudence Studies		3	-	-	3	
4	Studies in Islamic Creed		3	-	-	3	
5	Research Methods and Heritage Investigation		2	2	-	3	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>15</b>	

<b>Second Semester</b>							
	Course Title	Code No.	Credit Hours				Pre-Requisites
			Th.	Pr.	Tut.	Total C.H.	
1	Quranic Exegesis Studies		3		-		
2	Studies in Islamic Sharia Objectives		3		-		
3	Advanced Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence Studies		3		-		
4	Islamic Thought Studies		3		-		
5	Arabic Grammar, Morphology, and Rhetoric Studies		3		--		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15</b>	

Course Title	Code No.	Credit Hours
Master's Thesis	—	6

### Admission Requirements for the Program as per Higher Studies Regulation

<b>Required Specializations:</b>	Bachelor's degree in Islamic Studies, Qur'anic Sciences and Sharia
<b>Language Proficiency TOEFL/ IBT</b>	As per Higher Studies Regulations
<b>Computer Skills (ICDL)</b>	As per Higher Studies Regulations
<b>Other Requirements Such as (entrance exam/ personal interview)</b>	Entrance Exam + Personal Interview

### Graduation Requirements

<b>Total credit hours required for graduation:</b> 36 Credit Hours
<b>Minimum marks to pass in each of the program courses:</b> 65%
<b>Total number of marks or grades required for graduation:</b> As per the Higher Studies Regulations, if a student achieves a GPA less than 75%, they will be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma and will not be permitted to submit thesis.
To fulfill all the requirements stipulated in the Higher Studies Regulations.