

ISLAMIC MADHAHIB UNIVERSITY

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A booklet on introducing the Islamic Madhahib University

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PERFACE

The University of Islamic Madhahib with emphasis on principles of religion and Taqrib (proximity of Islamic schools of Thought) is committed to continue the teachings of the holy prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and the tasks of Islamic seminaries which have no attachment to any particular individual or group. In fact the Islamic history can provide the reasearchers enough concrete evidence on this claim.

Sheikh Toosi Islamic Seminaries in Baghdad had avast range in this regard, to the point that these schools were used by many of Sunni scholars, and aside from studying in Shiite Theological Schools, great Shiite scholars like Allameh Helli, Shahid-e Awwal and Shahid-e Thani, also studied in Sunni Theological Seminaries of Baghdad, Egypt, Mecca, Medina, al-khalil, Damascus and Qods for many years.

Reciprocal Ejazats (permissions) among Islamic sects scholars which are mentioned in Biahar al-Anwar Ejazats and the Ejazat of grand Ayatollah Mar'ashi, and also many of the shared books in Shiite and Sunni areas such as Jame al-Maqasid Soyouti, Ihya ulum al-din, Tazkerah al-Sāme (manners of teaching and learning), Manzomeh Sabzevari etc. are the signs of solid solidarity of Islamic theological schools around the world.

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THE OBJECTIVES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ISLAMIC MADHAHIB

- 1- The upbringing and educating of the generation of Muslim scholars and researchers who are well aware of and educated about their own sect of religion, and making them aware of the tenets of other Islamic sects which could lead them to have unity among Muslims.
- 2- Educating teachers and expert researchers in Fiqh, the principles of Islamic law (usul al-Fiqh), comparative Fiqh, Quranic sciences, Hadith sciences, Theology and Theosophy for schools, colleges and Islamic and cultural centers through courses in master and PhD programs.
- 3- Educating Muslim preachers and missionaries to be employed locally and internationally in different Islamic sects levels.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The members of the board of councilors are:

- 1- The President of the Islamic Republic of Iran or his representative
- 2- The secretary General of World Assembly of Taqrib of Islamic school of thought.
- 3- The Minister of Higher Education, Research and Technology or his representative
- 4- The Minister of Education or his representative
- 5- The Minister of Islamic Culture and Guidance or his representative
- 6- The President of the University of Islamic Madhahib
- 7- Three faculty members of the university or cultural personalities

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COLLEGES

In order to have more unity and closeness of the different Islamic sects followers, and in view of the urgent need to new researches based on proximity among Islamic sects and enriching the observations and their studies, the University of Islamic Madhahib has been established with three colleges which are as following:

1- The college of Fiqh and Islamic Sects laws

BSc in the following courses:

- Fiqh and Imamiyya (Shiite) law
- Fiqh and Shafi'i law
- Fiqh and Hanafi law

MSc in the following courses:

- Comparative Fiqh and Islamic private law
- Comparative Fiqh and Islamic public law
- Comparative Fiqh and Islamic penal law

PhD in the following courses:

- Fiqh and the principles of Islamic law
- Qur'anic sciences and Hadith
- History of Islam

2- The college of Qur'anic sciences and Hadith

BSc & MSc in the following courses:

- Qur'anic sciences
- Hadith sciences

- History of Islam

3- The college of Philosophy and Islamic theology

BSc in the following courses:

- Philosophy and Islamic theology
- Religions and Islamic schools of thought
- Theology

The under graduate students of this university should take up 135 academic units in three general stages, joint and specialized, and students who are taking up master, must pass 42 to 52 academic units (28 academic units of which are core ones, 4 units are counted for thesis writing and 10 to 20 units are as prerequisites).

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General and Special Requirements for the Admission of International Students

The Islamic Madhahib University will admit students who are interested to pursue their study in the proximity of Islamic Thought, and who are eligible for scholarships through oral test (Interview), with priority given to those who are the hafiz (memorizer) of the Holy Qur'an). (1)

(1) -The following are the three types of scholarships for international students:

I- Scholarship Type A): In this type of scholarship, during education, the eligible students are provided with free education according to University regulations, and are exempted from paying any cost of education and they are paid monthly grant during the period of their study.

II- Scholarship Type B): In this type of scholarship, during education, the eligible students are provided with free education according to University regulations, and are exempted from paying any cost of education.

III- Scholarship Type C): In this type of scholarship, the student is obliged to pay for all his cost of education during the period of his study, hence, the university does not have any obligation regarding the cost of the study of any student with this type of scholarship.

General qualifications

- 1- Being practically committed to Islamic commandments, to the laws of Islamic Republic of Iran and the observance of Islamic ethics
- 2- Believing in Islamic principles and being interested in Taqrib
- 3- Having proper moral capacity
- 4- Being physically fit

Special Requirements

- 1- Passing the oral test (interview) of the University
- 2- High school diploma with the average grade of 12.5 (from 0-20 grading system) for under graduate applicants and average grade of 14 for MSc applicants

Note 1; having the minimum average of 15 for the courses of humanities for those applicants wanting to study towards MSc degree.

Note 2; having the minimum average of 16 for PhD degrees

- 3- Maximum age of 22 for the applicants who desire to obtain MSc degrees and 28 for PhD degree
- 4- Recommendation letter from three high school teachers or professors of the country where the applicant is graduated from

Documents required for application:

- 1 - Completed Application Form.
- 2 - Photocopy from all documents related to high school diploma and higher studies (Transcripts of records must be translated into English or French languages), and all of them must be authenticated by the education authorities and the Iranian embassy of the country where the student is graduated from, and be sent to Mazahib University before January of every year.
- 3 – Submission of certificate of health, temperament and a certificate of no addiction.
- 4 – Submission of photocopy of a valid identification paper or passport.
- 5 – Submission of a written comment concerning the moral capacity of the applicant by the representative of the Embassy of Islamic Republic of Iran in the home country of the student.
- 6 - Providing three recommendation letters from previous professors (for MSc & PhD applicants)
- 7 - A written letter of application seeking to study in Iran

8 - A written comment concerning the financial capacity of the applicant by the representative of the Embassy of Islamic Republic of Iran in the home country of the student.

9 - Six pieces of applicant's photographs (6x4cm).

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WAYS OF STUDYING AND EARNING EDUCATION

This university is decided to have all the advantages of a university and a seminary for this reason:

- 1- The best professors and teachers from Islamic seminary are invited
- 2- Fiqh, interpretation of the holy Qur'an, Theology, History and Hadith from all Islamic sects through the styles of various Islamic sects are being taught
- 3- Teaching Fiqh from each Islamic sect together with today's requirements, dynamic and new Fiqh
- 4- Paving the ground for promoting and popularizing the culture of Islamic sects
- 5- Teaching Arabic literature and conversation
- 6- Teaching logic, and new and traditional theology
- 7- Performing Islamic discussions by students coupled with practical researches in human sciences
- 8- The medium of teaching in this university is Persian and Arabic; Thus, those students who are not familiar with these languages, must pass an orientation course of two terms

EDUCATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

With the help of Allah Almighty and continuous efforts of those in charge of this university, about 60% of its graduate and post graduate students are admitted in other higher education universities and institutions as for taking supplementary courses (courses in MSc & PhD), and presently many of them are engaged in higher education and research institutions or cultural and religious organizations.

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WELFARE SERVICES

- 1- Providing dormitory for students. providing partial financial support or rendering loans to students in accordance with the regulations of the loan fund of students welfare
- 2- Having access to the dormitory libraries, self services, sport and leisure facilities, etc

Library and computer center

Specialized library of the university has sections for cataloging, storage, barrowing, references and journals which usually satisfy the needs of students in various fields and subjects, and also the needs of students for the courses offered in this university. There are about 37000 copies and 21690 titles together with 198 active journals, where all are in hand through computer searches and nets. There are 5 active computer stations which are connected to high speed internet. The web site of the library can provide information to students and researchers as well. The information unit of the university is rendering services such as: high speed internet service, printing, profile and personal drives for every student, providing course related soft wares, portal service of the library, net management and all office and educational computer systems etc.

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PUBLICATIONS

The publications of the Islamic Madhahib University which produces and proximity thoughts has received its license from the ministry of Islamic Culture and Guidance. Presently the following works have either been printed:

- 1- The solidarity of Islamic Madhahib(sects) by Dr. Abd al-Karim Bi Azar Shirazi
- 2- Embryology in the Qur'an by Dr. Abd al-Karim Bi azar Shirazi
- 3- Al-Fiqh al-Taqrubi and al-Moqaren Bayn al-Asalah and al-moa'serah al-Masael al-Eqtesadiyah by Dr. Abd al-Karim Bi Azar Shirazi
- 4- Ma Estadallah beh al-Hanafiyeh min A'sa'r Sahr Khatm Khair al-Bariyah by professor Mowlavi Mohammad Ishaq Madani
- 5- Uncovering Noah's Arc by Dr. Abd al-Karim Bi Azar Shirazi
- 6- A collection of articles with the theme of Ijtihad in Contemporary Era
- 7- A collection of articles on Allamah Abdoh and Allamah Modaffar
- 8- The secret of awakening (the life of Allamah shaykh Mohammad Reza Modaffar)

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

- 1- The Foroogh Vahdat Quarterly Educational and Research Publication (professors, students, and Shiite and Sunni scholars)
- 2- The student specialized quarterly of Edalat (justice) – the Fiqh and Shafi'i law scientific association
- 3- Al-Judy (the Fiqh and Shafi'i law scientific association)
- 4- Mosafer (traveler) News Letter (Basij)
- 5- Hamraz (the administration office of students affairs)
- 6- The Pen (the educating group of English language and students)
- 7- Esharat, cultural and scientific publication (students scientific and cultural researches and studies association)

- 8- Special scientific publication of Oruje Andishe (the rising up of thoughts)(university students Basij)

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The themes of the meetings already held are as following:

- 1- The role of closeness of Islamic sects in dialogue among civilizations
- 2- Ijtihad and its role in Islamic solidarity
- 3- Islamic government and Velayat e Faqih
- 4- A congress with presence of Allameh Tabatabayi (RA) and his students Dr. Ahmad Ahmadi and Dr. Dinani
- 5- Scientific meeting with the theme of the purposes of Shariah (Legal and moral code of Islam) with the presence of Shiite and Sunni scholars
- 6- A Seminar on studying the thoughts of Imam Abu Hanifeh with the presence of Shiite and Sunni scholars
- 7- Scientific gathering on promoting good and preventing evil
- 8- Gathering with the theme of Ijtihad in Contemporary Era
- 9- Scientific gathering commemorating Allameh Sheikh Mohammad Abdoh and Allameh Sheikh Mohammad Reza Modaffar
- 10- Scientific gathering on the youth and the world of Islam
- 11- Scientific gathering commemorating Allameh Badiozzaman Sa'id Norsani

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RELATIONS WITH OTHER UNIVERSITIES

- 1- Being the member of the union of the world of Islam universities
- 2- Admission of Herat university professors for their master's courses
- 3- Launching short term educational programs for the imams of mosques and imams of prayers of Russia, and the professors of Bosnia and Herzegovina University
- 4- Admission of foreign students through Iranian cultural and political representatives of Embassies of the Islamic Republic of Iran
- 5- Official visit of various scientific and cultural personalities of the world of Islam from the Islamic Madhahib university
- 6- Memorandum of understanding for the scientific cooperation of Madhahib University and al-Mustafa University
- 7- Memorandum of understanding for the scientific cooperation of the University with the Institute of Cultural Research and Islamic thoughts

- 8- Memorandum of understanding for the scientific cooperation of the University with the programming council of Sunni seminaries

CULTURAL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Aside from studying, students can also avail themselves of the following cultural programs:

- Quranic festivals
- Sport festivals
- Cultural activities within dormitories
- Cultural convention, gatherings and meetings and etc

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OTHER NESSESARY INFORMATION

- 1- The duration of study will be four years for under graduate students and two years for MSc students, and that will be counted from the start of classes. This period for PhD courses will be eight semesters, if a student fails to come up with writing his thesis and defending it, he shall be deprived of the continuation of his study.
- 2- The university shall provide and render the necessary academic materials which are appropriate to the study as prerequisites along school terms period.
- 3- The academic system of this university is based on number of units which must be passed, and the units for each term will be rendered by the university according to the requirements of the university.
- 4- The students must attend all classes that they are enrolled for.
- 5- The students are obliged to obey and observe all the rules and regulations of the university.

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SISTERS' CAMPUS

With the approval of Members of the board of councilors the admission of female students was started for the academic year of 2007-2008. This unit is managed by women and is separated from male students campus. It is active in 6 under graduate courses of Fiqh and Imamiyya (Shiite) law, Fiqh and Shafi'i law, Fiqh and Hanafi law, Qur'anic sciences,

History of Islam, Philosophy and Islamic Theology. Also 5 master's courses are included of: Comparative Fiqh and Islamic private law, Comparative Fiqh and Islamic public law, Comparative Fiqh and Islamic penal law, Qur'anic sciences, Hadith sciences and History of Islam.

It is worth mentioning that the students of this unit can avail of the same facilities that male students do.

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UNIVERSITY BRANCHES

The establishment of other branches of this University in other parts of the country has been the approved policy of members of the board of councilors in the second developing program of the University. In this connection, with the support of the government of Islamic Republic of Iran, two branches of this University have been established in the cities of Sanandaj and Zahedan. Presently these two branches are active in under graduate courses.

Sanandaj branch

Zahedan branch

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