

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS UNIVERSITI ISLAM SULTAN SHARIF ALI

## BACHELOR DEGREE

Applications are invited from qualified candidates for admission to the programmes offered. To be considered for admission, applicants must satisfy **the general entry requirements** and **specific entry requirements** as set for each programme. *Applicants must note that fulfilling the general entry requirements and specific entry requirements does not guarantee entry into UNISSA's programmes as admission to all programmes is competitive and limited subject to availability of spaces.*

### GENERAL NOTES

- Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali reserves the right to reject applications which are incomplete, received after the closing date or containing false information.
- Only shortlisted / successful candidates will be contacted.
- Only qualifications from a University / Institution / Examination Board recognised by the University Senate will be considered.
- For entry to first degree programmes only Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Ugama Brunei (STPUB) and Brunei-Cambridge GCE 'A' Level qualifications or equivalent qualifications obtained in **not more than 3 sittings** will be considered.
- Applicants with other equivalent qualification such as Higher National Diploma (HND) may be considered subject to fulfilling the entry requirement set by the programme they have applied for.
- General Paper and English as a Second Language will not be considered as Advanced Level subjects.
- The London GCE 'O' Level Malay **will not be considered**.
- Applicants who do not meet the normal entry requirements **may be considered** for admission to first degree programmes as mature applicants subject to the requirements set by the University as set out below.
- Applicants must satisfy other requirements as set by faculties in Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali from time to time.
- Required to go through prescribed medical fitness examination and must be certified as fit to join the programme.
- If deemed necessary, applicants may also be required to attend an interview conducted by the relevant faculty.

## GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR **ENGLISH MEDIUM** PROGRAMMES

Grade	Points
A*	140
A	120
B	100
C	80
D	60

- Points will be allocated to 'A' Level grades according to the following scheme, which is based on that used by the University Colleges Admission Services (UCAS), United Kingdom. Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level qualifications are not awarded points in the UNISSA scheme and are not taken into account when determining acceptable qualifications for entry to UNISSA.
- For English Medium programmes, applicants must have at least a credit **6** in English Language at GCE 'O' Level Examination or a grade '**B**' in IGCSE English (as a Second Language) or an IELTS score of **6.0** or a TOEFL minimum overall score of 550.
- Passed Primary School Religious Certificate (*Sijil Sekolah-Sekolah Rendah Ugama Brunei*) examination or its equivalent including *Penilaian Sekolah Rendah* Certificate examination for applicants from Institut Tahfiz al-Qur'an Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah (ITQSHHB) and Arabic Schools, or equivalent qualifications recognised by University Senate.
- Pass al-Qur'an al-Karim recitation test conducted by the University.

<b>PROG. CODE</b>	<b>PROGRAMME</b>	<b>MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>
U004	Bachelor of Usuluddin	Arabic	Four (4) years [Full Time]
S001	Bachelor of Shariah (Fiqh & Judiciary)		
S002	Bachelor of Shariah (Fiqh & Usul)		
A001	Bachelor of Arabic Language & Translation		
H001	Bachelor of Islamic History & Civilisation		
U003	Bachelor of Tafsir & Qira'at		
B001	Bachelor of Science in Islamic Finance	English	Four (4) years [Full Time] / Five (5) years [Part Time]
B002	Bachelor of Business Management		
T001	Bachelor of Halal Science		

**Bachelor of Usuluddin**  
**Bachelor of Tahfiz & Qira'at**  
**Bachelor of Shariah (Fiqh & Judiciary)**  
**Bachelor of Shariah (Fiqh & Usul)**  
**Bachelor of Arabic Language & Translation**  
**Bachelor of Islamic History & Civilisation**

**Entry Requirements**

**STPUB Qualification or its equivalent**

Have passed Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Ugama Brunei (STPUB) with an average grade '*Jayyid*'; or  
 Have Passed *Barnamij Tarqiyah* programme offered by UNISSA with a minimum CGPA 3.00; or  
 Have Passed Higher National Diploma in *al-Dirasaat al-Islamiyyah* (minimum CGPA 3.00 may be considered for direct entrance to second (2<sup>nd</sup>) year in any Arabic- medium programme).

**International Arabic Language Testing System (IALTS)**

At least Band 6.0

**Hafaz**

Applicants applying to Bachelor of Tahfiz and Qira'at programme must passed *Hafaz al-Qur'an at least 15 Juzuk* certified by the University.

**Diploma of 'Aaliyah Qiraat**

Applicants who have passed *Diploma 'Aliyah Qira'at* with a minimum CGPA 3.00 or its equivalent may be considered for a direct entrance to second (2<sup>nd</sup>) year Bachelor of Tahfiz and Qira'at programme.

**Bachelor of Science in Islamic Finance  
Bachelor of Business Management**

**Entry Requirements**

**English Proficiency**

At least a credit 6 in English Language at GCE 'O' Level Examination or a grade 'C' in IGCSE English (as a Second Language) or an IELTS score of 6.0 or a TOEFL (PBT) minimum overall score of 550 or TOEFL (IBT) minimum overall score of 600 or equivalent.

**'A' Level or STPUB Qualification or its equivalent**

A minimum of 160 points for two (2) 'A' Level relevant subjects or 200 for (3) relevant subjects preferably Shariah not exceeding three (3) years of last examination with a minimum grade D; or Passed *Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Agama Brunei* (STPUB) examination or its equivalent with an average grade 'Jayyid'.

**Mathematics GCE 'O' Level or its equivalent**

At least a credit 6 in Mathematics at GCE 'O' Level or IGCSE examination or any statistics or mathematics course passed with 'Merit' and above at HND level may be considered in lieu of the GCE 'O' Level Mathematics for those who have only acquired pass (D7 or E8).

**International Baccalaureate**

A minimum score of 24 points including a minimum of 5 points each in at least two relevant subjects (including mathematics) taken at higher level, or 5,5,4 for 3 relevant subjects (including mathematics) taken at higher level.

**Diploma Qualification**

A Higher National Diploma (HND) / Foundation Degree / Advanced Diploma Qualification or equivalent from institutions recognised by the University Senate who have obtained at least 'Merit' passes in 5 subjects relevant to the degree programme to which admission is being sought may be considered.

## Bachelor of Laws & Bachelor of Shariah Law

### Entry Requirements

#### English Proficiency

At least a credit 6 in English Language at GCE 'O' Level Examination or a grade 'C' in IGCSE English (as a Second Language) or an IELTS score of 6.0 or a TOEFL minimum overall score of 550.

#### 'A' Level or STPUB Qualification or its equivalent

A minimum of 240 points for three (3) 'A' Level passes in relevant subjects preferably Shariah; and the subjects should be of minimum grade 'C'; or Passed *Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Agama Brunei* (STPUB) examination or its equivalent with an average grade 'Jayyid Jiddan'.

#### Diploma Qualification

A Higher National Diploma (HND) / Foundation Degree / Advanced Diploma Qualification or equivalent from institutions recognised by the University Senate who have obtained at least 'Merit' passes in 5 subjects relevant to the degree programme to which admission is being sought may be considered.

#### International Baccalaureate

At least 28 points including a minimum of 5, 5, 4 in relevant subjects at the higher level. Accepted subjects will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

## Bachelor of Halal Science

### Entry Requirements

#### English Proficiency

At least a credit 6 in English Language at GCE 'O' Level Examination or a grade 'C' in IGCSE English (as a Second Language) or an IELTS score of 6.0 or a TOEFL minimum overall score of 550.

#### 'A' Level or STPUB Qualification or its equivalent

A minimum of 160 points for two (2) 'A' Level relevant subjects or 200 for (3) relevant subjects preferably Shariah not exceeding three (3) years of last examination with a minimum of grade D;  
or  
Passed *Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Ugama Brunei* (STPUB) examination or its equivalent with an average grade 'Jayyid'.

#### Diploma Qualification

A Higher National Diploma (HND) / Foundation Degree / Advanced Diploma Qualification or equivalent from institutions recognised by the University Senate who have obtained at least 'Merit' passes in 5 subjects relevant to the degree programme to which admission is being sought may be considered.

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## POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

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### General Entry Requirements

- Passed Primary School Religious Certificate (*Sijil Sekolah-Sekolah Rendah Ugama Brunei*) examination or its equivalent.
- Application for a Master by Research programme must be accompanied by a research proposal. The research proposal is, generally, expected to include the following elements: proposed title; rationale; aims and methodology; literature review; preliminary bibliography; provisional timetable; provisional table of contents, and an indication of any special requirements for the study.
- Applicants applying for postgraduate programmes must fulfil any other special requirements from the Faculty / Centre concerned.
- Applicants applying for postgraduate programmes may also be required to sit for al-Qur'an alKarim recitation test conducted by the University.
- If deemed necessary, applicants may also be required to attend an interview conducted by the relevant Faculty/ Centre.



## Master Degree Programme

- The minimum requirement for Master Degree Programmes is normally a relevant Bachelor Degree with Honours (CGPA at least 2.66) or its equivalent from institutions recognised by the University Senate unless otherwise stated.  
Applicants who do not possess a Bachelor Degree with Honours may be considered,
- provided that the applicant has three (3) years of relevant professional experience recognised by the University Senate.

## Language Requirement

Applicants applying to write their thesis / dissertation in:

English	are required to obtain at least a credit 6 in English Language at GCE 'O' Level Examinations, or a grade 'B' in IGCSE English (as a Second Language), or a band 6.0 for IELTS, or a minimum overall score of at least 550 for TOEFL.
Arabic	are required to obtain at least band 6.0 in International Arabic Language Testing System (IALTS).
Malay	are required to obtain at least a credit in the GCE 'O' Level Malay Language or its equivalent.

## Duration of study

- **Master by Coursework and Dissertation**

The period of study will be eighteen (18) months or twenty-four (24) months depending on the programme.

- **Master by Coursework**
- **Master by Research**

## SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

### FACULTY OF USULUDDIN

**i. Master of Usuluddin (By Research) Specific**

Entry Requirements:

- A research proposal outlining the scope of work by independent research should be submitted. The proposal should include, but not be confined to: Introduction to the research topic; Research aims and objectives, including any working hypotheses if applicable; Literature review; Methodology, including any data requirements; Resource requirements, and Timetable of work (Gantt Chart). The research proposal should be approximately 1,000 - 1,500 words in length.

Commencement date: January or August

**ii. Master of Usuluddin (By Coursework and Dissertation)** ○ Successful performance in an interview and any test (if required).

Commencement date: August

## **FACULTY OF SHARIAH AND LAW**

### **Master of Shariah (By Research) Specific Entry**

Requirements:

- A research proposal outlining the scope of work by independent research should be submitted. The proposal should include, but not be confined to: Introduction to the research topic; Research aims and objectives, including any working hypotheses if applicable; Literature review; Methodology, including any data requirements; Resource requirements, and Timetable of work (Gantt Chart). The research proposal should be approximately 1,000 - 1,500 words in length.

Commencement date: January or August

### **ii. Master of Shariah (By Coursework and Dissertation) ○**

Successful performance in an interview and any test (if required).

Commencement date: August

### **iii. Master of Law (By Research) Specific Entry**

Requirements:

- Bachelor of Law Degree (LL.B) and Bachelor of Law s & Bachelor of Shariah Law Degree (LL.B and BSL) from UNISSA or other institution approved by the Senate with CGPA 2.66; or
- A research proposal outlining the scope of work by independent research should be submitted. The proposal should include, but not be confined to: Introduction to the research topic; Research aims and objectives, including any working hypotheses if applicable; Literature review; Methodology, including any data requirements; Resource requirements, and Timetable of work (Gantt Chart). The research proposal should be approximately 1,000 - 1,500 words in length.

Commencement date: January or August

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## FACULTY OF ARABIC LANGUAGE

### **Master of Arabic Language (By Research)**

Specific Entry Requirements:

- A research proposal outlining the scope of work by independent research should be submitted. The proposal should include, but not be confined to: Introduction to the research topic; Research aims and objectives, including any working hypotheses if applicable; Literature review; Methodology, including any data requirements; Resource requirements, and Timetable of work (Gantt Chart). The research proposal should be approximately 1,000 - 1,500 words in length.

Commencement date: January or August

- ii. **Master of Arabic Language (By Coursework and Dissertation)** ○ Successful performance in an interview and any test (if required).

Commencement date: August

## FACULTY OF ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

- i. **Master of Islamic History and Civilization (By Research)** Specific Entry Requirements:

- A research proposal outlining the scope of work by independent research should be submitted. The proposal should include, but not be confined to: Introduction to the research topic; Research aims and objectives, including any working hypotheses if applicable; Literature review; Methodology, including any data requirements; Resource requirements, and Timetable of work (Gantt Chart). The research proposal should be approximately 1,000 - 1,500 words in length.

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Commencement date: January or August

- ii. **Master of Islamic History and Civilization (By Coursework and Dissertation)** ○ Successful performance in an interview and any test (if required).

Commencement date: August

## **FACULTY OF ISLAMIC ECONOMICS AND FINANCE**

### **Master of Islamic Banking and Finance (By Research) ii.**

#### **Master of Islamic Economics (By Research) Specific**

Entry Requirements:

- A research proposal outlining the scope of work by independent research should be submitted. The proposal should include, but not be confined to: Introduction to the research topic; Research aims and objectives, including any working hypotheses if applicable; Literature review; Methodology, including any data requirements; Resource requirements, and Timetable of work (Gantt Chart). The research proposal should be approximately 1,000 - 1,500 words in length.

Commencement date: January or August

## **MAZHAB SHAFI'I RESEARCH CENTRE**

### **i. Master of Mazhab Shafi'i (By Research) Specific**

Entry Requirements:

- A research proposal outlining the scope of work by independent research should be submitted. The proposal should include, but not be confined to: Introduction to the research topic; Research aims and objectives, including any working hypotheses if applicable; Literature review; Methodology, including any data requirements; Resource requirements, and Timetable of work (Gantt Chart). The research proposal should be approximately 1,000 - 1,500 words in length.

Commencement date: January or August

## **HALALAN THAYYIBAN RESEARCH CENTRE**

### **Master of Halal Management (By Research) ii.**

#### **Master of Halal Laws (By Research) Specific**

Entry Requirements:

- A research proposal outlining the scope of work by independent research should be submitted. The proposal should include, but not be confined to: Introduction to the research topic; Research aims and objectives, including any working hypotheses if applicable; Literature review; Methodology, including any data requirements; Resource requirements, and Timetable of work (Gantt Chart). The research proposal should be approximately 1,000 - 1,500 words in length.

Commencement date: January or August

### **iii. Master of Halal Management (By Coursework and Dissertation)**

#### **iv. Master of Halal Laws (By Coursework and Dissertation) Specific**

Entry Requirements:

- Successful performance in an interview and any test (if required).

Commencement date: January or August