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Institutions

*Whoever follows a path searching for knowledge is guided by Allah
onto a path towards paradise. (Abu Huraira, Muslim)*

Institutions

Introduction

Although there are a multitude of Islamic institutions in and around the Islamic World, only a few are listed below. The list is based on personal feedback from students who have recently attended or graduated from the institutes, in addition to information collated from organised 'site visits' by the MEF committee. Insha'Allah the intention is to gradually expand the list as more research is undertaken. Please note that this is only a recommended list and applicants may wish to consider other institutions.

Institutions

Arabic language Institutes

- UK - Markfield Institute of Higher Education;
- UK - The European College for Islamic Studies;
- Europe - France (European Institute of Human Sciences);
- Middle East - Egypt (Al Fajr Institute, Diwan Institute, Al Cordoba Institute)

Islamic Study Institutes

- Europe - France (European Institute of Human Sciences);
- Asia - Pakistan (International University of Islamabad)

Hifz ul Qur'an Institutes

- France (European Institute of Human Sciences);

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Markfield Institute of Higher Education - UK

Address: The Islamic Foundation, Markfield Conference Centre, Ratby Lane, Markfield, Leicestershire, LE67 9SY.

Phone: 01530 244944

Web: www.islamic-foundation.org.uk

The Markfield Institute of Higher Education (MIHE), Markfield, Leicestershire (UK), affiliated to the [University of Portsmouth](http://www.portsmouth.ac.uk) (UK), is the first academic institution of its kind. It presents a unique opportunity to study Islam in an institute affiliated to a leading British University. Some of the hallmarks of the MIHE are:

- A unique faculty for Islamic Studies with immense potentials.
- A Staff comprising internationally acclaimed Islamic scholars with varied research interests.
- The all round support of its sponsor: The Islamic Foundation, a long trusted name in Islamic research, publications, training and consultation since 1973.

The Institute provides an opportunity for students, both home and overseas, to pursue MA, MPhil and PhD degrees in various areas of Islamic Studies. (e.g. Islamic Thought and Sources, Women in Islam, Islamic Banking and Finance, Trends in Contemporary Muslim World, Islam and the West, Muslims in Europe, Pluralism and Co-existence, Comparative Religion, Language and Literature, History, International Relations, Political Science, Sociology and Inter-faith Dialogue).

The Faculty of Islamic Studies comprises distinguished Islamic scholars with a reputable expertise in their respective fields. In addition, the MIHE has enlisted the co-operation of a number of academic staff in British Universities and in the Muslim world, which will boost its research programmes.

The MIHE campus, with its serene, quiet ambience and ample residential catering facilities on the campus, will help students and researchers reap educational benefits in a conducive environment. The MIHE is proud to house the only Islamic library of its kind in Europe.

Other course run by the Islamic Foundation include:

- Msc/Diploma/M.Phil/Ph.D in Islamic Economics at [Loughborough University](http://www.loughborough.ac.uk)
- MA in Pluralism and Cultural Identity at [Leicester University](http://www.leicester.ac.uk)
- English Language Summer School Courses
- [Arabic Language Courses](http://www.islamic-foundation.org.uk)

The Islamic Foundation publications, covering around 200 books and several Journals, Magazines, Newsletters in English and European languages, have reached and benefited millions of readers the world over. Its Seminars/Academic and interactive training programs have helped build bridges between Islam and other faiths and brought about a better understanding of Islam in the West.

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The European College for Islamic Studies - UK

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Phone: 01570 480166

Web: www.eihs.co.uk

The European College for Islamic Studies was officially opened on November 1st 1999. Its infrastructure is based on the Institute European des Sciences Humaines (France).

This Institute of Human Sciences is unique because it is the first Arabic educational organisation of its kind in Britain. It's two year comprehensive Arabic programme, and four year Islamic Studies (Shariah) course provides an excellent Islamic Knowledge base, coinciding with a deep understanding of European society. To provide the approximately three million Muslims in Britain; and the many more in Europe, the much needed guidance of Islam in the modern world.

The Institute is located outside Lampeter, formally an old market and University town. The area is of outstanding beauty, providing an ideal atmosphere for learning. The facilities boasts twelve classrooms, a conference hall, a canteen and accommodation for around 110 students. The Institute is situated within 110000 squared meters of grounds, providing various sports facilities including a swimming pool.

Institut Europeen des Sciences Humaines - France

(European Institute of Human Sciences- IESH)

Address: Centre de Boutelion, 58120 Saint-Leger-de-Fourgeret, France

Phone: +33 86 794062

Web: www.fioe.org

The European Institute of Human Sciences was established in 1992 as a centre of learning and teaching Islam in the heart of Europe. Located in an area of outstanding natural beauty, the institute aims to produce people with the ability to go and become Imams, Duais, Spiritual guides, Scholars and Thinkers.

The institute runs a number of courses in 3 main faculties: Faculty of Arabic language, faculty of Imam and Teacher training and Faculty of Islamic Studies. The following courses are available:

Faculty of Arabic language

- 1 Year intensive Arabic Course
- 2 year beginners Arabic Course

Faculty of Imam and Teacher training

- 2 year Course taught in Arabic medium
- A levels not essential for entry
- Correspondence course also available

Faculty of Islamic Studies

- 4 year Course taught in Arabic medium
- A levels essential
- Leads to French 'Maitrise' Qualification (Equivalent to the British M.A)
- Correspondence Course available

International Islamic University- Pakistan

Address: International Islamic University, Main Campus – Faisal Mosque, Islamabad – 44000, Pakistan.

Phone: + 92 51 9261761 5

Web: www.iiu.edu.pk

The broad aims and objectives of the University are to provide all-around and harmonious development of individuals and society. To reconstruct human thought in all its forms on the foundation of Islam. To develop Islamic character and personality among the students, teachers and the supporting staff in the University. To encourage and promote education, training and research in Islamic Learning, social, natural, applied and communication sciences and other branches of knowledge. To take practical steps for the ideological, moral, intellectual, economic and technological development ideas, principles in accordance with the norms of Islam and to take necessary steps for developing practical solutions of the contemporary problems.

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Al Fajr Institute

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The Fajr Center for the Arabic Language was founded in Cairo in 1995 with the sole purpose of teaching the classical Arabic Language (also known as Fus-ha, or Modern Standard Arabic) to non-Arabs. From the start, it has been our philosophy to teach the language through the medium of the Arabic language itself. From day one, our students hear nothing but Arabic in class.

The school's complete standard curriculum is composed of 11 levels. Your level is determined by a placement examination taken prior to attending classes. Each level is made up of 75 hours of study.

At the end of each level, every student takes an exam. The purpose of the exam is to provide additional motivation for study as well as to assess the student's level of progress. Upon successful completion of each level, the student receives a certificate of completion. An additional Arabic certificate that is sealed with the official stamp of the Ministry of Education is also available upon request.

Al Diwan Center

<http://www.aldiwancenter.com/>

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Nasr City, Cairo, Egypt.
info@aldiwancentre.com

Or call/fax our office at: +20-2-22708415

Al-Diwan was established in 1997 as a language center that teaches Arabic as a foreign language. It was -and still- located in the district of Nasr City in Cairo.

At first, target students were either those who came from abroad to study in Al-Azhar or Western students – and both were studying Arabic seeking a better understanding of Islam. Then, the circle became larger as many students with different aims came to study in Al-Diwan and it became necessary for Al-Diwan to produce educational materials to suit those different aims. After that, and as a response to the students' suggestions and needs, the idea of establishing another branch in Central Cairo became urgent. Al Diwan Center started studying the idea on January 2004, to serve non-Arab students who are living in Cairo and who do not prefer going to the district of Nasr City. Moreover, Al Diwan Center started developing new materials for the students who are studying Arabic to go deeper into the Arabic literature or the students seeking better communication with Egyptians (which means that they want to study Egyptian Colloquial Arabic) or even those who want to study for

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business purposes. Al Diwan Center started real working for the establishment of the new branch on March 2006.

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