**DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME**

Islamic Religious Studies has been the dynamic business environment around the world. It is designed to provide exceptional cutting edge knowledge for School and Open and Distance Learning suited for Islamic Religious Studies programmes. The programme is designed to provide functional, cost effective, flexible learning which adds life-long value to quality education for all who seek knowledge.

Islamic Religious Studies (BSc) is designed to produce graduates who are well grounded in the knowledge of Islamic Religious Studies and who are adequately equipped to manage the private sector as well as the public sector business environment. The programme is also designed to produce graduates who can compete favourably with their counterparts in the global market as well as undertake post graduate programme leading to the award of Post-Graduate Diploma in Islamic Religious Studies (PGD), Master of Islamic Religious Studies.

Admission and registration procedure are On-line Based. Students are required to purchase their Admission forms from any of the Approved Studies Centres (ASC) and then fill the form and submit Online. Admission list as well as individual student’s admission letter for successful candidates is published on GNOU website. Students are also expected to complete their procedure Online or be guarded by our Approved Studies Centres.

The programme is designed for the facilitation of learners in Islamic Religious Studies as well as to produce manpower for development and to educate future leaders in the Religious education and related fields of study or prepare them for religious education.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**(B.Sc. Islamic Religious Studies**)

**Examination Types**

A minimum of 5 credits from WAEC/SSCE or NECO.

**Required Subjects**

English, Mathematics, Economics and two others at not more than two sittings.

Five credit passes in the GCE or equivalent examination, at least two of which shall be at the Advanced level or four credit passes at least three of which shall be at the Advanced level. Credit passes at the Ordinary Level must include English Language and Mathematics.

**Minimum Grade**

Credit passes (C6)

**PLUS**

ND (Upper Credit),

HND (Lower Credit) or

Final Certificate of relevant Professional Bodies in addition to five credit passes

**PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS**

**Programme Structure**

Minimum duration of the Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Degree in Islamic Religiuos Studies programme is four years of eight semesters and a maximum of eight years (of sixteen semesters) under flexible mode of study.

**Degree Rules**

To be awarded B.Sc. Degree in Islamic Religious Studies, the student must pass a minimum of 120 credit units for UME or 90 credit units for direct entry. The minimum credit units include all compulsory courses and research project and exclude all general studies courses.

**COURSE CONTENT SPECIFICATIONS/SYLLABUS OF ALL COURSES IN THE PROGRAMME**

The following course contains codes, titles and units that will help the students to understand the number of compulsory courses to pass per semester and lecturers to know the kind of the units to teach the students. **Students are expected to choose one (1) out of the two available electives**

**OUTLINE OF COURSE STRUCTURE**

Minimum duration of the B.Sc. Degree in Islamic Religious Studies Programme is four years of eight semesters and a maximum of eight years (of sixteen semesters) under flexible mode of study.

**COURSE CONTENT SPECIFICATION**

**ISS 111 INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM 3R**

A study of “Islam” and its implications. The teaching of the Prophet in Makka and Medina. The revelation and content of the Quran. Islam as a way of life.

**ISS 112 INTRODUCTION TO THE QURAN 3R**

A study of the textual history of the Quran: Its revelation. Compilation and rendition form, contents and value. A study of Suwwar Fatihah, Nas, Falaq, Ikhlas, Masad, Nasr, Kafirum, Maun, Qurayshiun and Humazah.

**ISS 113 PRE-ISLAMIC ARABIAN HISTORY AND THE CLASSICAL CALIPHATE 3C**

A study of the religious and social structure of Arabia on the eve of Islam, the life and teachings of the Prophet and the orthodox caliphs.

**ISS 114 INTRODUCTION TO ARABIC LANGUAGE 3C**

A study of the importance of Arabic as an international language; importance of Arabic to the stud of Islam; Arabic alphabets; Joining of Arabic letters; Vowels of Arabic, Formation of two and three letter words, simple verbs and nouns in Arabic, constructing simple sentences and simple Greetings in Islam.

**ISS 115 TA WHID AND IBADAT I 3R**

A study of the Articles of Faith and the worship – Salat, emphasis on their significance and relevance to life including everything that goes with Salat like Ta-harah.

2ND SEMESTER

**ISS 121 TEXTUAL STUDY OF THE QURAN 3C**

Reading with Tajwid and detailed study of the following: Suwar, Asr, Takathur, Quariat, Zulzilat, Qadr, Tin Inshirah, Shams and Balad.

**ISS 122 INTRODUCTION TO HADITH 3R**

Study of the origin, development, collection and compilation, its forms, contents and value. Detailed study of the first 10Hadiths Annawawi’s collection.

**ISS 123 INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC ECONOMIC SYSTEM –ZAKAT 3E 3C**

Definition of Zakat, concept and source of wealth in Islam, Concept of Zakat in Islam, collection of Zakat, and Distribution of Zakat on Livestock, Farm produce, banknotes, etc. Calculation payment of Zakat, Zakat in modern terms and the significance of Zakat.

**ISS 124 TA WWD AND IBADAT H 3R**

Definition of Sawm types of Fasting, The fast of Ramadan and its conditions, Recommended acts during Ramadan like Suhur, Iftar, Tarawih, Itikaf, Zakattul Fitri, Laylatul Qadr, Significance. Definition of Hajj, Duties of Hajj, Umrah and significance of Hajj.

**ISS 125 ARABIC II: LANGUAGE OF THE QURAN 3R**

Vocalisation of Arabic words, Construction of sentences in Arabic using verbs and nouns, Mubtada Wal-khabar, past and present tenses, singular, Dual and plural. Reading and writing of some short Quran verses and Ahadith with translation.

**200 LEVEL – 1ST SEMESTER**

**ISS 211 INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC THEOLOGY 3C**

Detailed study of Islamic Theology to the Sunni School. A brief account of the emergence of Shiah, the Khawarij, Murjia’ah, Quadiriyyah, Jabariyyah, Mu’tazilah and Ash’ariyyah.

**ISS 212SHARIAH; ISLAMIC JURISPRUDENCE 3R**

The meaning, concept and scope of shariah, pre-Islamic Arab Customs and reforms introduced by Islam, the source of Shariah, the early schools, study of the 4 Sunni Schools; Shafil and his reforms, the Shariah school. The case of Ijtihad.

**ISS 213 THE QURAN 3C**

Reading with Tajwid and detailed study of some selected verses like Ayatul Kurisiyy Lagod Jaa’akum, Amana Resulu, Lao Anzafna hadha-1-Qur’an ala Jabalin, etc.

**ISS 214 THE UMAVYAD CALIPHATE 3E**

Origin of the ummayads, Factors responsible for their emergence, strength and weaknesses of the Ummayad rulers and their contribution to Islam.

**ISS 215 THE MORPHOLOGY OF ARABIC LANGUAGE 3R**

Intensive survey of the morphological patterns of the Arabic verb; a review of nominal and adjectival formations in Arabic.

**ISS 221 ISLAMIC PHILOSOPHY 3R**

The emergence and development of Islamic philosophy, characteristics of Islamic philosophy, Life history and philosophical views and contributions of Al-Farabi, Al-Ghazal, Ibn-Rush, Ibn-Khaldun, Al-Kindi, etc.

**ISS 222 SUFSM-ISLAMIC MYSTICISM 3R**

Definition; Esoteric dimension of Islam, its origin and development, the sufi doctrines, some sufi leaders –Al-Gazai, Ibn-Arabi, lalaludin Rumi and Sufi Orders.

**ISS 223 SHARIAH: FAMIL LAW C**

Islamic regulations on marriage, divorce, paternity, family planning, guardianship, inheritance, Wagf, etc.

**ISS 224 THE ABBASID CALIPHATE 3E**

Fall of the Ummayad Caliphate, Emergence of Abbasids, political, social, cultural and religious developments and fall of the Abbasids. Their achievements and weaknesses.

**ISS 225 BEGINNERS ARABIC READING 3R**

Selected extracts for beginners for the purpose of attaining fluency in Arabic.

**ISS 226 TEXTUAL STUDY OF HADITHS 3R**

Reading with Tajwid and detailed study of Hadiths 11-20 of Annawawi’s collection.

**ISS 227 ISLAMIC STUDY METHODOLOGY 1 3C**

Aims of Islamic Education, Problems of Teaching Islamic Studies in our schools, Qualities of Islamic Studies teachers preparation of lesson note and different methods of teaching and teaching aids.

**300 LEVEL 1ST SEMESTER**

**ISS 311 ADVANCED ISLAMIC THEOLOGY 3R**

Origin and development of Mu’tazilah, their main doctrines and their influence on orthodox theology.

**ISS 312 MORAL PHILOSOPHY IN ISLAM 3R**

The Islamic concept of morality; human rights; good conduct in general, truthfulness, peace, justice, trust, respect for life and prosperity, sincerity, humility and patience with reference to relevant passages in the Quran and Hadith.

**ISS 313 THE QURAN II 3C**

Reading with Tajwid and detailed study of some selected chapters and verses of the Holy Quran.

**ISS 314 ISLAMIC STUDIES METHODOLOGY 3C**

Determinants of pupils’ attitude to Religion and Religious Teaching. Further methodological Approaches. The place of Audio Visual Aids. Lesson notes; preparation and use of scheme of work.

**ISS 315 SHARIAH I: PENAL LAWS 3R**

Islamic regulations in respect of murder, theft, intoxicants etc. with emphasis on relevance of these regulations to morality.

**ISS 316 ISLAM IN THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD 3E**

Fall of the Abbasid Caliphs; The Fatimids, the Mamluks; the Ayyunis, the Crusades, the Uthmanis.

**ISS 317 INTERMEDIATE ARABIC READING 3R**

These are advance comprehension passages written in Arabic. They are accompanied by questions relating to the contents of the passage. Each passage should not be more than 400 words; selected from Arabic literature series.

 **2ND SEMESTER**

**ISS 321 SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEM IN ISLAM 3R**

Main characteristics of Islamic Social System, Principles of social justice; nature of Islamic Political system, Political process; principles of Islamic government; rights of non-Muslims in an Islamic State.

**ISS 322 ISLAMIC ECONOMIC SYSTEM 3R**

Islamic teaching on ownership, distribution of wealth, commercial transactions, using interest, banking, gambling, labour, etc. the relevance of these to current situation.

**ISS 323 INTRODUCTORY ARABIC COMPOSITION 3R**

Introduction to the technique of essay writing in Arabic on familiar and current themes and topics.

**ISS 324 INTRODUCTION TO TAFSIR 3C**

Study of the emergence and development of Quranic exegesis, Identification its sources- various kinds of Tafsirand their respective characteristics.

**ISS 325 HADITH III 3R**

Detailed study of Hadith 21-30 of Annawawi’s collection.

**ISS 326 TAJWID I 3R**

Definition of Tajwid, a study of the rules governing the recitation of the Quran; signs used for correct reading, various styles of recitation, tadabbur.

 **400 LEVEL 1ST SEMESTER**

**ISS 411 THE QUADRIYYAH AND TUANIYYA 3R**

Brief account of each of the Suff groups, their doctrines and social and political roles in Africa.

**ISS 412 SHARIAH IV: MODERN DEVELOPMENT 3R**

The Principles of Siyasah shariyya, Ta’zir, Takhayyur and Talfia; historical background to recent changes, modern reforms concerning marriage, divorce and inheritance, recent re-introduction of the shari’ah in some Muslim countries.

**ISS 413 ISLAM IN WEST AFRICA 3C**

The spread of Islam to Western Sudan, a study of the Islamic role in the development of Institutions and ideas in the Western and Central Sudan in the 11th Century to the present day with specific reference to

(a) relations with the wide Muslim world and

(b) interaction with traditional practices.

**ISS 414 ADVANCED ARABIC READING 3R**

Selected extracts non-classical and contemporary works for the purpose of improving fluency and comprehension.

**ISS 415 THE QURAN IV 3C**

Detailed study of some selected chapters and verses of the Holy Quran.

**ISS 416 TAJWID IV 3E**

Advanced rules guiding the recitation of the Quran, signs and various styles of reading . Principles of Izbar, Idqam, Ikhlas and Ikhfa u.

**ISS 421 TAFSIR AL-QURAN 3C**

A comparative study of the exegesis of selected suwar/passages of the Quran. Selected material should be in Arabic and may be taken from two or more works of Tafsir.

**ISS 422 ISLAMIC LAW: PRACTICE IN NIGERIA 3C**

Its origin and development; operation of the Alkali and Shariah Courts in Nigeria.

**ISS 423 ISLAM’S CONTRIBUTION TO CIVILIZATION 3C**

Islam and its attitude to research and learning; its contribution to science and other disciplines, Islamic background to Western renaissances crusades for the decline of Islamic Civilisation.

**ISS 424 ISLAM IN THE MODERN WORLD 3E**

A study of the Islamic World’s response to its internal decline in the 18th century and subsequent external encroachment, a comparative study of religious reforms movements with special attention to nationalism, pan-Islamism and modernism.

**ISS 425 HADITHS IV 3R**

Detailed study of Ahadith 31’’-42nd of Annawawi’s collection.

**ISS 426 INTER RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE 3C**

Comparative study of the Core doctrine in Islam, Christianity, Hinduism and African Traditional Religion dealing with concept of God, Angels, Prophets, Books etc. Religious Crisis in Nigeria: Causes and solutions. Inter Religious influence. A comparative study of the origin of Islam, Christianity, Judaism and A.T.R. Concept of God in Islam, Christianity, Judaism and A.T.R. Life and Works of Jesus Christ from the Islamic point of view. Belief of Muslims on Jesus Christ compared with that of the Christians.

**ISS 427 PROJECT 4C**

Each student will be required to write a long essay on a topic relevant to the course. The topic should be chosen after careful consultation with the members of the Department and the essay should not be more than 6000 words.

**INSTRUCTIONAL GRADING METHODS**

We are online University that provides a top-notch academic and professional programmes which will create value for your future in the world.

**Evaluation**

All students would be evaluated at the end of each semester based on the following:

* **Tutor*Marked Assignments***

The lecturer marked assignments (LMAs) are multiple choice questions that will be administered on-line during every semester. The LMAs carry 30%.

* **End of Semester Examination**

The school conducts the end of each Semester examination. The examination overall scores carry 70%.

**Master’s Degree (MSc) in Islamic Religious Studies**

The master’s degree programme is designed to carry further research on the knowledge and training the students have received on the first degree. The department of the university will prescribe the courses you will offer throughout your time of degree.

The courses will be selected from the courses in the first degree for further studies before the Master’s dissertation (Project). The topic of the project will be discussed with your assigned supervisor(s).

**Minimum Tenure of the Programme**

The tenure for the Master’s degree programme for Islamic Religious Studies is minimum of four (3) Semesters full time and 4 semester for part-time programme.

**Evaluation of the MSc Candidates**

The minimum units for graduation should be 30 including the dissertation/thesis. The average mark for the programme is based on grades scored in all the courses taken including project. Examination grades in each course are recorded as percentage marks, and are interpreted as follows:

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Islamic Religious Studies**

The PhD programme shall be normally not less than 4 semesters (2 years) from the first date of registration. Also, for this programme, a period of study originally approved for the 3-semester Masters programme may be accepted as satisfying a specific part of the period of study for the PhD. In no circumstances, however, may a period exceeding 12 calendar months be waived for a candidates. A programme is a combination of course work research.

**Requirements for PhD**

Candidates for admission to the programme shall possess the Following:

1. Those initially registered for the MSc or MPhil/PhD conversion programme of the department and who have obtained a total weighted average mark of at least 60% in the course examinations and project at our university or any recognized university.
2. Candidates admitted to the programme will be required to take certain courses at the 700/800 levels as the case may be in their areas of interest.
3. Students are required to refer their research proposal to an examination panel as recommended by the department and give department seminars on their PhD research work.

Each PhD student shall present at least two seminars during the course of his/her programme of study. The first seminar shall be presented at the research proposal stage and the second shortly before the registration of the title of thesis.