

**Memorandum of Understanding
between the College of Sharia and
Islamic Studies at Kuwait
University, and the Islamic Online
University**

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This MOU seeks to strengthen cooperation between two institutes involved in the fields of education, scholarly research and service programs. Additionally, the MOU aims to outline the general framework to develop mutually beneficial programs and projects, whose conditions and articles will be discussed separately.

This MOU is between Kuwait University; College of Sharia and Islamic Studies - represented by the dean Professor of the College of Sharia and Islamic Studies Professor Mubarak Saif Al-Hajry, and the Islamic Online University represented by its Chancellor Dr. Bilal Philips. The MOU consists of the following articles:

Article 1: Students Exchange Program

a) Students wishing to register for credit courses

Both parties agree to facilitate the acceptance of students from each of their institutions into courses in which they meet the entry requirements. In general students will be responsible for their study fees if they are studying outside of their countries.

b) Audit students

Both parties will discuss the issue of granting access to study materials for audit students. The host institute will provide access to the course material to students every semester after consultation with the relevant colleges. Students will be required to pay fees for the programs that they wish to audit. The host institute will issue audit students with a certificate of attendance at the end of the semester.

Article 2: Faculty and experts exchange

Both parties wish to encourage the exchange of lecturers from one institute to the other in the following manner:

a- Short visits by faculty and experts to head seminars, and workshops. Teach short programs and cooperate in research, teaching and training specialists.

b- Semester long visits or visits for a longer period of teaching, research, education and training specialists. The responsible academic employee in the concerned department or a person chosen for the task will facilitate the exchange between colleges. Additionally the two parties to the MOU will engage in a joint planning project to facilitate planning and

regular communication. The conditions for this exchange will be discussed between the cooperating departments and responsible deans. In general each party will be responsible for the costs of the transfer of its staff, and each party will do its utmost to provide services and support for this project.

Article 3: Joint Research

Both parties desire to encourage joint research through the concerted efforts of scholarly research departments, units and consultancies. This cooperation will be as follows:

- a) Participation of researchers including postgraduate students from one institute who will carry out research for the other institute.
- b) Carrying out joint research programs.
- c) Organizing joint scholarly symposiums and conferences.

In order to facilitate cooperation in research, the planning project will disseminate information about the research interests and opportunities of each responsible college in the respective institutes.

Article 4: Mutual assistance and services

Each party strives to help the other in teaching and developing scholarly research through the provision of information, and facilitating short and long visits which will be carried out by the university staff and administrators for the purpose of providing advice, evaluation or proffering planning services. The host institute will be responsible for the required costs.

Article 5: Exchange of information

Both parties agree to exchange scholarly material and information which is specific to program development. Both parties will explore new ways of sharing sources of knowledge through advanced technologies.

Article 6: Developments

If the need arises an appendix which contains articles not mentioned here can be added to the MOU. This will be arranged through correspondence between both parties.

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This MOU is valid for one year from the undersigned date, and it will hopefully be renewed for the mutual benefit of the two cooperating parties. Each party has the right to cancel the MOU without stating any reason.

Article 7: Consideration of the regulations of Kuwait University

All that has been mentioned above will be carried out with consideration of the regulations of Kuwait University.

On behalf of the Islamic Online University

The Chancellor of the University

Dr. Bilal Philips

On behalf of the College of Sharia and Islamic Studies at the Kuwait University

The Dean of the College

Professor Mubarak Saif al-Hajry

Signed in Kuwait on Thursday 18/10/1435AH which corresponds to 14/8/2014 CE.