

Syllabus for Advanced Diploma in Islamic Banking and FinTech



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Background

Advanced Diploma in Islamic Banking is a 3 - 6 months program that combines both theory and practical aspect of Islamic Banking industry. In the last module, a capstone project is compulsory. The syllabus has been designed based on Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) Bahrain Accounting, Auditing and Sharia standards. The course has been prepared by three expert panel who are AAOIFI certified Sharia advisor.

Admission Eligibility

To be admitted to the program in Islamic banking, students must have a basic knowledge of English language .

Duration of the course

The duration of the course will be 3 – 6 months (Students have flexibility of studying the program at their own pace and can complete within 24 months)

Medium of Instruction

Medium of Instruction will be English.

Mode of study: Distance learning. Students will be provided access to our learning management system to access E-learning materials. The students need to complete the assessments given at the end of each module.

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You need to submit all the required assignments and capstone project to the instructor directly at the end of the course for review and grading.

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Course Number		Credit
ADIB110	Introduction to Islamic finance	3
ADIB120	Introduction to Islamic commercial and finance law	3
ADIB210	Islamic Financial Instruments and Products	3
ADIB220	Islamic Banking (Products and Operations)	3
ADIB230	Islamic Capital Market and Islamic Bonds	3
ADIB240	Islamic Trade Financing	2
ADIB250	Documents & Contracts used in Islamic banking	1
ADIB310	Corporate Governance for Islamic Banks	3
ADIB320	Financial reporting for Islamic banks	3
ADIB330	Risk Management for Islamic FI	3
ADIB340	FinTech in Islamic banking industry	3
ADIB400	Capstone project	3
	Total Credit	33

Grading policy

Letter grade	Criteria	Position
A+	80 or above	Excellent
A	70 or above	Very good
B+	60 or above	Good
B	55 or above	Average
C+	50 or above	Pass
C	40 or above	Marginal Pass
F	Below 40	Fail

Modules

ADIB 110 Introduction to Islamic Finance

Learning objectives

- Describe the conceptual basis of the modern practice of Islamic banking and finance.
- Explain the historical development of and conceptual arguments for Islamic banking and finance.
- Understand the components and operating structures of the Islamic banking and finance industry as well as the process of development of Islamic finance products.
- Describe the current size and worldwide spread of Islamic banking and finance.

Assessments: MCQ, True and short answers

ADIB 210 Islamic Commercial and Financial Law

Learning objective

- Understand the underlying philosophy of business transactions in Islam.
- Explain the meaning of contracts, and the legal concepts and theories of the various types of contracts in Islamic law.
- Describe the classification of contracts, what constitutes a contract of sale, and the legal capacity to enter into such contract in Islamic law.
- Analyze the main forbidden contracts in Islamic commercial transactions.

Assessments: MCQ, True and short answers

ADIB 220 Islamic Financial Instruments and Banking Products (3 Credits)

Learning objectives

- Describe the sources and uses of funds and the operation of bank accounts by Islamic banks.
- Understand how exchange-based contracts are utilized as financial instruments in Islamic finance.

- Understand how service-based contracts are utilized as financial instruments in Islamic finance.
- Understand how partnership contracts are utilized as financial instruments in Islamic finance.
- Know the nature of supporting contracts in Islamic finance, including the unilateral supporting contracts.

Assessments: MCQ, True and short answers

ADIB 120 Islamic banking - Products and operations (3 Credits)

Learning objectives

- Differentiate conventional bank and Islamic banks
- Describe the functions of Islamic banks
- Identify the sources and uses funds in Islamic banks

Assessments: MCQ, True and short answers

ADIB 230 Islamic Capital Market and Islamic Bonds (Sukuk)

Learning objectives

- Describe the Islamic capital market and its functions
- Differentiate between Islamic and conventional capital market
- Identify functions used in Islamic Capital market
- Understand how does Sukuk differ from conventional bonds

Assessments: MCQ, True and short answers

ADIB 240 Islamic Trade Financing by Islamic Banks

Learning objectives

- Describe the innovative Sharia-compliant trade financing instruments
- Differentiate Islamic trade financing with conventional trade financing
- Explain the importance of Islamic financing for the development of commerce.

Assessments: MCQ, True and short answers

ADIB 250 Documents & Contracts used in Islamic banking

Learning objectives

- Understand how the basic Islamic contracts are developed and issued.
- Explain the documentation process in Islamic banks

Assessments: MCQ, True and short answers

ADIF310 Corporate Governance for Islamic financial institutions

Learning objectives

- Describe the meaning of corporate governance within the Sharī'ah framework as practiced in modern Islamic financial institutions.
- Explain the models and key principles of corporate governance, including Sharī'ah governance.
- Understand the mechanisms of corporate governance and control, including the different organs in Islamic financial institutions.
- Understand the different models of corporate governance and Sharī'ah governance, and the different approaches adopted by Islamic financial institutions.
- Understand the dynamics of corporate governance in Islamic insurance entities.

Assessments: MCQ, True and short answers

ADIF 320 Islamic Accounting and Financial reporting for Islamic financial institutions

Learning objectives

- Understand the definition of accounting from both conventional and Islamic perspectives, respectively, and its significance in financial decision-making.
- Explain the relevance of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in international accounting regulation.
- Understand the basic principles of accounting.
- Understand the basic principles of Islamic accounting.
- Differentiate between the accrual and cash flow accounting methods.
- Draft the main financial statements for Islamic finance products.

Assessments: MCQ, True and short answers

ADIF 330 Risk Management in Islamic Financial Institutions

Learning objectives

- Understand the concept of risk management from the Islamic perspective, with particular reference to Islamic commercial transactions.
- Be familiar with the types and characteristics of risk exposure and the Islamic banking risks under the IFSB's guiding principles.
- Examine the risk management techniques in Islamic banks and how such risks can be avoided, absorbed, or transferred.
- Understand risk management techniques such as hedging through the use of the following derivatives: forwards, futures, and swaps, based on Shari'ah - compliant risk mitigation frameworks.

Assessments: MCQ, True and short answers

IF 400 Capstone project

A small 2000 word project and the information will be provided to the students once the all the other modules are completed.