

The Islamic Pedagogical Faculty in Zenica is a higher education institution of the Islamic Community in BiH and a member of the University of Zenica. The Faculty continued the work of the Islamic Pedagogical Academy in Zenica which was founded in 1993.

There are four departments at the Islamic Pedagogical Faculty: the Department of Islamic Education, the Department of Social Pedagogy, the Department of Preschool Education and the Department of Arabic Language and Literature. Education in undergraduate studies is carried out in the form of regular, regular (self-financing) and part-time studies.

The Department of Arabic Language and Literature

This department is the latest project of the IPF and it will start with its work in acad. 2013/14. It is created as a well designed response to a realisation of European projects of early foreign language learning in our primary schools, as well as to contemporary demands of staff profiling with highly developed cultural and communicative competencies necessary for all domains of the Arabic language usage. In most of primary schools in FBiH, from the sixth grade, the Arabic language has an equal status of teaching and learning as other European languages. Therefore, this department will profile staff qualified for teaching the Arabic language and for work with children in preschool education institutions, primary and secondary schools, through a specially designed group of professional, cultural, pedagogical-psychological and methodical courses.

Mastering various interpretation techniques (simultaneous, consecutive and professional) will enable future graduates to be professional interpreters of the Arabic language in all segments of economic, cultural and social life. After four years of study, graduates acquire a professional title of *Bachelor of Arabic Language and Literature* which opens great possibilities for employment in education, contemporary communications, international finances and law, tourism, economy, diplomatic representative bodies, medicine, etc.

Educational plan and program at all departments is in accordance with ECTS standards and is occasionally innovated and adjusted to new pedagogical experiences and scientific achievements. All courses and fields of education are carried out in accordance with contemporary developments, which is supported by constant enrichment of the library with new materials, by teaching with a help of technical equipment, by contemporary methods and use of the Internet, print and electronic media.

Eminent professors and associates from all parts of BiH, and some from abroad, are engaged in education at all of departments.

By its range, student profiles and significance of its work, the Faculty surpasses cantonal frameworks. This is witnessed by the fact that is the fact that its students come from all over BiH, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia and Austria.