

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 Preschool Education

Students of the Department of Preschool Education acquire competencies for educational work with children from infancy to school-aged years. The program consists of: pedagogical-psychological courses, methodological courses, general courses, and courses that are a professional and scientific basis for their future job, courses that qualify students for scientific research, and courses with a religious component. Students are professionally profiled through pedagogical practice, methodical practice within a framework of some methodologies of educational work and individual methodical practice. Graduates of the Department of Preschool Education acquire a title of *Bachelor of Preschool Education*.

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 its students come from all over BiH, Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia and Austria.