

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 Social Pedagogy

The Program of the Department of Social Pedagogy includes contemporary scientific pedagogical and psychological disciplines, but it also creates a specific paradigm for social-pedagogical problems from an Islamic perspective. The Department of Social Pedagogy provides practice for work in the following institutions: schools, centres for mental health, KPZ (Zenica Prison), special primary and secondary schools, homes for the elderly and children in need, correctional centres for minors, communes for drug addicts and sports club of their choice. Every form of students' practical work is accompanied by a half-structured observation protocol and by professional mentorship.

The graduates acquire a professional title of *Bachelor of Science in Social Pedagogy* with their special professional competencies are qualified to work in education, healthcare, social care, police, judiciary, non-governmental sector and science institutions.

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.