VISION STATEMENT
California Islamic University seeks to be the first choice for relevant, reliable, and meaningful Islamic education.
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### ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-2021

#### FALL 2020
- **Instruction Begins**: Sep 21
- **Thanksgiving Holidays**: Nov 26 - 27
- **Instruction Ends**: Nov 29
- **Quarter Ends**: Dec 6

#### WINTER 2021
- **Instruction Begins**: Jan 4
- **Instruction Ends**: Mar 14
- **Quarter Ends**: Mar 21

#### SPRING 2021
- **Ramadan Break**: Apr 12 - May 16
- **Instruction Begins**: May 17
- **Instruction Ends**: Jul 25
- **Quarter Ends**: Aug 1

### THE UNIVERSITY AT A GLANCE

#### A BRIEF HISTORY
California Islamic University began in 2012 as the Institute of Islam, as an online platform for disseminating Islamic knowledge. It was founded by Mustafa Umar, now president of the university, as a structured way for people to gain a comprehensive and academic knowledge of Islam. In December of 2012, Mustafa joined the Islamic Institute of Orange County, where the institute turned into the College of Islamic Studies, primarily consisting of onsite classes.

After three years, CIS had developed eighteen unique courses from the ground up, graduated over a dozen students, and surpassed a thousand enrollments, it was time for the next step. In 2016, through the sponsorship of IIOC, the college moved to a separate location in Fullerton, California and became California Islamic University, an upper division college where students who have completed two years of college can complete their Bachelor’s degree in two more years of study.

A new model for adult Islamic education was developed: the community standard should be that American Muslims should have a double degree. While pursuing a degree for their career, they should simultaneously, or subsequently, pursue a degree (or diploma) in Islamic Law & Theology with California Islamic University. Similar to the model of religious schooling in the K-12 environment, where general education is supplemented with religious classes, the same should occur in higher education, where minds are more developed, motivation levels are more individualized, and intellectual challenges are more complex.
THE CURRICULUM

LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE
California Islamic University focuses not only on academic and educational development, but also stresses the importance of spiritual and moral education. It prepares its students to become assets to the community at large by realizing that Islam is a holistic way of life manifested in all layers of society. The degree does not lead to any specific employment opportunities.

Knowledge is a necessity for a Muslim to be able to practice his religion. One of the most serious challenges facing Muslims today is the widespread ignorance of Islamic teachings in all parts of the world. California Islamic University aims to solve that problem by providing a professional study program to facilitate the learning of authentic Islamic teachings.

Students gain a firm grounding in scripture, theology, and jurisprudence, as understood through the mainstream Islamic intellectual tradition. From a practical perspective, they are able to both understand and practice the fundamental teachings of Islam in their everyday lives and navigate through the cultural currents and intellectual discourse about Islam in today’s world.

ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING OUTCOMES
During the course of study, students are assessed both quantitatively and qualitatively, through various examinations and projects. The faculty and administration of California Islamic University regularly meets and discusses ways to improve pedagogical methods, apply best education practices, and revise content as appropriate.

FACULTY MENTORING
The interaction between students and faculty plays a vital role in the educational process at California Islamic University. Faculty act as both advisers and mentors to students to help them acquire academic success and also to prepare them to become lifelong learners. Such interaction presents itself not only in scheduled office hours but also at public events and in community forums.

COMPLETION OF COURSEWORK
Students must attain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 to graduate from California Islamic University and must have passed all the courses and requirements listed in the graduation requirements.
CREDIT HOUR
The academic year at California Islamic University is based on a standard three-quarter system (fall, winter, and spring). Each quarter runs for 10 weeks of classes, followed by an additional week for final exams. Award of one unit of academic credit per quarter is understood to represent approximately three hours of actual work per week for the average student. This policy is in compliance with federal regulations.

Each student contact hour is defined as 50 minutes of class time, or equivalent, once a week. A four-unit class has 30 hours of lecture, discussion, or equivalent per quarter. A typical class may be scheduled to meet once, twice, or three times per week. Students are expected to prepare/study for a minimum of three hours outside of class for every contact hour.

GENERAL EDUCATION
General Education courses provide students with fundamental concepts and develop basic university-level abilities necessary for the formation of an educated person and contribute to the life of our students as they strive to ground themselves in various fields of knowledge that will be useful in their life-long pursuit of knowledge and truth. California Islamic University believes that a broadly grounded and diverse general education increases the student’s ability to think critically and communicate effectively. General Education (GE) courses introduce students to the fundamental ideas and intellectual activities in English communication, mathematics, physical, life, and social sciences, the humanities, and literary, performing, and visual arts. These courses expose students to diverse perspectives on how human beings think and feel, solve problems, express ideas, and develop knowledge. They teach students to assess information and their sources critically; to frame and deliver reasoned and persuasive arguments orally and in writing; and to identify, acquire, and use the knowledge necessary to solve problems.

Courses in the following General Education areas shall be taken at an institution that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. These courses will then be transferred to California Islamic University. General Education courses are not offered at California Islamic University.

RECITATION AND MEMORIZATION
California Islamic University expects all graduates to have attained proficiency in the recitation of the Qur’an and to have memorized a significant portion of the text that is needed to adequately fulfill certain personal and communal religious obligations and enhance spirituality.

Students are required to complete the Qur’anic recitation and memorization requirements at any time prior to graduation. Students who fail the Qur’anic recitation exam must wait one month before attempting to take the exam again.

CONFERRAL OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE
Upon successful completion of all graduation requirements, the diploma will be mailed to the permanent mailing address on file for each student.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

| Transfer Units of Lower Division Coursework from an Accredited College | • 90 quarter units (or 60 semester units)  
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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

HISTORY I: LIFE OF THE PROPHET
This course will give a broad overview of the life and mission of the Prophet Muhammad as actualized in history. It will highlight important lessons from the events surrounding his career as well as reflect upon the methodology through which his life should be studied.

HISTORY II: THE FIRST FIVE CALIPHS
This course will cover the history of Islam from the Caliphate of Abu Bakr to the resignation of Hasan ibn Ali. It will cover the major historical events that occurred, analyze the lives of the influential actors during this time, and reflect upon how and why Islam spread to different regions of the world. The course will also highlight other important lessons from history and serve as a model to shape the future of Islam.

HISTORY III: THE UMAYYADS TO THE FALL OF BAGHDAD
This course will cover the history of Islam from 661-1258. It will cover the major historical events that occurred, analyze the lives of the influential actors during this time, and reflect upon how Islam was practiced in different parts of the world. The course will also highlight other important lessons from history and serve as a model to shape the future of Islam.

QUR’AN I: PROPHETS IN THE QUR’AN
This course will cover all the verses pertaining to the Prophets [before Muhammad] in the Qur’an. It will highlight lessons to be learned from their stories and how they can be applied to others in similar circumstances. An analysis of the same prophets in the Bible will clarify the similarities and differences between the two scriptures.

QUR’AN II: SURVEY OF THE QUR’AN
This course will analyze the Qur’an as a text in terms of how it was revealed to the Prophet, transmitted by the Companions and their successors, preserved by later generations of Muslims, and analyzed by Muslim scholars throughout history.

PROPHETIC TEACHINGS I: WISDOM FROM THE PROPHET
This course will cover a variety of sayings and actions of the Prophet Muhammad in order to give a bird’s-eye view of his teachings. It will also demonstrate how reports about the Prophet are to be interpreted linguistically and contextually.

PROPHETIC TEACHINGS II: SURVEY OF HADITH
This course will analyze the reports about the Prophet Muhammad in terms of how they were transmitted by the Companions and their successors, were preserved by later generations of Muslims, and were analyzed by Muslim scholars throughout history. It will explain what a hadith is, why these reports exist, and what authentication criteria has been developed to filter them for authenticity.

ISLAMIC LAW I: ESSENTIALS OF ISLAMIC PRACTICE
This course will cover the teachings of Islam pertaining to purification, prayer, fasting and Ramadan, zakāh, food, and dress. It will also reflect upon the wisdom behind these practices and discuss how and why differences of opinion concerning some rules exist.

ISLAMIC LAW II: ESSENTIALS OF ISLAMIC PRACTICE
This course will cover the teachings of Islam pertaining to vows, family matters, death, economic transactions, inheritance, politics, crime and other issues. It will also reflect upon the wisdom behind these practices and dispel certain myths that are circulated about particular practices.

ISLAMIC LAW III: PRINCIPLES OF INTERPRETATION
This course will cover the way that the Qur’an and Hadith should be interpreted. It will explain why a mere literal reading of these texts is not sufficient and impart the tools and methods that are needed to properly contextualize the sources of Islam.

ISLAMIC LAW IV: CASE STUDIES IN LEGAL REASONING
This course will analyze the underlying reasons behind why Muslim scholars have differed in their perspectives on various legal issues throughout history. It will aim to extract principles which lead to different ways of looking at an issue and discuss how these principles may be used to tackle contemporary issues for which there is no precedent.

SPIRITUALITY I: PURIFICATION OF THE HEART
This course will highlight certain spiritual diseases of the heart such as envy, anger, hatred, gossiping, arrogance and deceit. It will explain why people are prone to be affected by them and recommend techniques to prevent and cure them.

SPIRITUALITY II: COMPANIONS OF THE PROPHET
This course will highlight certain events from the lives of distinguished Companions of the Prophet in order to know them as people and understand how they implemented the teachings of Islam.

QUR’ANIC RECITATION I: READING THE QUR’AN IN ARABIC
This course will teach students how to read the Qur’an in Arabic, starting from the basic letters and building up to being able to read fluently from a copy of the Qur’an.
QUR’ANIC RECITATION II: PROPER RECITATION OF THE QUR’AN
This course will cover all the rules pertaining to the correct recitation of the Qur’an such as pronunciation [makhārij], lengthening [madd], and accentuation [ṣifāt]. It will also cover how to use the signs and symbols printed in copies of the Qur’an to help apply these rules, according the recitation style of Hafs.

BELIEFS I: SURVEY OF ISLAMIC BELIEFS
This course will cover the fundamental beliefs in Islam. It will also explain the rationale behind certain concepts such as how to: prove that God exists, reconcile divine decree with free will and explain why evil exists. It will teach people how to respond to doubts and misconceptions that seek to undermine the foundation of Islamic beliefs.

ARABIC I: BEGINNING ARABIC
This course will prepare a student to comprehend the language of the Qur’an and Hadith, as well as the scholarly literature of Islam. It will enable students to attain a foundational vocabulary, a basic level of grammar, and elementary skills in reading and writing, which will pave the way for future fluency in speaking and listening comprehension.

ARABIC II: INTERMEDIATE ARABIC
This course will build more vocabulary and grammar skills to get a student to an intermediate level of Arabic where they are able to read and construct short sentences in Arabic.

ARABIC III: ADVANCED ARABIC
This course will build more vocabulary and grammar skills to get a student to an advanced level of Arabic where they are able to read texts, comprehend questions about the reading and answer those questions, all in Arabic.

SKILLS I: PUBLIC SPEAKING & COMMUNICATION
This course will focus on both the theory and practice of how to speak publicly about Islam and communicate with people through different mediums. It will cover methods that aid in becoming a more effective speaker and communicator.

SKILLS II: CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF READINGS ON ISLAM
This course will analyze classical and contemporary writings about Islam. It will teach how to go beyond a shallow reading of a text in order to understand and analyze the motives and intent of the author, to fact check data, and to critically engage with the ideas that are presented.

SKILLS III: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY & WRITING
This course will cover the fundamental research and writing skills needed to go in depth on a topic in the fields of theology and law. There will be a comprehensive final research paper to ensure students understand how to research properly, what sources to use, and how to present their findings. [6 units]

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW
All courses are four units, except where indicated. The table below indicates a sample course schedule for a full-time student. Actual courses offered may vary.

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

California Islamic University is committed to ensuring the highest standards when it comes to the academic experience of its students. The pursuit and acquisition of knowledge is not seen as merely a career move but rather it is an end-in-itself. By equipping a student with the capacity to navigate through the information overload of today’s digital world, students develop the intellectual ability and self-discipline to become lifelong learners.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

The religion of Islam teaches that education should not merely be an intellectual or career-related pursuit but should develop all aspects of a person’s life: the intellectual, moral, and spiritual. Therefore, California Islamic University aims to transform the life of an individual, through education, for the betterment of themselves and society.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

California Islamic University emphasizes the mutual responsibility of all students to seek intellectual growth and development authentically and in good faith. Academic integrity means honesty and responsibility in scholarship. Academic assignments exist to help students learn; grades function to measure this goal. Students are responsible for ensuring that all work and all grades result from the student’s own understanding and effort.

The university expects that all students, faculty, and staff will conduct themselves with personal integrity and will not tolerate acts of dishonesty such as cheating or plagiarism. Academic misconduct compromises values of faith, trust, honesty, fairness, and responsibility and undermines the achievements of students.

Dishonesty, deception, and plagiarism are taken very seriously, and students must agree to not partake in any such practices. Violations of academic integrity carry serious consequences, which may include suspension or permanent expulsion from the university.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is:
1. To steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one’s own
2. To use (another’s production) without crediting the source
3. To commit literary theft
4. To present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source.
The following are scenarios which include examples of plagiarism:

1. Turning in someone else’s work as your own
2. Copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit
3. Failing to put a quotation in quotation marks
4. Giving incorrect information about the source of a quotation
5. Changing some words, but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving credit
6. Copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of your work, whether you give credit or not

Credit must be given for every direct quotation, for paraphrasing or summarizing a work (in whole, or in part, in one’s own words), and for information which is not common knowledge.

CHEATING
Cheating includes:

1. Copying from others during an examination or essay.
2. Communicating exam answers with other students during an examination.
3. Offering another person’s work as one’s own.
4. Taking an examination for another student or having someone take an examination for oneself.
5. Sharing answers for a take-home or online examination or assignment unless specifically authorized by the instructor.
6. Tampering with an examination after it has been corrected, then returning it for more credit.
7. Using unauthorized materials, prepared answers, written notes or information concealed anywhere during an examination.
8. Allowing others to do the research and writing of an assigned paper (including use of the services of a commercial term-paper company).

COLLUSION
Any student who knowingly or intentionally helps another student perform any of the above acts of cheating or plagiarism is subject to discipline for academic dishonesty.

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS
Students are generally responsible for their own learning, but possess the following rights and responsibilities:

RIGHTS
1. To be provided with a Catalog that provides necessary information about the university and its policies.
2. To receive access to a course syllabus on the first day of class which states all the details required to navigate through the course.
3. To receive the full number of hours of instruction per course, as defined by the hours-per-unit schedule.
4. To have all assignments and exams graded within a reasonable period of time
5. To have the opportunity to discuss grades with a faculty member, or someone appointed by them, within a reasonable period of time
6. To have the privacy of their grades and records maintained according to state and federal law. CIU views educational records as confidential information that cannot be released without the written consent of the student. Other information, such as names, dates of attendance, and graduation, and details about awards, is considered to be directory information that may be released without permission. If a student does not wish to have this information released, they may write a letter to that effect and give it to the enrollment office. All records are kept in both our online learning management system as well as in separate computer files kept with the administration. Students may view only their own grades through the online portal or ask for them from the administration. These records are password protected and are only accessible by employees who have a need to look at such records.
7. To have recourse to proper redress procedures if the student believes his academic rights have been violated
RESPONSIBILITIES
1. To meet all course requirements as stated in the syllabi
2. To abide by all policies of the university
3. To monitor their email communications regularly, so as to be informed about updates from the university
4. To respond in a timely manner to requests from faculty and staff
5. To treat others with respect

STANDARDS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
Student assessments serve as a standard to objectively measure performance. Each course syllabus explains how grading will be measured for the class. Students receive final grades on a standard A-F scale and GPA calculations are also on the standard scale. Grades of I (Incomplete), W (Withdrawal), AW (Administrative Withdrawal), or AU (Audit) do not count for any grade points. For all courses, a passing grade is a C or above (70% or higher).

GRADE APPEALS POLICY
No student should be the target of unfair or prejudicial grading policies resulting from either a misapplication of course policies or as a result of non-academic discrimination on the basis of religion, race, politics, sex, or personal animosity. If a student believes he has been unfairly graded, they will submit a complaint in writing to the administration within one week of the perceived incident.

ACADEMIC STANDING
In order to maintain Satisfactory Progress towards the Bachelor’s degree, a student must have passed every class taken for credit. Students who are receiving financial aid must maintain a higher standard of a 3.0 cumulative GPA and those who are receiving scholarships must maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA to maintain their assistance.

PROBATIONARY STATUS
Any student who does not achieve a ‘C’ or higher in any course enrolled in for credit will be put on Probationary Status.

ACADEMIC DISQUALIFICATION
Any student who is placed on Probationary Status and does not achieve a ‘C’ or higher in every course taken for credit in the following quarter may be subject to academic disqualification.

ACADEMIC POLICIES
CLASS ATTENDANCE & EVALUATION
Class attendance is an important part of the learning process. Attendance policies are individually determined by the instructors.

Punctuality is also an important part of the learning process. Unexcused tardiness is not only seen as improper etiquette but also disrupts the class and impairs the learning experience for other students.

AUDIT POLICY
Members of the public may audit a course provided that they have completed the Audit Authorization Form which lists the auditing policies for the course.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY
A student may opt to withdraw from a course, in which case a notation of W will be recorded for that course. A withdrawal does not affect the student’s GPA, but disqualifies a student from maintaining scholarship status. Any student who does not officially withdraw and stops attending class will receive an ‘F’ grade.

ABD
A student may request an enrollment verification letter from the registrar.

DIPLOMA REPLACEMENT
Diploma replacements may be ordered from the registrar for a fee of $25.
STUDENT AFFAIRS

Each student at California Islamic University is given special care and attention to ensure that they have a fruitful academic experience. CIU does not offer any placement services.

STUDENT RESOURCES

CAMPUS
All instruction is conducted on site at 598 S State College Blvd Fullerton, CA 92831. The facilities consist of a classroom and a lecture hall, in addition to a café/lounge. Classrooms have projectors/smart tvs for instructors to use. Restrooms are on site.

COURSE MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT
Students must purchase course materials, when needed, on their own. Most materials can be purchased online and faculty are required to direct students to outlets where the course material will be available for purchase, loan, or download. There is no special equipment needed in order to complete the courses besides a computer with an internet connection.

LIBRARY
The library at California Islamic University contains reference works that may supplement the assigned readings in the curriculum. The collection consists of both English and Arabic works. Some books are available for perusal while others may be available for checkout. Wi-Fi is available to students who want to browse books and media online. Supplemental readings may be purchased independently or checked out by students, but are not required for success in the courses. A librarian will be on campus throughout the week to help students with research and to check out materials from the onsite library.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER
Tutoring outside of class is available on an as-needed basis at the Academic Support Center. Both professional and peer tutors make themselves available for study sessions and offer workshops on writing skills, time management, and other academically beneficial subjects.

COUNSELING
In order to ensure student success, counseling services are offered on an as-needed basis. Appointments are required.
GRIEVANCE POLICY
Students who experience a problem with any member of the CIU community should document the problem and first attempt to resolve it on their own. Failing that, they should contact the President who will advise on appropriate ways to deal with the issue. If the student believes it is not being fairly addressed, the grievance and comprised should be filed with the President who will convene a Grievance Committee comprise of faculty, staff, and students to discuss and render a decision. The student will receive notification of the decision from the President within thirty days after the decision from the committee.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Wireless internet access is provided to all students in order to enhance the academic experience. Students who do not have access to a computer will be provided access on an as-needed basis.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
Students with documented disabilities will be provided equal opportunity and access to the academic program at California Islamic University. If the required means of accommodation are beyond the scope and ability of the university, the student will be notified as soon as possible.

STUDENT LIFE
California Islamic University ensures that students are offered the opportunity to learn and grow outside the classroom through programs and extracurricular activities.

ORIENTATION
The student orientation introduces new students to faculty and staff members, explains general policies and procedures, and gives students the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the university. Returning students are also required to attend some sessions of the orientation in order to be brought up to speed on new policies and procedures of the university.

STUDENT LIFE POLICIES
Islamic morals and values are an integral part of the student life at California Islamic University. All students are expected to observe all published policies and codes of conduct, which are subject to change throughout the year. The policies establish limits on certain behaviors and outline consequences for the violation of such behavior.
ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

California Islamic University welcomes students who have a strong desire to study Islam and possess the scholastic aptitude to succeed in pursuing such a program. Incoming students are required to possess strong reading, writing, and analytical skills, in addition to having the discipline to dedicate their time for study.

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION
Admission to the B.A. program in Islamic Law & Theology requires the submission of an application. The admissions committee will then select individuals for an interview, either in-person or online. Applicants will be subsequently notified whether or not they have been accepted for admission or not.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES
Applicants for admission into the Bachelor’s degree program must:
1. Be a high school graduate (or have a High School Equivalency certificate); OR
2. Be at least 18 years old and show evidence of being able to benefit from instruction; OR
3. Be a high school student, grades 9-12 (high school students may attend courses as special part-time students with permission from their high schools)

The following documents must be submitted to the admissions office along with the online application:
1. A personal statement and short essays on some specific topics
2. A high school diploma, GED, or authorization by the high school to attend university level courses
3. High school and/or college transcripts
4. Three letters of recommendation from a teacher or an individual who is qualified to comment on the applicant’s academic performance and moral character

NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS
California Islamic University requires all students to demonstrate full proficiency in all four skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) of the English language. Students whose native language is other than English will be required to take an English competency exam from Duolingo, TOEFL or IELTS.

CIU does admit students from other countries and may vouch for student status, but is unable to provide any visa services. All instruction will be in the English language.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY
California Islamic University does not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, age, gender or ethnicity.

ADMISSION DEFERRALS
Students who have been admitted to the university may defer their admission for up to one year. A deferral must be submitted in writing prior to the deadline for when enrollment fees are due.

TRANSFER CREDIT
The unique nature of the curriculum at California Islamic University means that very few, if any, credits from other educational institutions will transfer over as a substitute for the courses offered at the university. Courses that are sought for transfer credit must be submitted in writing accompanied by the syllabus of the equivalent course. Transfer of 90 lower-division credits will be accepted if they were earned at institutions approved by the BPPE, public or private institutions of higher learning by an accrediting association recognized by the USDE, or any institution of higher learning, including foreign institutions, if the institution offering the undergraduate program documents that it offers degree programs equivalent to degree programs approved by the BPPE or accredited by an accrediting association recognized by the USDE. The maximum units or credit that can transfer from another institution (including credits for challenge examinations) is 75% of the credits required to complete the degree.
PROGRAM COSTS
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<td>$30 per unit</td>
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<td>Due on the first day of class</td>
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Estimated total for the entire B.A. program: $4530 (Tuition + $30 Registration Fee + $0 Student Tuition Recovery Fund fee) | Estimated total charges per quarter: $50 per unit x units taken

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

FINANCIAL AID
Students who cannot afford the tuition costs of attending California Islamic University are eligible for financial aid from donations that are given to the university and from loans given by the school. This financial aid is on a first-come, first-served basis and requires a financial aid application to be completed. In order to maintain financial aid, whether partial or full, a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required each quarter.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS
Students who demonstrate exceptional performance may apply for a merit scholarship, if one is available. In order to apply, a student must have at least a 3.75 cumulative GPA and must maintain at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA in order to maintain scholarship status.

NOTICE CONCERNING TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDITS AND CREDENTIALS EARNED AT OUR INSTITUTION
The transferability of credit you earn at California Islamic University is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the degree you earn in Islamic Law & Theology is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the degree that you earn at this institution is not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason, you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending CIU to determine if your degree will transfer.

CREDIT FOR CHALLENGE EXAMS & EXPERIENCE
A student may choose to take a challenge exam if they believe they have already attained the learning objectives of a course. Each challenge exam may cost between $10-100 to administer and grade. The maximum units or credit that can count towards a degree from challenge exams is 75% of the credits required to complete the degree. Credit is not awarded for prior experiential learning.

REFUND POLICY
A student has the right to cancel his or her agreement for a course of instruction, without any penalty or obligations, through attendance at the first class session, or the seventh day after enrollment, whichever is later. After the end of the cancellation period, you also have the right to stop school at any time; and you have the right to receive a pro rata refund if you have completed sixty (60) percent or less of the course. Enrollment cancellations and requests for refund must be made in writing to the Admissions Office, either in-person or electronically. The written notice of cancellation, if sent by mail, is effective when deposited in the mail properly addressed with proper postage. CIU does not issue refunds for partial drops. Students who drop one or more courses without fully withdrawing from the school may receive a refund. Full refunds are available upon approval during the first two weeks of the quarter. The refund request must be made in writing before 5:00pm the Friday of the second week of the quarter. Refunds are issued within 30 days of approval.
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