



**IQOU Theological  
College**

Learners enter. Leaders emerge.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### ADMISSIONS

Where do I apply?

- Start your application at: [iqou-college.org/apply](https://iqou-college.org/apply)

How do I finish an application I started?

- When you apply, our student information system sends a link to your email. By accessing the link you'll be able to update your application
- Your application auto saves as you complete it.
- If you're unable to locate the link in your email box, email us at [inquiries@iqou-college.org](mailto:inquiries@iqou-college.org) with your name and we will resend the link.

How do I check the status of my application?

- Once your application fee is paid and the application is submitted, it will be reviewed for completeness, then submitted for entry consideration.
- If there are any outstanding or incomplete portions of your application, a staff member will contact you and work with you to complete the application.
- The application review process takes approximately 5-7 business days.
- Haven't heard back? Send us an email at: [inquiries@iqou-college.org](mailto:inquiries@iqou-college.org)
- Application acceptance letters are emailed to students.

Do you accept GEDs?

- Yes, IQOU College accepts high school diplomas, high school equivalency diplomas, GEDs and homeschooled students.
- Having trouble locating your GED? Get a transcript of your GED by visiting <https://ged.com/transcripts/>. Select your state and follow the prompts to receive a copy.

How old do I have to be to attend IQOU Theological College?

- We accept students 18 years old and up with a high school diploma or equivalency.
- Students under 18 years old with a high school diploma or equivalency can be accepted with parent/guardian permission.

How much is the application fee?

- There is a one-time application fee of \$75. We accept all major credit cards.

### Can I transfer credits in or out of IQOU Theological College?

- IQOU Theological College doesn't currently accept transfer credits from other institutions.
- To determine transferability to other institutions, see their individual transfer policies.
- In the future, look forward to transfer agreements that allow for the transferring of credits between designated institutions.

## TUITION/FINANCIAL

### How much is each course?

Description	Amount
Tuition	\$191 per credit
Application fee (non-refundable)	\$75
Technology fee (non-refundable)	\$15 per registration
Registration fee (non-refundable)	\$10 per registration
Transcript fee	\$10 per copy
Payment plan setup fee (non-refundable)	\$35
Late tuition payment fee (non-refundable)	\$35
Senior Citizen course auditing	50% off tuition rate

### Do you offer financial aid?

- IQOU Theological College students are not eligible for federal grants and loans through the US Department of Education.
- We do offer flexible payment plan options that allow students to spread full payment over up to 3 months.
- We also encourage students to apply for scholarships and bursaries offered by organizations supporting our students. Apply at Lighthouse Scholarship Foundation: [lighthousescholars.org/scholarships](http://lighthousescholars.org/scholarships).

## PROGRAMS/COURSES

### Is your college accredited?

- IQOU Theological College has been granted its charter to confer degrees under a religious exemption through the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) according to the Virginia Education code, Section 23-266 A-2.
- The administration of IQOU Theological College has created its programs and policies in accordance with nationally accepted practices as we prepare to apply for regional accreditation after the required years of operation have been complete.

### **What programs/degrees do you offer?**

- We offer three degree paths:
  - Certificate of Islamic Studies -12 credits (1 semester)
  - Diploma in Islamic Studies -24 credits (1 Year)
  - Bachelors of Islamic Studies -96 credits (4 Years)

### **How long does it take to complete each degree?**

- Certificate of Islamic Studies: 1 semester (Two 8-week terms)
- Diploma in Islamic Studies: 1 Year (Four 8-week terms)
- Bachelors of Islamic Studies: 4 Years

### **How many weeks are your courses?**

- Each of our courses is 8-weeks long.
- Our school year consists of two 8-week sessions in the Fall and two 8-week sessions in the Spring.

### **What kind of courses do you offer?**

Visit the student catalog on our website for a full list and description of courses:

[iqou-college.org/student-catalog](http://iqou-college.org/student-catalog)

### **How do I register for courses?**

- Once accepted as a new student of IQOU Theological College, you'll receive emails with information to create a login for our Learning Management System called Populi (Pop-you-LEE).

### **Can I test out of certain courses if I'm already experienced in that area?**

- Generally speaking, students are required to take all courses at IQOU Theological College regardless of prior experience. There are however courses (i.e. Tarteel, Tajweed, Hifz) that require placement testing to allow students to begin at the appropriate level.

## **SENIOR CITIZEN AUDITING**

### **Do I have to provide proof of age?**

- Yes. Audit students must provide proof of age through a state identification card, driver's license or other government-issued identification.

### **Do I have to submit all of the application requirements?**

- Yes. Audit students must submit an application, pay the application fee and complete the registration process for courses.

### **Is there a limit on the number of classes that I can enroll in?**

- Yes. Senior citizen class auditing is limited to 6 credits per term.

### **Can I enroll in any course of my choice at any given time?**

- No. Some courses may not be available for auditing if prerequisites have not been met. (For instance, an individual may not audit Arabic II until Arabic I has been completed)

**Since I've already completed an application for admission, can I matriculate into a degree seeking student?**

- Yes. Audit students may matriculate into full-time degree seeking students by contacting the Chief Academic Officer. Audit courses cannot be changed once enrolled in the course.

## **CLASSROOM/TEACHERS**

**Do I have to attend live lectures?**

- Yes. At IQOU Theological College, we understand that knowledge can be acquired in three ways:
  - Teaching one's self
  - Studying under the tutelage of one who knows, or
  - Direct acquisition through experience and involvement
 Therefore, we stress the importance of attending live sessions through an 80% attendance requirement.

**Do you have evening courses?**

- Yes, our courses have a variety of schedules including evenings and weekends.

**What are the qualifications of your teachers?**

- The faculty of IQOU Theological College are highly qualified in their fields.
- Our Islamic Studies instructors are American Muslim graduates of the world renowned Azhar University in Cairo. Check out our faculty page for more information: [iqou-college.org/faculty-staff](http://iqou-college.org/faculty-staff)

**How long are the classes?**

- The length of the classes depends on the amount of credits.  
A 3-credit course generally has class twice a week for 2 hours each class.  
A 1-credit course generally has class once a week for 2 hours.

**How much time do I have to spend studying outside of class?**

- Generally, students should plan to spend 2 hours outside of class for every hour in class.  
Ex. A 1.5-credit course meets a total of 2 hours each week. A student would expect to spend 4 hours a week studying.

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