

## Study Islamic Business in Indonesia

ACICIS is offering a new semester-long study option on Islamic Business taught **in English** at Universitas Islam Indonesia (UII - [www.uui.ac.id](http://www.uui.ac.id)) in Yogyakarta . Students can study many subjects including Islamic Thought, Islamic Accounting and Islamic Business Ethics. The experience will give participants a deeper understanding of Islam and how Muslim values and laws can and do affect approaches to business, particularly in Indonesia.

Australian academic Rebecca Meckleburg - a political scientist who has been living in Indonesia for a number of years - is an economics lecturer and the manager of international program development at UII. She says that there are many differences between Islamic economics and western economics.

"Many developing countries with large Muslim communities have large reserves of natural resources and significant potential for growth and development of their human resource base. Many of them are seeking collaboration partners for the development of their economies, infrastructure, technology and management practices. Australians and other people trained in western philosophies, in particular in the field of Economics, need to have a good understanding of Islamic business practices. As business extends further into Islamic countries, the next generation of business executives needs to know more about a country than its GDP figures. They need to have an understanding, for example, of syariah accounting and banking practice and Islamic business ethics."

Participants in the program:

- are assigned an English-speaking personal tutor for the whole semester to maximize their understanding of Indonesian life and culture.

- are awarded a **Certificate of Achievement in Islamic Business Studies** on successful completion of the semester.
- have the opportunity to observe first hand how Islamic business operates by taking part in an internship placement with an Indonesian business in Yogyakarta. In order to facilitate easy communication, an Indonesian interpreter/ internship partner will accompany each student. Students will be required to write a work report of between 3000 and 4000 words and present their report in a class seminar.
- have the option of taking other units **in English** such as Introduction to Indonesian Language and Culture.
- have the opportunity to learn a significant amount of the Indonesian language if they wish.
- can board with a Muslim family during their stay. There are many accommodation options in Yogyakarta to choose from. UII also offers a special option of "homestay" with a Muslim family for the duration of our study. This is not compulsory but should you choose this option, you will have the "inside experience" of the daily life of Muslim communities in Yogyakarta.
- Can attend a village studies program. The Indonesian rural economy supports the everyday livelihoods of more than half of Indonesia's more than 200 million strong population. To give you the opportunity first hand to see what life is like for Indonesia's farming communities we provide a four day "village studies" program in a small (poor) village in central Java.

## Universitas Islam Indonesia (UII)

UII was founded in 1945, at a general assembly meeting of Masjoemi, attended by leading political figures such as Muhammad Hatta, Mohammad Natsir, Wachid Hasyim and Mohammad Roem. They decided to establish an Islamic higher school, that in 1947 developed into Universitas Islam Indonesia. UII was soon forced to close because of the Dutch invasion of Java, with many staff and students joining the military to repel the Dutch. Today UII is a modern, progressive university located on several campuses in the north of Yogyakarta. They have many Research Institutes, including Islamic Teaching, Information Management, Community Service and Human Rights. They also have an Islamic boarding school (pesantren), an outward bound centre, publishing company, ISP, and various charities.

### Facilities in the Faculty of Economics at UII

#### *Modern library*

The Economics faculty library has an impressive collection of thousands of books. This includes 9,697 book titles in the Indonesian language and 2,353 book titles in the English language. The FE-UII library is equipped with a computer based electronic catalogue which provides easy access when searching for books or references required by students. This library has two sections: the loan section and the reserve reference section.

#### *Executive classrooms*

All classrooms are equipped with modern facilities including a computer with internet access, LCD projector and Over Head Projector.

#### *Internet and electronic journal access*

There is a special computer lab with free internet access for students. This internet access is accessible 15 hours a day. Its opening hours are 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. IP management also provides students with quick on line access to the Pro Quest journal.

## What is Acicis?

Pronounced Ah-chee-chis (as Indonesians would), ACICIS stands for the Australian Consortium for In-Country Indonesian Studies. The consortium brings together eighteen Australian universities, including most of Australia's leading institutions in the field of Indonesian studies.

It was established in 1994 at Murdoch University to coordinate study programs at Indonesian universities for undergraduates. The first students arrived in Indonesia in September 1995. In January 2002, the 500<sup>th</sup> student commenced study in Yogyakarta.

Participants remain enrolled in their home university. Their semester at an Indonesian university can be accredited to their Australian degree through their home university. Prospective participants are advised to discuss credit with ACICIS and their home university.

ACICIS is also open to private participants (that is, those not enrolled in an ACICIS member university), as well as to non-Australians. Just ask us!

ACICIS has placed a Resident Director in Yogyakarta - not to teach, but to make life easier for our students in many different ways. The Resident Director is usually an Australian academic, an expert on Indonesia, who offers administrative support and a personal touch. Students can study for 1 or 2 semesters, and get a 3 day live-in orientation on arrival.

ACICIS does your entire visa processing, both before departure and on arrival. Subject to approval by the Indonesian authorities, applicants get a 12 month temporary resident visa (KITAS), and a 6 month Multiple Re-Entry Permit (MREP). The visa is normally arranged through the Indonesian embassies in Perth, Western Australia, or Singapore. Family members can also accompany the applicant.

## Application Process

Applications for ACICIS Study Options are invited from university students and members of the general public, and are due on May 1st and October 1st for the following semester. It takes ACICIS approximately 3 months to organise visas for participants, but this is one of the major advantages of going with ACICIS because KITAS visas can be very difficult to get.

## How much will it cost?

That depends on whether you are a student or not, whether your university is an ACICIS member, whether they approve your choice, or whether they give you a scholarship. Living costs are lower than in Australia - you can save your airfare. Many students still qualify for Austudy while studying in Indonesia because they remain enrolled at their home university. Contact the ACICIS secretariat for more details.

## But is it safe?

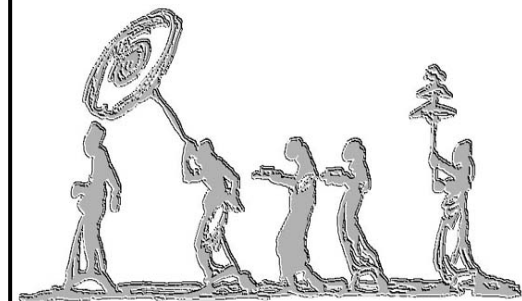
ACICIS is highly experienced, and monitoring security is one of the Resident Director's most important priorities. To know the full story - call the ACICIS secretariat.

## Tell me more

Lots more information is on the ACICIS web site: [www.acicis.murdoch.edu.au](http://www.acicis.murdoch.edu.au)

Or contact the Acicis office in Perth - 08-9360 6254 (Mon - Fri morning only), or email [acicis@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:acicis@murdoch.edu.au). We are pleased to help. Is my university a member? Can I see a video about Yogyakarta? Can you send me more info? Just ask!

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