

## THE IBN KHALDUN UNIVERSITY

In modern times, no great university has been founded upon Islamic culture and civilization. As a result, some of the Islamic heritage is lost to the world; students from Islamic countries are poor wanderers among the schools of the world; and the technological development of Islamic countries is forced to proceed from non-Islamic cultural premises.

An Islamic university, independent of state control, is proposed to be established in New York City (Manhattan). It would occupy its own building, of modern Islamic architecture. It would include residence halls and dining rooms for its students and faculty. It would possess the best library of Islamic culture and modernization in the world. It would operate with 1000 students and 100 faculty. Its fees would range from zero to \$8000.00 depending upon the ability of a student to pay. A majority of students would be from Islamic cultural background. It would begin to function with two years of the decision to go ahead. The principal teaching language would be English. Schooling in Arabic would be required of all students.

Ibn Khaldun University would be organized in three divisions: 1) The College of Islamic and World Civilization; 2) The Institute of Basic Technologies; and 3) the Studios of Islamid Culture.

1) The College would offer the Bachelor's Degree in a full-time three-year program of 27 courses at 4 credits each. Twenty-one courses of the following kinds would be taken:

World History;	Sociology and Anthropology;
Languages;	Government and Management;
Arabic;	Economic Management;
Biological sciences;	Comparative Literature;
Chemistry;	Psychology;
Physics and Astronomy;	Negotiation and Diplomacy;
Arts and Crafts;	Educational Methods; and
Mathematics;	Ethics

In addition, 3 courses in the studios of Islamic culture would be taken in the second and third years, and 3 courses in the Institute in the fourth year.

2) The Institute of Basic Technologies would offer the following kinds of courses and give the Master of Science degree after 9 courses (36 courses).

- Work systems
- Ethnic groups
- Economic and Fiscal Management
- Islamic International and Domestic Law
- Planning
- Engineering and Design
- Distribution and Sales
- Production
- Cultural Preservation and Progress.

The Master's degree would be granted in Industrial and Business Management; Engineering Design; Education; and (in conjunction with the Studios) Islamic Political and Social History. The Institute would offer the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) only in the fields of Technical and Human Development in Islamic Cultures and Islamic Culture and History.

The Studios of Islamic Culture would embrace ten cultural and historical areas, each covered by a Full Professor and Assistant Professor. These would be specialized on the Arabian Peninsula; Tropical Africa; Egypt and Libya; Pakistan; Spain and Sicily; Turkey; Morocco; Algeria and Tunis; the Near and Middle East; and South Asia. The studios would help the other programs also, and offer both the M.A. and Ph.D. in Islamic Culture and History.

In all cases, professors of a calibre equal to those of the greatest world universities would be appointed, without regard to origins or quotas. A majority of the Board of Trustees of the University would be of Islamic background; the President would be also. The University would be chartered under the laws of New York State. Branch offices of information and communication would be maintained in several countries abroad.

The University would start up when, and only when, it had pledges of 200 hundred million dollars, payable at \$20 millions per year. Of each \$20 millions, about half would be currently spent and the other half would go into endowment. The budget would be as follows (in millions of dollars):

ITEM	EACH YEAR	10-YEAR COST	ENDOWMENT AT END OF TEN YEARS
35 Senior Professors	1.5	15	35
35 Assistant Professors	1.0	10	20
20 Staff	.5	5	10
5 Librarians	.5	5	4
Library Possessions	5.0	50	20
Buildings	2.0	20	15
All Other	<u>1.0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>36</u>
Totals	11.5	115	140

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Tuition and residence charges averaging 25% per capita cost of \$8000 multiplied by 1000 students . . . \$2 million per annum.

\$11.5 less 2 gives \$9.5 million annual net cost to be paid out from gifts:

Net costs over ten years amounts to \$95 millions.

Endowment paid in ten years amounts to \$105 millions.

Interest and dividends accumulated on endowment amounts to 35 millions.

Total endowment of \$140 millions would thus be accumulated by the end of tenth year.

Receipts annually beginning eleventh year come to about \$9.5 millions, if the return of interest is about 7% on the endowment.

To sum up, the finances of the University would be stable on its endowment at the end of 10 years, and would only require more funds for increasing the number of students, or doing special projects.