

HALAL QUALITY AND ISLAMIC ECONOMY IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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INTRODUCTION - Lack of study programs on halal in higher education

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, it can be said that we do not have study programs on halal, when it comes to higher education.

Higher education institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina do not follow the labor market needs, or the needs of employers for personnel who have professional competencies, knowledge and skills in the field of halal.

The same situation applies to the study program of Islamic economics.

There is a need for personnel, but this is not recognized by higher education institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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- 1. Islamic teachings on halal,**
- 2. Modern technologies of production and processing, distribution, and trade of halal products**
- 3. General principles and concepts of the halal product quality system.**

Halal certification for business entities

The Agency for Halal Quality Certification in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as business entities in the fields of tourism, hospitality, gastronomy, production, and distribution of halal products, that have halal quality certificates are obliged to internally educate their staff about the halal quality system.

There is a clear need for halal certificates for individuals:

- Head chefs,**
- Hotel and restaurant managers,**
- Other managers in hospitality objects.**

All of them are working in business entities that have The halal certification.

Halal Quality as a subject at University FINRA Tuzla

Halal quality - concept and standardization is included in the Curriculum and Program (CPP), as one of the seven subjects of the study program „Islamic Economics and Financial Industry“ at the master’s level at the FINRA University Tuzla.

This master’s study program is in the licensing procedure and is planned to be implemented in the upcoming academic year 2025/2026.

The study program „Islamic Economics and Financial Industry“ contains subjects in the fields of (concept 4+1):

- 1) Islamic finance,**
- 2) Islamic banking,**
- 3) Islamic insurance (takaful),**
- 4) Halal quality - concept and standardization,**
- 5) Islamic business ethics, and**
- 6) International financial management**
- 7) Methodology of scientific research work.**

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS

Study programs:

1. Finance and accounting
2. Modern management and digital business

FACULTY OF TECHNICAL SCIENCES

Study programs:

1. Software engineering
2. Web design and multimedia

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FACULTY OF TOURISM, HOSPITALITY AND GASTRONOMY

Study program:

Tourism, hospitality and
gastronomy

FACULTY OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

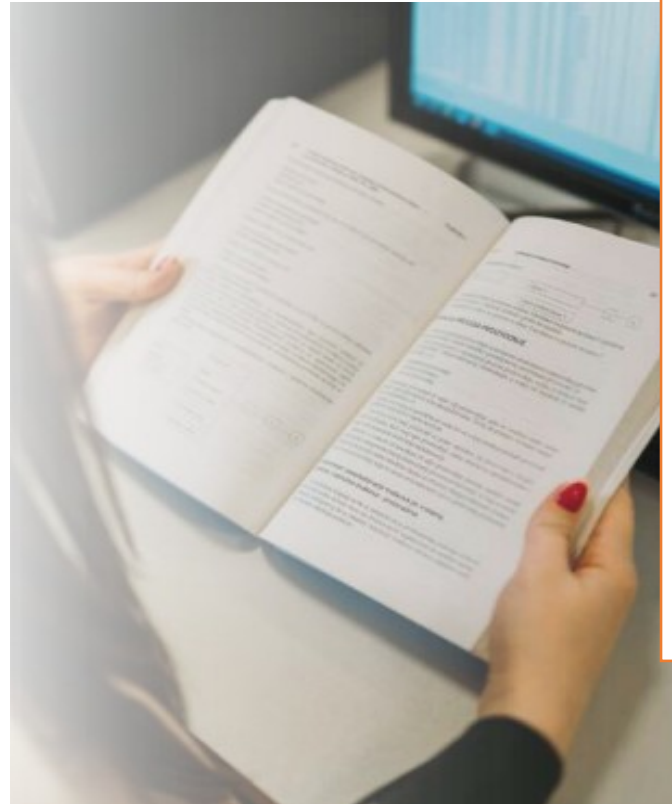
Study programs:

1. Ecological agriculture
2. Agro business

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS

MASTER STUDIES

1. Advanced financial management and controlling
2. Forensic accounting and auditing
- In licensing:**
- 3. Islamic Economics and Financial Industry**
- 4. Digital Business Management**



PhD STUDIES

Economy and digital business

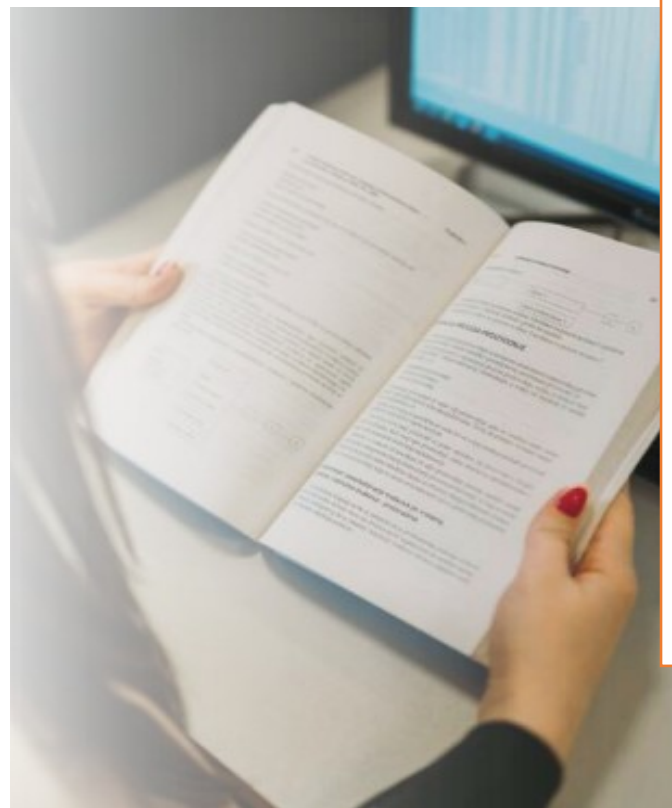
Modules:

1. Financial management and controlling
2. Accounting and auditing
3. Management digital business

FACULTY OF TECHNICAL SCIENCES

MASTER STUDIES

In licensing:
Data Science and
Cyber Security



PhD STUDIES

In licensing:
IT and Artificial Intelligence

At the FINRA University Tuzla we are successful started with study program Tourism, hospitality and gastronomy.

In new academic year 2025/2026 we will have third generation students on this program.

2nd International conference „Branding a tourist destination“ it will be in June, 27 and 28., at the FINRA University Tuzla.

2nd INTERNATIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE AT FINRA TUZLA UNIVERSITY

On June 27 and 28 , 2025, the Second International Conference on BRENDING A TOURIST DESTINATION will be held at FINRA Tuzla University.

This international conference became traditional and held every year at the University of FINRA Tuzla.

On the first day of the conference, works from the fields of tourism, hospitality and gastronomy and other related fields will be presented, while on the second day a panel discussion about „Brending Tourist Products“, will be held on the Pannonian Lakes in Tuzla.

The goal of the conference is to strengthen the capacities and professional competences of personnel in tourism, hospitality and gastronomy.

CONCLUSION

- **In Bosnia and Herzegovina, there is a pronounced need for an academic program in halal quality.**
- **Higher education institutions need to recognize the labor market's demand for qualified personnel who have knowledge and skills in the field of halal quality.**
- **Business entities that hold a halal certificate are compelled to conduct internal training for their employees in the area of halal.**
- **We expect that higher education institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina will recognize the need to introduce academic programs in halal quality and Islamic Economics.**