

Islamic Finance and Banking: Principles and Practices

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Why This Course

Islamic finance continues to expand globally as organizations, investors, and financial institutions seek ethical, Sharia-compliant alternatives to conventional banking. To excel in this rapidly growing field, professionals must understand not only the core principles of Islamic economics but also the structures, governance requirements, and evolving market trends that define modern Islamic financial systems.

The Islamic Finance & Banking Professional Program is a comprehensive 5-day course designed to build strong expertise in Sharia-compliant financial products, risk management, governance, and capital market instruments. Through practical exercises, case studies, and guided discussions, participants will gain hands-on skills that can be directly applied in real-world Islamic finance environments.

What You'll Learn and Practice

By completing this program, participants will be able to:

- Apply the fundamental principles of Islamic finance and understand their relevance in modern banking
- Analyze and structure key Islamic financial products across retail, corporate, and investment segments
- Utilize Sharia-compliant risk management tools and governance frameworks
- Implement ethical investing strategies and understand how they align with Islamic values
- Navigate Islamic capital markets, including sukuk issuance and Sharia-compliant investment instruments

The Program Flow

Day 1 - Foundations of Islamic Finance

- Introduction to Islamic economic principles and objectives Maqasid al-Shariah
- Sharia law foundations and their application to financial transactions
- Prohibited concepts: Riba interest, Gharar uncertainty, Maysir speculation
- Comparing conventional finance with Islamic financial models and practices

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A graphic of a chessboard with several chess pieces. A gold king piece is prominent in the foreground, with a silver pawn and a silver knight behind it. The board is checkered, and there are concentric circles in the background.

Day 2 - Islamic Banking Products & Services

- Structures and applications of Murabaha, Musharakah, and Mudarabah
- Ijara Islamic leasing and Istisna'a manufacturing/ construction financing
- Islamic deposit accounts, investment accounts, and liquidity products
- Trade finance solutions in Islamic banking environments

Day 3 - Risk Management in Islamic Finance

- Sharia-compliant risk management frameworks and tools
- Liquidity management instruments and Islamic money market alternatives
- Capital adequacy requirements and Basel III considerations for Islamic banks
- Operational, Sharia non-compliance, and reputational risk management

Day 4 - Islamic Capital Markets & Investment

- Sukuk: structures, issuance processes, and market dynamics
- Islamic equity screening: qualitative and quantitative criteria
- Islamic mutual funds, ETFs, and portfolio construction
- Principles and models of Takaful Islamic insurance

Day 5 - Governance & Future Trends in Islamic Finance

- Sharia governance models, advisory boards, and best practices
- Regulatory frameworks, global standards, and harmonization challenges
- Islamic fintech applications: digital banking, blockchain, and smart contracts
- ESG, sustainability, and responsible investing in an Islamic context
- Real-world case studies and practical applications

Practical Wins for Participants

Participants will return equipped to:

- Structure Sharia-compliant financial products with accuracy and confidence
- Strengthen risk management and governance systems in Islamic financial settings
- Apply practical knowledge of sukuk markets, Islamic investments, and Takaful products
- Identify emerging opportunities and innovations shaping the Islamic finance industry

Organizational Impact

Organizations benefit through:

- Enhanced compliance with Sharia and regulatory requirements
- Stronger product innovation in retail, corporate, and investment segments
- Improved risk management and governance oversight

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- Better strategic positioning within the expanding Islamic finance market

Training Methodology

This program incorporates:

- Interactive case studies and real-world Islamic finance scenarios
- Product structuring workshops and risk assessment exercises
- Group discussions and problem-solving sessions
- Expert-led insights on global Islamic finance trends

Beyond the Course

Participants return ready to:

- Support Islamic banking operations, product development, and compliance initiatives
- Guide investment decisions using Sharia-compliant frameworks
- Contribute to innovation, digital transformation, and ethical finance strategies
- Drive organizational growth in local and global Islamic finance markets

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