



# Higher Islamic Graduate Education

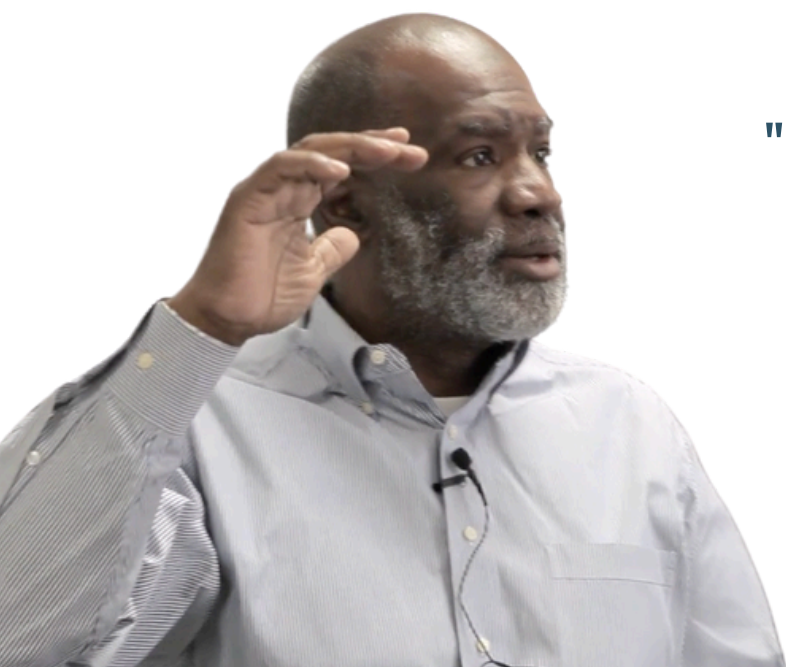




**Bayan's mission is to offer a world-class  
dynamic and ethical leaders and scholars**



The Bayan Islamic Graduate School campus at the Chicago Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois.



**"Muslims need institutions, spaces and  
sites of direct encounter that sustain  
the practices and engagements that  
refine and educate Muslim souls."**

**Dr. Sherman Jackson**  
Bayan Visiting Faculty Member  
Distinguished Professor, USC

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**non-sectarian education and produce  
rs grounded in the Islamic tradition.**



**Bayan's vision is a world that understands  
Islamic values in a modern context.**



# Higher Islamic

## Accredited Graduate Degree Programs

**Bayan students come from different backgrounds with the common desire to uplift their communities.**

Bayan was established in 2011 as an independent, not-for-profit Islamic educational institution that offers accredited graduate degrees in Islamic Studies - with the aim of creating a world that understands Islam in a modern context. Bayan's mission focuses on cultivating today's leaders and scholars for Muslim American communities, building capacity grounded in Islamic values and effective at impacting society at large.

Bayan's graduate degree programs have expanded to include a Master of Arts (MA) in Religious Studies with concentrations in Islamic Studies, Islamic Leadership, Islamic Theology, and Islamic Education. Over half of Bayan's students are enrolled in Bayan's unique professional Master of Divinity (MDiv) in Islamic Chaplaincy program. Bayan also launched its first doctoral program this year, the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) in Islamic Leadership. Bayan's degree programs are offered in partnership with the Chicago Theological Seminary, through which they are fully accredited.

Bayan provides professionalization and education to those in leadership positions, such as imams, scholars, community organizers, chaplains, and teachers to be more effective and relevant to the needs of the community. To date, Bayan boasts 81 graduates and over 100 currently enrolled student who are working to enhance human capacity in these institutions to navigate the ever-evolving challenges in our communities.



Chaplain Muhammad Ali (M.Div., Islamic Chaplaincy and M.A., Islamic Education, 2020) is a Muslim Chaplain at Bucknell University as well as a chaplain for the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He was also a recipient of Bayan's Muhammad Ali Scholarship for Spiritual Leadership.



Sondos Kholaki (M.Div., Islamic Chaplaincy, 2020) is a hospital chaplain for Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, an accomplished author, and serves on the board of the Association of Muslim Chaplains.

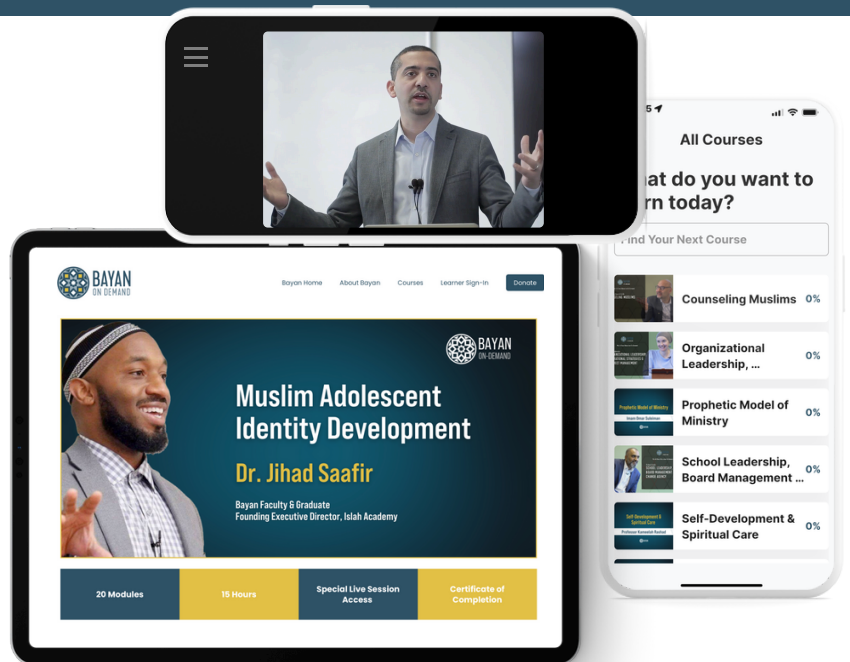


# Continuing Education

## Continuing Education Initiatives



Bayan On-Demand allows learners to experience the same world-class courses that Bayan degree-seeking students do, except on a self-paced, on-the-go platform. It offers over 350 hours of highly curated content that enables learners to explore their interests anytime, anywhere, on all devices.



**Bayan On-Demand serves 3,000 learners worldwide and continues to grow in popularity.**



Bayan offers family-friendly, faculty-led educational tours to world heritage destinations, with previous tours to Southern Spain, Malaysia & Singapore, Uzbekistan, The Gambia & Senegal, and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Each tour is led by one or more faculty members who provide daily background lectures and insights about the historical and contemporary contexts.

**Destinations in 2024-25 include Iran, Vietnam/Cambodia, Spain, Egypt, and Turkey.**

# Accredited Degree

## Muslim American Communities Need Relevant, Impactful Leaders

With the growth of Islam in America, Bayan addresses a profound shortage of trained chaplains, imams, and educators. Many mosques in the United States lack full-time imams. Colleges, hospitals, public safety agencies, and correctional facilities lack professional Islamic chaplains.

Muslim communities need impactful leaders who are empowered to address societal challenges, manifesting the values of Islam while solidifying a positive narrative for Islam in America. Bayan's degree programs seek to meet these needs with offerings that develop community leaders, educators, and scholars.



## Flexible Model for

Bayan provides an Executive Master's format that is ideal for working professionals. This model of education. There is no need to relocate to our campus area. Students from around the country travel to Chicago for their final projects.

### Where?

Trimester Starts

First 6 Weeks



Online

### How Often?

2-hour live online sessions take place every other week for each class.

### When?

Live sessions typically occur evening or weekend hours for your convenience.

### What?

Assignments and readings between live sessions.

Each trimester is 15 weeks. Trimester 1 starts in the fall.

## Masters of Arts Programs

Bayan's Master of Arts programs are 48 units and designed to be completed in as quickly as 2 years.

- M.A. Islamic Education
- M.A. Islamic Leadership
- M.A. Islamic Studies
- M.A. Advanced Islamic Theology



# Programs at Bayan

## For Working Adults

Working professionals and others who can benefit from a low-residency program for several years to complete a graduate degree. In our program, students come to Chicago for a short period of time each semester.

### 2 Week Intensive

### Last 6 Weeks

Trimester  
Ends



**Chicago**



**Online**

Each class meets for 6 days.

2-hour live online sessions take place every other week for each class.

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM or  
2:00 PM - 7:00PM

Live sessions typically occur evening or weekend hours for your convenience.

Attend in-person classes with professors and peers.

Assignments and readings between live sessions.

Semesters are January-April, May-August, and September-December.

## Divinity & Doctoral Programs

Bayan's Master of Divinity and doctoral programs require 75 and 30 units of coursework, respectively. They are both designed to be completed in as quickly as 3 years.

- M.Div. Islamic Chaplaincy
- DMin, Islamic Leadership

**Bayan students and alumni include:**

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS**

**IMAMS/RELIGIOUS DIRECTORS**

**EDUCATORS/TEACHERS**

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

**NON-PROFIT MANAGERS**

**SOCIAL WORKERS**

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**PROFESSORS**

**DOCTORAL STUDENTS**

**GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

**BUSINESS LEADERS**

**AUTHORS**



# BAYAN BY

2011

Bayan began operating as Bayan Claremont in 2011, offering an MA in Religion with a concentration Islamic Studies and Leadership, representing the first accredited graduate degree at a seminary offered by an independent Muslim higher education non-profit organization.

95

Bayan graduates who are making real impacts on Muslim American communities. Bayan graduates include imams, educators, politicians, scholars, chaplains, entertainers, and leaders of non-profit organizations.

150

Bayan expects to have enrollment exceeding 150 students for 2024-25.

72%

Over 72% of Bayan students receive financial aid and scholarships.

2,960

Bayan supporters including the Annenberg Foundation, Templeton Foundation, IRUSA, and Walt Disney Company who have generously supported Bayan with gifts of nearly \$10 Million to date.

4,900,000

Bayan's Operating Budget in FY-2025.



# THE NUMBERS

OVER  
60

FACULTY AFFILIATED WITH  
WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITIES



UCLA

Yale

Berkeley  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Duke  
UNIVERSITY

TEXAS  
The University of Texas at Austin



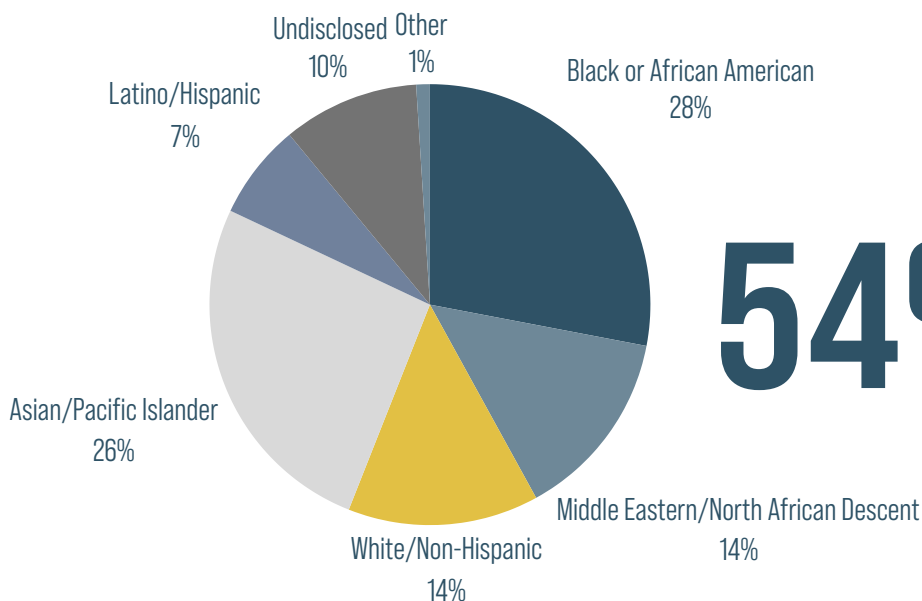
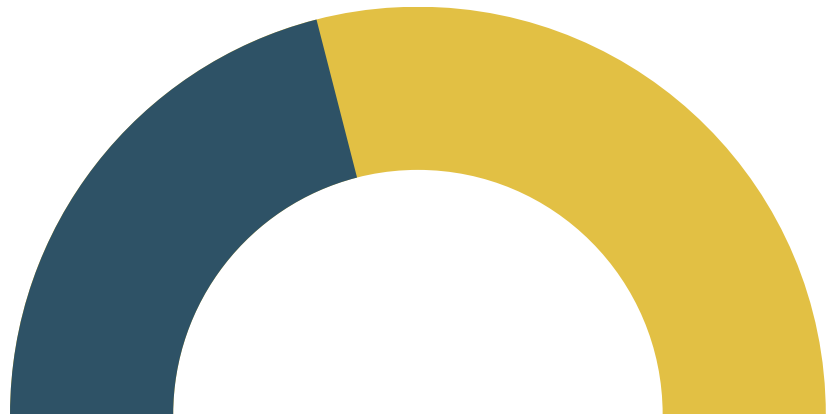
THE UNIVERSITY  
of WISCONSIN  
MADISON

Northwestern  
University

GEORGETOWN  
UNIVERSITY

48%

of students are female



54%

of students are from  
underrepresented  
populations.

# Bayan scholarship initiatives strategically elevate the next generation of promising Muslim American leaders.

## MUHAMMAD ALI SCHOLARSHIP FOR SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

### Restoring Hope and Uplifting Those in Need

Provides students working in underserved communities the opportunity to study at Bayan, equipping them with knowledge, traditions, and tools necessary to transform society. Muhammad Ali Scholars change the lives of people in disenfranchised and marginalized American communities.

## MUSLIMAH CHANGEMAKER SCHOLARSHIP

### Expanding Access for Women

Enables eligible Muslim women to build upon their Islamic knowledge and pursue education at a graduate level.

## PRESERVERS SCHOLARSHIP

### Teaching the Revelation to the Next Generation

For men and women who have memorized the Qur'an (huffadh, or preservers) and are teaching it to the next generation of Muslim Americans.

## EMBRACE SCHOLARSHIP

### Empowering Convert Communities

Empowers committed individuals to build upon their Islamic knowledge and its understanding at a higher level of education, who plan to apply their education for communal benefit.



**OVER**  
**\$ 4 MILLION**  
Awarded to Date



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