

JU Senate to consider new Institute of Islamic Studies

Approval could pave the way for six new departments

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The Senate of Jahangirnagar University (JU) is set to consider the constitution of the proposed Institute of Islamic Studies and Theology at its 43rd annual meeting scheduled for June 27, a move that could pave the way for the launch of six new academic departments.

The proposed departments are: Al-Quran and Islamic Studies; Al-Hadith and Islamic Studies; Islamic History and Culture; Islamic Law, Fiqh and Jurisprudence; Islamic Philosophy, Ethics and Comparative Religion; and Arabic Language and Literature.



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According to university documents obtained by this correspondent, the Academic Council formed a recommendation committee to formulate the institute's structure at its 139th meeting on June 23, 2025. The Syndicate approved the committee at its 315th meeting two days later. The committee's recommendations were placed before the 140th Academic Council meeting on November 20, 2025, and later recommended for approval at a special Syndicate meeting on December 4, 2025. The proposal will now be placed before the Senate for final consideration.

JU Treasurer Prof M Abdur Rab, also a member of the institute's recommendation committee, said the proposal remains at a preliminary stage.

“Even if the Senate approves it, no institute or department can be established without the approval of the University Grants Commission because it involves financial commitments,” he said.

JU Vice-Chancellor Prof Mohammad Kamrul Ahsan said the Senate would make the final decision regarding the institute and subjects after discussion.

“The final decision will depend on the logical arguments presented by Senate members and the majority’s decision,” he told The Daily Star.