

# University at a glance

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Learning in Islamic University of Indonesia or UII (Universitas Islam Indonesia), is conceived as a process of enlightening mind to enable the learners to contribute in improving the quality of the environment in the future, or ideally, to be the mercy of the world (rahmatan li al-'alamiin). Guided by this vision, UII, with its long path of historical leadership and valuable resources and experiences achieves excellence in delivering education.

**Brief History** – Long Path of Leadership UII was initially founded under the name of Sekolah Tinggi Islam (STI-Islamic Higher School) by some leading figures including Dr. Muhammad Hatta (the first Vice President of Indonesia), in Jakarta on 8 July 1945. STI became the first national university which then evolved into a university and renamed to Universitas Islam Indonesia (UII) on Desember 14, 1947 to respond to the growing demand to integrate knowledge with spiritual teachings. During the National Struggle against the Netherlands occupation in Jakarta, UII moved to Jogjakarta but from that point gained opportunity to expand. In 1960s and 1970s UII expanded to cater as many as 22 faculties, which were located not only in Jogjakarta but also other cities such as Surakarta, Klaten, Purwokerto and Gorontalo. Later, those branches became the seed for later public universities in those cities. Since the 1990s, UII developed a 36 hectares Integrated Campus located in northern suburb Jogjakarta while maintains four major campuses in the city. This main campus with its milder and more pleasant climate is an excellent place to study and enjoy academic life. Mosque, sport hall, auditoriums, hospital and student convention center are among first-rate facilities available in the campus. Currently, UII as one of the leading Islamic universities in Indonesia and with its unique history and strong leadership could attracts thousand of students from all provinces of Indonesia.

**Leading Programs** – Strong Foundation on Islamic values Currently, the university has about 20.000 students and each year about 3.300 new students are enrolled. From 40 academic programs, 26 are undergraduate including the five international programs, 9 professional, magister and doctorate programs and the rest are the diploma programs. Most of the programs are accredited as A (very good) and B (good) by the National Board of Accreditation (BAN-PT).

Some academic programs, especially to which Islamic value could enrich the curricula, are deemed as one of our strongest offers to prospective international students. Faculty of Law and Faculty of Economics (Management and Economics) for instance offer international programs where Islamic related subjects are offered such as Islamic Thought, Islamic Economics, Islamic Law, Indonesian Business Practices and Islamic Business Practices. Dual Degree with University of Wollongong (Australia) is also offered by Management and Economics Study Programs. Faculty of Medicine offers also subjects on Family Medicine and Islamic Medicine which could enrich international student in understanding general medicine in more comprehensive way.

**Excellent Infrastructure - Balancing Research and Community Service**

Research and practical works are instrumental in transferring, developing and improving knowledge. UII, therefore, provides 74 laboratories and a great number of research centers for students and faculty members. Besides the Main Library serving in university level, there are more than a dozen libraries in faculties and research centers in UII. More than 250.000 books and periodicals covering a great variety of knowledge are available in these libraries. E-books and online journals providing access to thousands periodicals and greatly extends the coverage of knowledge in these library. IT supports considerably increase the capacity of UII students to obtain knowledge and intensify collaborative learning. E-learning is provided for many subjects while hotspots are available in most part of the campuses.

Some research have reached international award and acknowledgement. Research on Earthquake Resistance Building for instance are conducted by research centers in Civil Engineering which is aimed to develop earthquake resistance housing were funded by Government of Japan and GAP Inc. USA (2007) as well as Asian Development Bank (2006).

In community service, recently the Department of Architecture in collaboration with the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning University of Melbourne worked with kampung community in Yogyakarta to conduct Kampung and Urban Art Festival (2007). Post Yogyakarta Earthquake Recovery (Yogyakarta Arch-Quick Response) was also done by the Department in cooperation with the Yogyakarta Earthquake Response conducted a terrestrial mapping of the damage, planning the recovery and the assistantship to international community such as UNDP, CHF, IOM in 2006-2007. Also in conjunction with the earthquake, Rehabilitation Program to SD and SMP Students of Post Earthquake 2006 was conducted by the Faculty of Medicine in collaboration with Yayasan Kusuma Buana (YKB) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

In other area of service, the human rights training was done by the PUSHAM (Center of Human Rights) UII in coordination with the University of Oslo Norway (2006).

Proved by these wide range of research and community service, the University earns acknowledgement as one of the universities receiving largest amount of grants from government especially from Ministry of National Education and Ministry of Research and Technology. For the last five years, UII receive more than 50 billions and at least 15 billions rupiahs for the next three years for the improvement some units in university level as well as in many excellent departments and research centers. These grants contribute significantly in the advancements of facilities, infrastructure and skills for teaching and research.