

# INSTITUTE OF MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN STUDIES (IEIC)

## **HISTORY**

The Institute of Muslim-Christian Studies was established in 1977 to promote understanding between Islam and Christianity, fostering mutual respect through academic methods. Despite the challenges of the Lebanese Civil War, the Institute continued its activities. In October 2000, it became affiliated with the newly created Faculty of Religious Studies. Today, the Institute provides education, research, and publication programs, while also maintaining a records center and a dedicated dialogue center.

## **MISSION**

Since the Institute of Muslim-Christian Studies is affiliated with the Faculty of Religious Studies at the Saint Joseph University of Beirut (Lebanon), its mission closely aligns with that of the Faculty. In particular, it aims to deepen mutual understanding between Muslims and Christians.

In the face of modernity and the diverse challenges it presents, the two religious traditions in Lebanon today seek to address the vital questions of contemporary humanity. To this end, the Institute offers education based on an objective and interdisciplinary approach.

Given the growing need for dialogue, shared by many Muslims and Christians, the Institute provides spaces for meetings, avenues for joint action, and programs for awareness or training in interreligious mediation.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

**Director:** Roula TALHOUK

## **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

**Secretary:** Josette NASRALLAH FREM

## **FACULTY**

### **Professor**

Roula TALHOUK

### **Associate Professor**

Raymond also known as "Guy" SARKIS

### **Assistant Professors**

Rita AYOUB, Ahmad ZOABI

### **Instructors**

Ahmad MOHSSEN, Albert YAMMINE, Antoine SALAMEH, Fr. Edgard (EL) HAIBY, Fadi HACHEM, Gorges MELKI, Khaled SOUBEIH, Leila KASSATLY RIZK, Loubna HAIDAR YOUSSEF, Lina ISKANDAR HAWAT, Nada EID, Nayla TABBARA, Nehmé SALIBA, Nidal AYOUB, Noha MALAEB MALAEB, Rita CHEMALY (EL) BOU ABDO, Fr. Salah ABOUJAOUDE SJ, Tidola ABDO, Vanessa BREIDY, Valérie BITAR, Rev. Sr. Yara MATTA, Zeina (EL) KHAWAND

## **DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED**

Master in Muslim-Christian Relations (Arabic and French Sections)

University Diploma in Religions and Human Rights

University Certificate in Islamic-Christian Initial Culture

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

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- Teaching religious education in schools
- Working in NGOs dedicated to dialogue, civil peace, and human rights
- Writing for religious journalism
- Conducting research in interreligious dialogue, muslim studies, and the theology of dialogue

## **TUITION FEES**

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Master in Muslim-Christian Relations (Arabic and French Sections): 54 Fresh US Dollars and 2,083,000 Lebanese Pounds (for semester 1), equivalent in Fresh US Dollars to 78 (exchange rate = 89,500 LBP)

## **SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF STUDY**

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### **Article 3: General Study Regime**

2. The Master in Muslim-Christian Relations, like any Master's programs of the ECTS system, comprises 120 credits over 5 semesters (which can be completed in 8 semesters). Depending on individual circumstances, the program may be extended to four years.