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Iran Facts and Figures

- Area - 1,648,000 square km (just over 3 times the size of France)
- Population (July 2006 est.) – 68,688,433
- Literacy Rate – 79.6%
- Unemployment Rate – 11.2%
- GDP Per Capita – \$8,100
- Percentage of budget spent on education – 4%

[notes]

Educational History

- 271CE - Foundation of the Academy of Gondeshapur offering courses in Medicine, Sciences, Philosophy and Theology
- 11th Century – Foundation of the Nizamiyyah (religious Schools offering a high quality Islamic education) in Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan
- Early 19th century – Crown Prince Abbas Mirza sends first students to study in Europe
- 1851 – Foundation of Dar al-Fonoon, Iran's first modern university, by reformist Prime Minister Mirza Taqi Khan (Amir Kabir)
- 1934 – Foundation of the University of Tehran
- June 1963 - Mohammed Reza Shah launches the White Revolution which aimed to fight illiteracy and improve education throughout Iran, particularly in rural areas
- February 1979 – popular revolution overturns the regime of Mohammed Reza Shah and installs an Islamic Theo-Democracy led by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini
- April 1980 – Khomeini launches Iran's 'Cultural Revolution' which aimed to Islamicise universities by removing non-Islamic elements and controlling staff appointments and course content
- 1982 – Foundation of the private Islamic Azad University
- 1987 – Foundation Payam-e-Noor University offering distance learning degrees

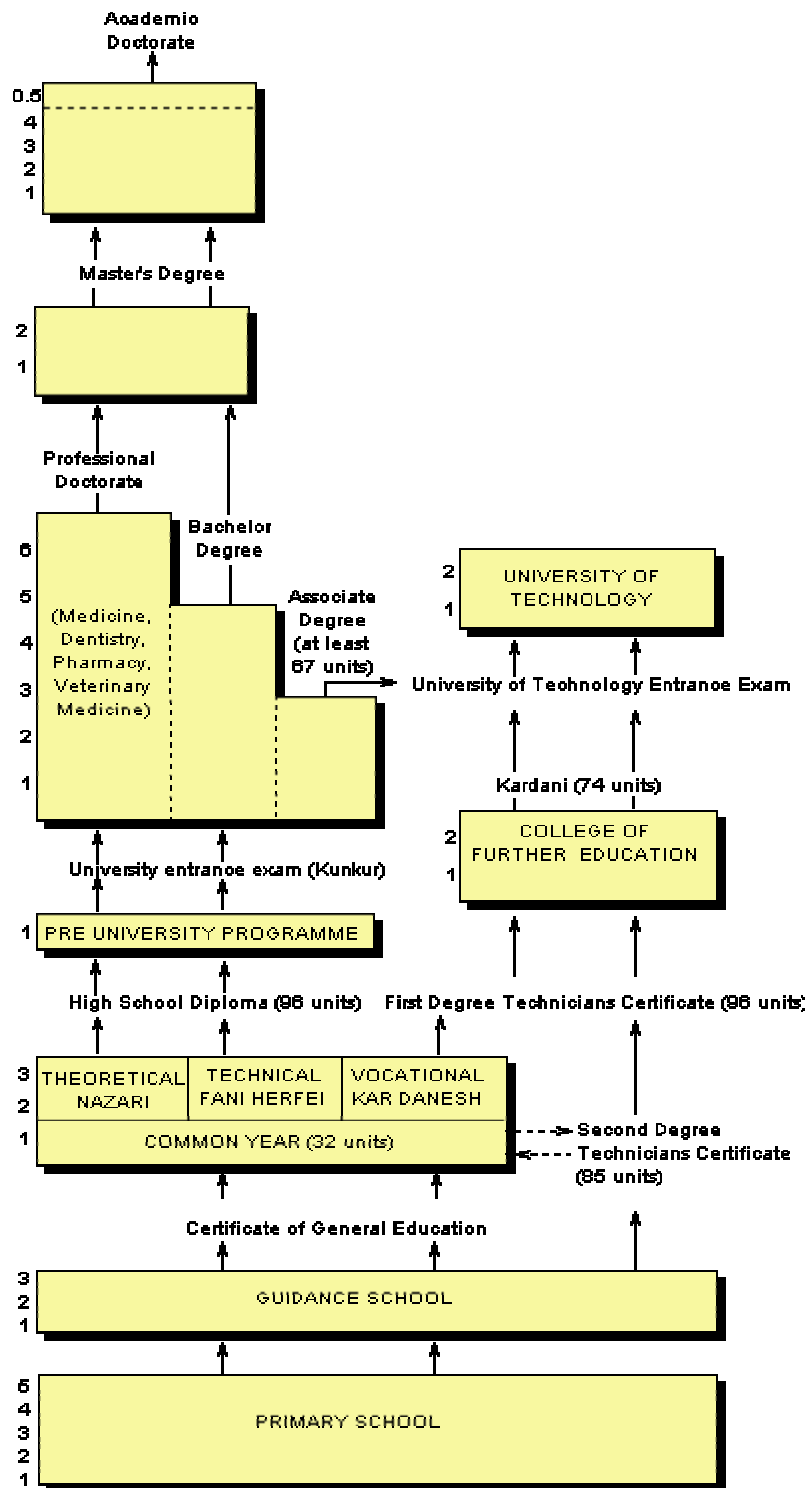
[notes]

Grading System

- Grading system of 0-20 used at all levels of education
- Based on system of grading for French Baccalaureat system
- Secondary/Undergraduate pass mark is 10
- Graduate pass mark is 12
- Doctoral pass mark is 14

[notes]

Structure of the education system



High School Diploma

- Taken upon completion of 11 years of education
- Course is 3 years in duration with a common first year and two further years of specialisation
- Students choose from three optional streams: Theoretical, Technical, Skills
- 96 credits required for completion
- Graded out of 20 with a pass mark of 10
- Assessment by examinations, coursework and overall performance in class
- Comparable Level: a standard between GCSE and AS Level in UK

[notes]

Pre University Course

- One year course following the High School Diploma
- Available in 5 subject areas: Mathematics; Experimental Sciences; Humanities; Art; Islamic Culture
- 24 credits required for completion
- Prepares students for the University Entrance Examination (Kunkur)
- Graded on a scale of 0-20 with pass mark of 10
- Taught at Pre-University Education Centres
- Not externally validated
- Comparable level: A Level/Baccalaureat level

[notes]

National University Entrance Examination (Kunkur)

- Single Examination taken by all students wishing to enter higher education
- Competitive examination where students are ranked in order of achievement
- High failure rate due to limited number of places at universities
- Separate Kunkur for Azad University and Kardani (Associate Degree) courses
- Available in 4 subject areas: Mathematics and Technical Sciences, Experimental Sciences, Humanities and Arts
- Comparable Level : not higher than Pre-University Course (A Level/Baccalaureat standard)

[notes]

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دانشنامه پایان تحصیلات
بویج قانون تشکیل وزارت بهداشت ایران و آئینش پیش از تصویب شماره ۱۳۲۴ مجلس شورای ملی
(Name)
فرز [name] دانشنامه شماره ۶۰ صادره از اردوگان مرقه سال ۱۳۵۹ تا تاریخ ۱۳۷۲ رتبه ۲۶ تحصیلات خود در دوره دکتری رشته پزشکی
و با کفایت پایان رسانیده و در این دانشنامه بنام خود اعلام میشود تا از اعتبارات آن بهر جهت کمزور، توفیق نایمزد را در ادامه کار خود علم و عمل خویش آموختن و کسب نماید
عاقبتی و خاشاک خدمت بخلق آورده و خدمت
[name]
رئیس دانشکده
[name]
رئیس دانشکده



[High School Diploma]

In the name of Almighty

Islamic Republic of Iran
Ministry of Culture and Higher Education
(Photo of holder affixed and signed)

***Certificate of the Completion of Secondary School
(Apply Science Diploma)***

According to the Article 30 of the Islamic Republic of Iran Constitution and according to the law of the end of secondary school examination, we, hereby certify that:

[Name]

First name of her father [name] holder of state-issued ID card (Shenasnameh) No 244, issued to her in Tehran, born in 1970 was the student of Shahid Dr Fayaz Bakhsh Secondary School, City of Tehran, area 2, of Tehran Province and has successfully passed the final examination on June 1988 with the written examination grade of 15.80 out of 20 and mean grade of 17.21 out of 20.

Score of discipline: 20
Registration No: 818
Date of issue: 03-04-1989

1. First name and last name of the Head Teacher: [name]
2. First name and last name of the Director of the examination Board: [name]
3. First and last name of the Director of the Department of Education of the Tehran Province: (Signed and sealed)
4. First name and last name of the Director General of Education (signed and sealed)

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گواہی نامہ یا بیان تحقیقات متوسط

رشته علوم تجربی

نظریہ اصل سی ام قانون اساسی جمہوری اسلامی ایران، باستان و آئین نامہ امتحانات دورہ متوسطہ و یاسیدہیات متخفہ کو اہی میشود :

فرزند [Name] واری شناسنامه شماره ۲۴۲ صادره از تهران

متولد سال ۱۳۴۹ محل تولد تهران دانش آموز دبیرستان بهرستان کوهکوه خیابان شهید بهشتی تهران

استان تهران در استقامت نهانی خرداد سال ۱۳۶۷ پامان دوره متوسط شرکت نمود

و با معدل کتبی (۱۵۸۰) با حروف، و از تدریس و همکاران و معدل کتبی (۱۷۲۱) با حروف و به شرح زیر است (ص ۳۴)

قبول شده است. نمره انقباض (بعد) ۲۰ (با حرف) بیت

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[Pre-university course]



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**In The Name of God
Islamic Republic of Iran
Ministry of Education
Certificate of Completion of Pre-University Education Course**
Holder's photo affixed & sealed.

Pursuant to verdict issued by the Executive Board of New System of Secondary Education Course in 125th, 126th, 127th and 128th meeting held on March 7, 1995, March 14, 1995, April 4, 1995 and April 25, 1995,
Whereas,

[Name]


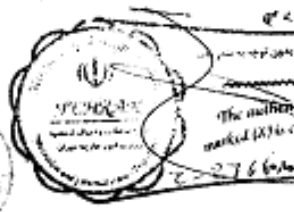
son of [name] holder of Birth Certificate No.3264, issued at London Consular, born in 1977 in London, student of Allameh Tabatabaie Pre-University Education Center, with student No.5C092180, in Boushehr city, Boushehr province, with overall average grade of 16.43 (sixteen point forty three), successfully passed the pre-University Education course in the field of Mathematics on June 21, 1996, he is awarded this certificate.

Discipline average grade: 18.00
Registration No.: 25
Date of Registration: September 13, 2001

Signed & sealed: Principal of Allameh Tabatabaie Pre-University Education Center.
Signed & sealed: Head of Education Department of Boushehr.
Signed & sealed: Director General of Education Department of Boushehr Province.

True translation is certified.
Date: February 6, 2005

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الحسين بن محمد بن الحسين

کتابخانه کتب خطی و کتب نفیس

به استنادی صادره از کمیته بین المللی بحریات ایران طی نامه شماره ۷۸۳/۲۵۵۷۳/۱/۵۵۷۳/۱/۲۲۷۳/۱/۶۶ مورخ ۱۳۵۷/۱۰/۲۸

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والسبحان

سازمان پژوهش‌های علمی و اجتماعی در سال ۱۳۸۵، با عنوان «تأثیرات فرهنگی بر رفتار مصرفی» به بررسی تأثیر عوامل فرهنگی بر رفتار مصرفی پرداخته است.

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[**name**]

[Name]

[Name]

Signature

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In The Name of God
State Emblem
Islamic Republic of Iran
Ministry of Education
General Department of Education of Province
City of Boushehr
Academic Record of Pre University Course
Academic Year 1995-1996
 The holders' photo is affixed and sealed

Name: [Name]
 Surname: [Name]
 Father's Name: [Name]
 Birth Certificate No.: 3264
 Place of Issue: London
 Date of Birth: October 1, 1977
 Student's Code: 59002180

Pre University Education Center: Allameh Tabatabaie
 Field: Mathematics
 Row No.: 27
 Examination Book Page No.: 90

1st Term

Course Title	Units	Marks	Marks x Units
Islamic Education I	1	15.25	15.25
Persian Language I	1	18.00	18.00
Foreign Language I	3	17.40	52.23
Physics I	3	18.50	55.50
Chemistry I	2	17.25	34.50
Analytical Geometry & Linear Algebra	2	16.50	33.00
Differential Calculus & Integral	2	15.00	30.00
Psychology	2	10.00	20.00
Total	16	---	258.48

Average grade of Term: 16.15
 Quran Reading Mark: 15.00

2nd Term

Course Title	Units	Marks	Marks x Units
Islamic Education II	1	16.25	16.25
Persian Language II	1	19.00	19.00
Foreign Language II	3	17.48	52.24
Physics II	3	19.50	58.50
Chemistry II	2	16.50	33.00
Discrete Mathematics	2	12.75	25.50
Differential Calculus & Integral	2	14.50	29.00
Total	14	---	234.49

Average grade of Term: 16.74
 Total Marks: 492.97 (four hundred ninety two point ninety seven)
 Overall average grade: 16.43 (sixteen point forty three)

This student has successfully passed 30 course units of field of Mathematics in Pre-university period up to the academic year 1995-1996 and graduated in June 1996.
 The authenticity of the above records is certified.

Signed & sealed: Registrar of Marks
 Signed & sealed: Principal of Allameh Tabatabaie Pre University Education Center.

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 Date: February 3, 2005

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Universities

- 4 different types of institution at tertiary level: comprehensive universities; specialised universities; comprehensive universities of technology; medical science universities
- Institutions accredited by the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology and the Ministry of Health and Medical Education
- Activities at tertiary level overseen by Supreme Council of the Cultural Revolution
- Most institutions are state-owned and free of charge
- Private, fee-charging institutions increasing to meet demand for places
- Islamic Azad University and Payam-e-Noor universities provide alternative to state-owned institutions
- Universities operate a credit hours system
- 5 awards available: Associate Degree; Bachelor Degree; Professional Doctorate; Masters Degree; Academic Doctorate

[notes]

Associate Degree

- 2-year post secondary course
- 67-72 credits required for completion
- Courses offered in 6 subject areas: Languages and Library Management; Professional Courses; Mathematics and Technical Courses; Experimental Science; Humanities; Arts
- Graded on a scale of 0-20 with pass mark of 10
- Can be taken as an award on its own or as the first stage of a non-continuous Bachelor Degree
- Comparable Level: Certificate of Higher Education (completion of 1st year of a Bachelor Degree)

[notes]

Bachelor Degree

- 4-year post secondary course
- 130-140 credits required for completion
- Courses offered in Natural and Basic sciences; Medical and Health sciences; Engineering; Humanities; Agriculture; Arts and Literature
- Continuous (4 years) and non-continuous (2+2 years) study options available
- Holders of the degree are eligible for entry on to postgraduate courses
- Graded on a scale of 0-20 with pass mark of 10
- Comparable Level : Bachelor Degree standard

[notes]

Professional Doctorate

- Available in professional fields (eg Medicine and Dentistry)
- Course lasts 6 years
- 290 credits required for completion
- Combines academic study with professional practice
- Comparable Level: Bachelor Honours standard (also pre-Bologna Maitrise/Magister Artium/Diploma di Laurea standard)
- Wholly separate from the postgraduate award of Doctorate

Masters Degree

- A two-year course following the Bachelor Degree
- Postgraduate Medical courses are longer and more professionally orientated
- Examination required for entrance on to Masters course
- 13 credits in general courses and 32-36 credits in specialised courses required for completion
- Assessment via coursework or thesis
- Graded out of 20 with a pass mark of 12
- Entitled Master of Arts or Master of Science
- Comparable Level: Masters Degree standard

Doctorate (PhD)

- 4-year course following Masters Degree
- Students required to sit an entrance examination
- Divided into an 'education' stage and a 'research' stage
- Assessment is by examination and defence of a doctoral thesis
- Graded on a scale of 0-20 with a pass mark of 14
- Comparable Level: Doctor of Philosophy standard

[notes]

[Associate degree]



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Certificate of Completion of Studies**
Holder's photo is affixed & sealed.

No. F/8740
Date: April 22, 2003

Pursuant to Approval of The Higher Council of Programming at 308th Meeting held on December 3, 1995, subject of Directive No. 22/5070 dated December 10, 1995 of the Ministry of Culture & Higher Guidance,

This is to certify that,

[Name]

son of [Name] holder of Birth Certificate No. 3264, issued at London, born in 1977, having Pre- University course in Mathematics, admitted to this University through entrance examinations of 1996, with grade 313 and mark of 5955 has successfully passed the relevant curriculum in the field of Computer (Soft ware) with overall average grade of 12/66 (twelve point sixty six) on July 19, 2001.
The value of his studies is "General Associate Degree".

Signed & Sealed: Deputy of Students' Affairs of Branch
Signed & Sealed: Chancellor of University Branch

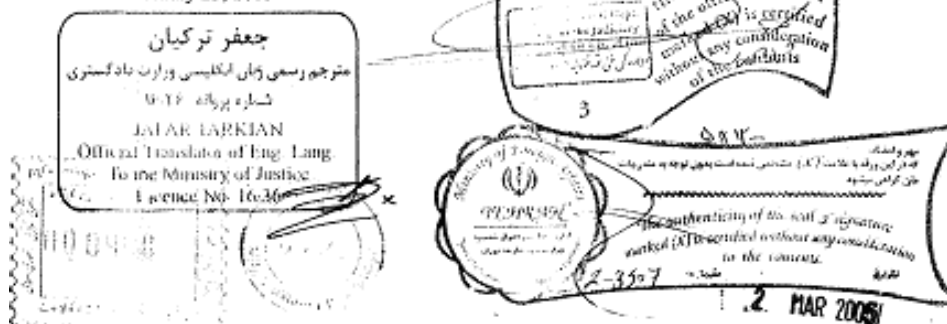
This certificate has been confirmed and registered under No. 80163218250 dated June 15, 2003 in the Bureau of Graduates' Affairs of Central Organization of Islamic Azad University.

Signed & Sealed: Deputy of Students' Affairs of Islamic Azad University.

The authenticity of this Diploma which is issued without erasure and alteration is verified for translation.

Signed & Sealed: Director General of Graduates' Affairs Department of Islamic Azad University- February 3, 2005

True translation is certified.
February 23, 2005





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شماره: ۸۷۴۰ / ف

تاریخ: ۸۲/۲/۲

گواهینامه پایان تحصیلات
دانشگاه آزاد اسلامی
واحد شیراز



بر اساس مصوبه سیصد و هشتمین جلسه مورخ ۷۴/۹/۱۲ شورای عالی برنامه ریزی

و بخشنامه شماره ۲۲/۵۰۷۰ مورخ ۷۴/۹/۱۹ وزارت فرهنگ و ارشاد عالی

بدینوسیله گواهی می شود:

آقای	[Name]	فرزند	[Name]	دارای شناسنامه
شماره	۲۲۶۴	صادره از	لندن	مؤید سال ۱۳۵۶
مدرك دوره	پیش دانشگاهی علوم ریاضی	در آزمون سراسری سال	۱۳۷۵	این دانشگاه با
رتبه	۳۱۲ و نمره	۵۹۵۵	پذیرفته شده است و در تاریخ	۱۳۸۰ / ۴ / ۲۸
تعداد	۷۴	واحد درسی را در رشته	کامپیوتر (نرم افزار)	با میانگین
کل	۱۲/۶۶ (نوازه و شصت و شش صدم)	گزارنده است.		
ارزش تحصیلات نامبرده	کاردانی عمومی	مییابد.		

[name]

رئیس واحد دانشگاهی

[name]

معاون دانشجویی واحد دانشگاهی

این گواهینامه بشماره ۸۰۱۶۵۲۶۸۲۵۰ در تاریخ ۱۳۸۲/۵/۲۵ در دفتر امور فارغ التحصیلان

دانشگاه آزاد اسلامی تأیید و ثبت گردیده است.

[Name]

معاون دانشجویی

دانشگاه آزاد اسلامی



[name]

مدیر کل امور فارغ التحصیلان

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Shiraz Branch**

Date: January 8, 2005
No.: 787

The transcript of **[Name]** son of **[name]** holder of Birth Certificate
No. 3264, issued at London, born in 1977, admitted in Year 1996, Graduate of Year 2001, in
Associate Degree Section (full-time), Field: Computer (Soft ware Branch)

2nd Semester 1996-1997

Course Title	Type	Course Units		Marks	Points
		Theo.	Pract.		
Prerequisite Mathematics	P, U	4	--	13.75	055.00
Prerequisite Physics	P, U	4	--	11.50	046.00
Foreign Language	G	3	--	18.50	055.50
Fundamentals of Computer & Programming	M	4	--	13.50	054.00
Islamic Texts	G	2	--	16.00	032.00

1st Semester 1997-1998

Course Title	Type	Course Units		Marks	Points
		Theo.	Pract.		
Mathematics (I)	B	4	--	12.50	050.00
Physics (I)	B	3	--	16.00	048.00
Islamic Education I	G	2	--	15.00	030.00
Physical Education (I) Pract.	G	--	1	20.00	020.00
History of Islam	G	2	--	16.50	033.00
Engineering Probabilities & Statistics	B	3	--	12.50	037.50
Advanced Programming	M	3	--	13.00	039.00

2nd Semester 1997-1998

Course Title	Type	Course Units		Marks	Points
		Theo.	Pract.		
Mathematics (II)	B	4	--	07.50	030.00
Discrete Buildings	M	3	--	12.30	036.90
Physics (II)	B	3	--	08.50	025.50
Persian	G	3	--	12.75	038.25
Physics (I) Lab.	B	--	1	16.50	016.50

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1st Semester 1998-1999

Course Title	Type	Course Units		Marks	Points
		Theo.	Pract.		
Mathematics (II)	B	4	--	08.50	034.00
Physics (II)	B	3	--	09.00	027.00
Data Structure & Algorithm	M	3	--	11.10	033.30
Differential Equations	B	3	--	11.50	034.50
Physical Education (II) Pract.	G	--	1	20.00	020.00

2nd Semester 1998-1999

Course Title	Type	Course Units		Marks	Points
		Theo.	Pract.		
Electrical Circuits (I)	M	3	--	13.50	040.50
Technical Language	M	2	--	18.50	037.00
Machine Languages & Assembly	M	3	--	15.25	045.75
Numerical Analysis Methods	S. I	3	--	11.60	034.80
Imams' Testament	G	1	--	16.00	016.00

Summer Term 1998-1999

Course Title	Type	Course Units		Marks	Points
		Theo.	Pract.		
Electronic Circuits	M	3	--	11.50	034.50

1st Semester 1999-2000

Course Title	Type	Course Units		Marks	Points
		Theo.	Pract.		
Design & Languages' implementation	M	3	--	14.40	043.20
Islamic Ethics & Education	G	2	--	14.00	028.00
Physics (II) Lab.	B	--	1	15.20	015.20
Quran Reading	G	1	--	16.50	016.50

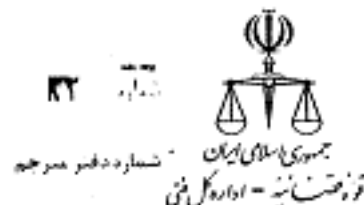
2nd Semester 1999-2000

Course Title	Type	Course Units		Marks	Points
		Theo.	Pract.		
Logical Circuits	M	3	--	12.00	036.00
Data Storage & Retrieval	S. I	3	--	09.50	028.50

1st Semester 2000-2001

Course Title	Type	Course Units		Marks	Points
		Theo.	Pract.		
Computer Architecture	M	3	--	10.00	030.00
General Workshop	B	--	1	15.25	015.25
Descriptive Programming	S. I	3	--	10.00	030.00
Electrical Circuits Lab.	M	--	1	13.00	013.00

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تهران - خیابان شریعتی - نبش کوچه شیرین - پلاک ۱۴۹۱
تلفن: ۷۶۲۰۳۸۴
دارالترجمه رسمی قلعهک
Jafar Farkian
Official Translator to IRI Justice Administration
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Gholhak Offi

2nd Semester 2000-2001

Course Title	Type	Course Units		Marks	Points
		Theor.	Pract.		
Logical Circuits Lab.	M	--	1	14.00	014.00
Electronic Circuits Lab.	M	--	1	11.00	011.00
Grand Total of Units Passed: 74		(seventy four)			
Grand Total of Units Received: 93		(ninety three)			
Overall Average Grade: 12.66		(twelve point sixty six)			

G = General S. I = Specialized I B = Basic
M = Major P. U = Pre. University

The transcript and the number of course units mentioned in these sheets have been extracted from the Records of academic year 2000-2001 (the first) up to 2000-2001 (the second)
Signed & Sealed: Vice-Chancellor For Students' Affairs of University Branch.

Remark:

- In the academic system of the University, in the course of during each semester for each Theoretical unit 16 hours, for each Practical unit 32 hours, and for each Workshop operation 48 hours have been taken into consideration.
- The standards for assessment of the course units ranges from zero to twenty and the minimum passed mark in Associate and Bachelor of Science Courses is 10, and in uninterrupted Master of Science Course is 12 and in Ph.D. course is 14.

The transcripts stated above shall be valid without erasure and alteration and have been verified and registered in the Bureau of Graduates' Affairs of University under No. 83016430 dated February 23, 2005.

Signed & Sealed: Vice-Chancellor For Students' Affairs of University Branch.

Signed & Sealed: Chancellor of University Branch.

Signed & Sealed: Director General of Graduates' Affairs of University.

True translation is certified.

Date: February 24, 2005.



[Bachelor degree]

مترجم رسمی زبان انگلیسی دادگستری جمهوری اسلامی ایران
تهران - میدان انقلاب اول خدیجهان / دبیرخانه ساختمان ۱۰۴، طبقه دوم، تلفن: ۶۴۵۴۱۵
H.H.MANSOOR: Official Translator in the Ministry of Justice, of I.R. of Iran
No. 253, 2nd floor, Enghelab Sq. Tehran, Tel : 6405645

شماره دفتر مترجم: ۷۳۳۰۴
تأیید شده - اداره مترجمین رسمی

IN THE NAME OF GOD

Ministry of Science, Research and Technology
University Jihad Higher Education Institute
Non-Profit Making, Non-state
(1st type)

No. : AM/84/957
Date: April 18, 2005

Photo of the holder
affixed and sealed

Certificate for completion of course of studies

On the strength of approval made in 308th session of higher council of planning dated December 3, 1995, subject of the Circular No. 22/5070 dated December 10, 1995 and pursuant to Instruction No. 23/13063 dated February 7, 2000 and the related Circular No. 23/1396 dated March 5, 1996, this is to certify that

[Name]

daughter of [Name] ID No. 9913 issued in Tehran, born in 1977, successfully completed the curriculum of Bachelor's degree in the field of Civil Engineering, Major: Civil in May 2003, achieving a cum. G.P.A. of 11.37/-
This certificate is awarded to her to enjoy of its privileges thereof.

University Jihad Higher Education Institute
Signed and sealed

On the strength of the records available, graduation record of [Name]
graduated of Bachelor's degree in the field of Civil Engineering, Civil is certified.
Ministry of Science, Research and Technology
Signed and sealed

Seal and signature of the university authorities are certified.
For: [Name]

Director-General of the Internal Student's Affairs
Ministry of Science, Research and Technology
Signed and sealed

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باسم تعالی



وزارت علوم، تحقیقات و فناوری
مؤسسه آموزش عالی
جهاد دانشگاهی
غیرانتفاعی، غیر دولتی
شماره اول

يَرْفَعُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ

گواهینامه پایان تحصیلات

بر اساس مصوبه سیصد و هشتمین جلسه مورخ ۷۴/۹/۱۲ شورای عالی برنامه ریزی موضوع بخشنامه شماره ۲۲/۵۰۷۰ مورخ ۷۴/۹/۱۹ و با استناد به دستورالعمل شماره ۲۳/۱۳۰۶۳ مورخ ۷۴/۱۱/۱۸ و بخشنامه پیروی آن به شماره ۲۳/۱۳۹۶ مورخ ۷۴/۱۲/۱۴، بدینوسیله گواهی می‌شود:

خانم [Name] فرزند [Name] دارای شناسنامه شماره ۹۹۱۳ صادره از تهران متولد سال ۱۳۵۶ دوره تحصیلی کارشناسی رشته مهندسی عمران - عمران را در تاریخ اردیبهشت ماه ۱۳۸۲ در این موسسه با میانگین کل (به حروف) یازده و سی و هفت صدم (به عدد) ۱۱/۳۷ به پایان رسانیده است.

این گواهی به نامبرده اعطا می‌شود تا از مزایای قانونی آن بهره‌مند گردد. اس

[name]
مهر پرست موسسه



مدیران مرکزی
بنادر شهید افشاری صنعتی
نرسیده به بن نازگرد حجت
میدان پارک، گوجه بهار
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تلفن: ۲۲۴۲۵۰۰
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[Bachelor degree with entrance information]



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KARAJ BRANCH

Provisional Bachelor of Science Degree Course Completion
Certificate
'Part time Program'

Sealed photo of the holder
 No.: 08-27-6/77752
 Date: Oct. 16, 2005

[Name]

Daughter of [name] ID. Card No. 471-016925-1, issued at Tehran, born in 1978, bearing Human Science Pre-University Course Certificate, having passed the university entrance exam of 2001, with grade of 6304 and rank of 105; has passed 139 credits and successfully completed undergraduate Course in English Language & Literature (Part Time Program), with General Average of 16.19 on Sep. 26, 2005. Her education level is evaluated as Bachelor of Science Degree.

This certificate is certified and registered in the Book of Graduates' Affairs of Islamic Azad University Central Organization on Nov. 1, 2005, under No. 84115642530.

Signed & sealed:
Student Deputy of University Unit
Dean of University Unit
Director General of Graduates' Affairs of Dept
Student Deputy of Islamic Azad University

True Registration Certified.
 Nov. 1, 2005



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

شماره: ۸-۷۷۷۷۵۲

تاریخ: ۱۳۹۷/۷/۲۹

محل: ...



دانشگاه آزاد اسلامی واحد کرج



گواهیه نامه مؤهلات پایان تحصیلات کارشناسی پاره وقت

نام و نام خانوادگی: [Name] فرزند: [Name] شماره شناسنامه: ۱-۱۱۹۳۵-۳۷۱ شماره روزنامه: تهران شماره: ۱۳۵۷

تاریخ: ۱۳۸۴/۷/۲۴ به موجب پیوسته این گواهیه نامه است. دانشجو تحصیلات لیسانس

در رشته: [Name] در مقطع: [Name] در سال: ۱۳۸۰ بنوع: ۶۳۰۴ درجه: ۱۰۵

با معدل: ۱۶/۱۹ در صورت: [Name] در صورت: [Name]

این گواهیه نامه صادر می‌گردد. دانشجو تحصیلات لیسانس

در رشته: [Name] در مقطع: [Name] در سال: ۱۳۸۰ بنوع: ۶۳۰۴ درجه: ۱۰۵

با معدل: ۱۶/۱۹ در صورت: [Name] در صورت: [Name]



محل: ...

[Bachelor degree with details of work requirement]



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The Islamic Republic of Iran
Ministry of Sciences , Researches and Technology
Sealed photo of the holder
No. : 17571

SHIRAZ UNIVERSITY

By Virtue of the law of the establishment of Shiraz University approved on 18 June, 1964 , Since ;

[Name]

daughter of **[name]** , holder of ID. card No. 9238 , issued at Fassa , born in 1960, has successfully completed the Course of studies of Engineering Faculty in Feb.1986 , this B.Sc. Degree Certificate in " Electrical Engineering " Major : Electronics awarded to her . We wish her success in combining practice and science in serving the people and acquiring God's consent .

This date : Nov.2001

Vice-chancellor : Sgd. & Sld.
Dean of the Faculty : Sgd. & Sld.
Chancellor of the university : Sgd. & Sld.

OVERLEAF :

Reg. No. : 5639
Entry date : 08 Dec. 2001
2000.- Rls. Stamps affixed and cancelled .

True Translation Certified.
Date : 29 Dec.2001 Shiraz / Iran
IR./ 3898

Behrooz Vosoughi
Official Translator



Temporary Certificate
No.: 16478/17571
Date: 15/12/1985

University of Shiraz
Department of Educational Services and Certificates

This is to certify:

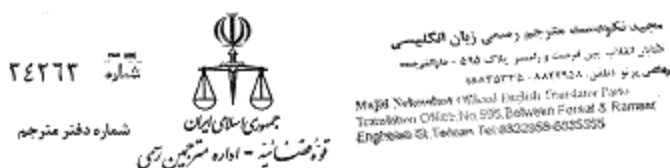
Miss^(Name) (owner of the above photograph) daughter of^(Name) holder of birth certificate number 9238 issued in Fassa born in 1959 has completed a four-year course in the Department of Engineering with the total grade of 2.63 (two point sixty three) and has been awarded the degree of Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. According to the regulations of Shiraz University she will be considered as a graduate in February 1986. The above named has taken advantage of free education for a total of 8 half terms and is liable to undertake employment in Iran for a period of 4 years. She has also benefited from a student welfare loan amounting to a total of 314330 Rials. This certificate is issued for the purpose of taking up employment in Iran and has no other value. Official degree and original documents of the above named will be conferred on completion of the four-year period of liability for employment and repayment of her loan subject to no impediments as declared by the Ministry of Further Education. Following employment it will be necessary to make monthly repayments equivalent to the received funds to the student welfare office, account number 201114, Bank Melli Iran until it is fully repaid and forwarding the appropriate receipts to the same office.

Managing Director of the Department of Educational Services and certificates
University of Shiraz

[Name]

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[Bachelor degree from medical university]



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ISLAMIC REP. OF IRAN
Ministry of Health, Treatment and Medical Education
SHAHID BEHESHTI UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SC., HEALTH AND
TREATMENT SERVICES
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF COURSES
FACULTY OF HEALTH

NO. 501
Date: July 23, 2002

Based on the Statute of Law for Establishment of Shahid Beheshti University
approved on Oct. 1, 1985 by Islamic Consultative Assembly whereas,

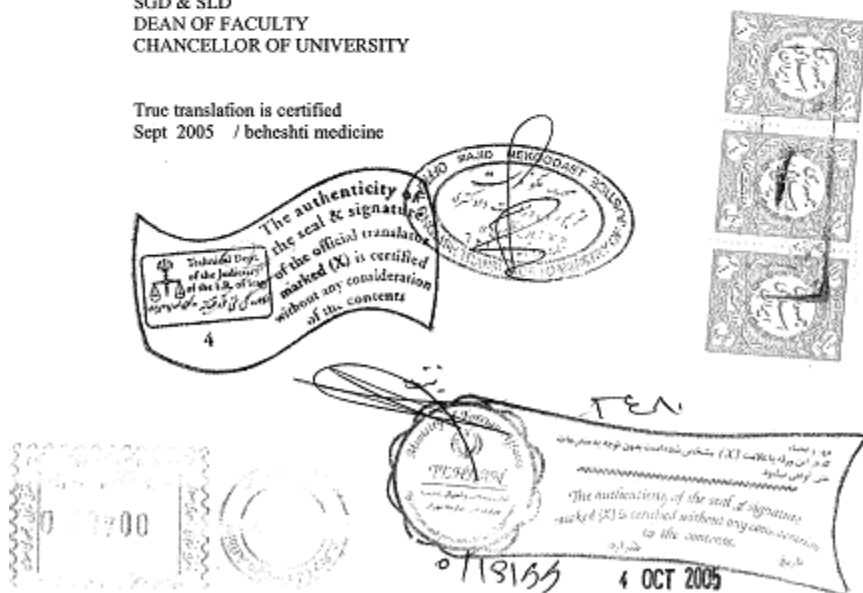
[Name]

Daughter of [name] , holder of identity card No.890 , issued in Khoramshahr
born in 1975 , has successfully completed the Bachelor's Degree course in the field
of Public Health on May 26, 2001 , this certificate is awarded to her.

Wishing her success in combining action, science, and piety in wining God the
Almighty's satisfaction and serving people.

SGD & SLD
DEAN OF FACULTY
CHANCELLOR OF UNIVERSITY

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Sept 2005 / beheshti medicine





میدان تخصصی مترجم و معنی زبان انگلیسی
این انقلاب بین فرهنگ و دانش - پادشاه - دارالترجمه
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Majid Nekoufar (Official English Translation) Part
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SHAHID BEHESHTI UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, HELATH SERVICES & TREATMENT.

FACULTY OF HELATH

STUDENT NO.: 11377024

Date: May.26.2001

NAME & SURNAME: [Name]

Father's Name: [Name]

ID card No.: 890

Field: Public Health

Major: Public Health

Non-continuous Bachelor's Degree Course

Date of Admission: Feb.7.1999

SECOND SEMESTER; 1998-99

CODE	COURSE	CREDIT		MARK		POINT		POINT
		Theo.	Pract.	Theo.	Pract.	Theo.	Pract.	
111	Islamic Texts	2		17		34		34
112	Islamic Revolution & Its roots	2		16.5		33		33
114	Physical Education 2		1		16.5		16.5	16.5
1-130	Human Physiology & Anatomy	2		10		20		20
131	Principles of Epidemiology	2		12.5		25		25
132	Ecology	1		18		18		18
1-171	Bio-Statistics (Theo.Pract)	1	1	07	07	07	07	14
1-178	Bio-Physics	2		15		30		30
353	Biochemistry	2		10		20		20
463	Environmental Health 1	1		16		16		16
471	Health Education & Communication	2		17.25		34.5		34.5
Total.		17	2	139.25	23.50	237.50	23.50	261

Sem. Average: 13.73

FIRST SEMESTER; 1999-2000

1-176	Research Methods in Health Sc.	2		12.50		25		25
443	Epidemiology of Non-Contagious Diseases 2	2		15.25		30.50		30.50
1-460	Children Epidemic Diseases & Methods of Prophylaxis	2		13		26		26
1-461	Principles of Health Planning	2		18		36		36
462	Professional Health	2		16		32		32
462	Environmental Health 2	2		15		30		30
466	Mental Health & Addictions	2		16.25		32.5		32.5
1-472	Inherited Diseases & Genetics Consultation	1		17.75		17.75		17.75
1-473	Food stuff Health	2		16.75		33.50		33.50
753	Specialized Language	2		11		22		22
Total		19		151.50		285.25		285.25

Sem. Average: 15.01



شماره ۲۴۲۶۱



شماره دفتر مترجم

جمهوری اسلامی ایران
توضیحات - اداره مترجمین رسمی

مجید نکودست مترجم رسمی زبان انگلیسی
خیابان انقلاب بین فرست و راسخ پلاک ۵۹۵ - مولهجره
پستی پرتو آتلان ۸۸۲۲۱۵۸ - ۹۸۴۵۲۲۵

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SECOND SEMESTER; 1999-2000

106	Islamic Culture 2	2		14.50	29	29
108	History of Islam	2		13.20	26.40	26.40
1-133	Rehabilitation	1		17	17	17
1-171	Bio-Statistics (Theo,pract)	1	1	10	10	20
1-449	Iranian Geography Pathology	1		19	19	19
1-450	National Program of fighting with Epidemic Diseases	2		13	26	26
1-465	Environmental Health 3 (Rays)	1		15	15	15
1-467	Applied Nutrition	2		14.5	29	29
1-468	Mothers & Children Health	2		13.5	27	27
1-469	Population & Family Planning	2		12	24	24
1-470	Principles of Management in Health Services	2		12.5	25	25
1-474	Health Measures in Emergency Cases	1		14	14	14
Total.		19	1	168.20	10	261.40

Sem.Average: 13.57

FIRST SEMESTER; 2000-2001

855	Training in Field	12		13.5	162	162
Total		12		13.5	162	162
Grand Total.		55	15	458.95	47	784.15

Sem.Average; 13.5

Gen.Average: 13.99

Total Credits Passed: 68

Total Credits Taken: 70

Signed and sealed :

Field Person In Charge

Director of Education Dept.

Educational Deputy

Director of Educational and Graduate Affairs

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شماره ۲۴۲۶۱



شماره دفتر مترجم

جمهوری اسلامی ایران
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SECOND SEMESTER; 1999-2000

106	Islamic Culture 2	2		14.50		29		29
108	History of Islam	2		13.20		26.40		26.40
1-133	Rehabilitation	1		17		17		17
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1-470	Principles of Management in Health Services	2		12.5		25		25
1-474	Health Measures in Emergency Cases	1		14		14		14
Total		19	1	168.20	10	261.40	10	271.40

Sem.Average: 13.57

FIRST SEMESTER; 2000-2001

855	Training in Field			12		13.5		162	162
Total				12		13.5		162	162
Grand Total		55	15	458.95	47	784.15	195.50	979.65	

Sem.Average: 13.5

Gen.Average: 13.99

Total Credits Passed: 68

Total Credits Taken: 70

Signed and sealed:

Field Person In Charge

Director of Education Dept.

Educational Deputy

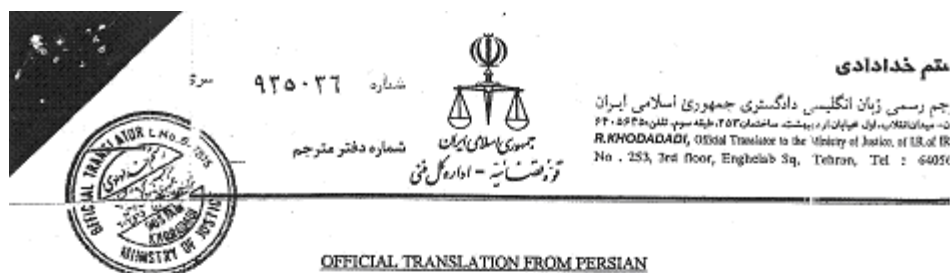
Director of Educational and Graduate Affairs

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[Professional doctorate]



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**IRAN UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES & HEALTH- THERAPEUTIC
SERVICES
FACULTY : MEDICINE**

No. 2551
Date : Aug. 20 , 2000

DIPLOMA OF COMPLETION OF STUDIES

By virtue of the Law for Establishment of Ministry of Health , Therapeutics & Medical Education:
passed by the Islamic Consultative Assembly on Oct. 1 , 1985
Whereas:

[Name] , son of [name] holder of ID Card No. 10 issued in
Ardakan born in 1970 , successfully completed his studies of Doctoral Course in the field of Medicine
on Oct 9, 1997 , this Diploma of Doctoral Degree with all the privileges appertaining thereunto is
conferred upon him.

My God grace him with success in putting his learning into practice , following the path of piety , seeking
God's gratification and serving the people.

[name]
Dean, Faculty of Medicine : signed and sealed

[name]
President of Iran University of Medical Sciences & Health- Therapeutic Services : signed and sealed

This diploma was entered in Diplomas Register under No. 2551 on Aug 20 , 2000. :Signed .

Translation of this document and its confirmation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is permissible .
Department -General of Graduates Affairs, Ministry of Health , Therapeutics & Medical Education ,
Islamic Republic of Iran : Signed and sealed.

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برسالت
ریح الله تعالی بنصرته وهداياته
جمهوری اسلامی ایران



شماره ۲۵۵۱
تاریخ ۲۹/۵/۲۰

دانشگاه علوم پزشکی و خدمات بهداشتی درمانی
دانشکده پزشکی
دانشنامه پایان تحصیلات

بوجب قانون مجازات بدست دایره آموزش پزشکی مصوب مهرماه ۱۳۶۴ مجری شدی

[Name]

فرزیده درانی شایسته شماره ۱۰ صادره از اردوگان متولد سال ۱۳۴۹ تاریخ ۱۷/۷/۲۹ تحصیلات خوددورده دکتری رشته پزشکی

را به نوعیت پایان نامه گذاردن این رشته نامزد بهر دو اظهار شد و با این اوقات آن بهر دست کرد. بوقت نامبرد را در دایره علم پزشکی بدست بوقت بکس ضای

[name]

رئیس دانشگاه

[name]

خانقزاقی خدمت بکس آرد نمیدست
رئیس دانشگاه

[Masters degree]

TRANSLATION FROM PERSIAN

[Arabic verse]

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[Sealed photograph]

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Islamic Azad University ("Daneshgah Azad Eslami")

Certificate for the Completion of Studies: "Karshenassi Arshad" degree
[Translator's Note: Equivalent to an M.A. degree]

Pursuant to the Constitution of the University approved by the High Council for the Cultural Revolution on 03 November 1987 and the Article approved by the Iranian Islamic Parliament on 04 May 1988:

[Name] son of [Name] holder of Birth Certificate No.10210 issued in Tehran, born in 1974/75, completed a "Karshenassi Arshad" study course in the field of Teaching English – passing 32 units and obtaining an overall average mark of 15.26 – on 12 February 1999 in Islamic Azad University, Garmsar Unit. He is therefore being awarded this certificate.

[name] Chancellor of the University Unit
[Signed]

[Sealed]

[name] Chancellor of Islamic Azad University
[Signed]

[Reverse-side of certificate]:

[Sealed]: "Registered under the number 359787 in the Register of Diplomas, Department of Graduate Affairs of the University in May/June 2001" [Translator's Note: Day not clearly legible]

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[name] Director-General of the Student Affairs Department
[Signed]

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15 February 2006



پیشگاه امامین امت و مسجد حضرت زین العابدین علیه السلام

دانشگاه آزاد اسلامی



دانشنامه پیاپی آنجین سلات دوره کارشناسی ارشد

به استناد اسامی شماره دانشگاه مصحوب ۶۶۸۸۱۳ شورای عالی انقلاب فرهنگی و ماده واحد مصحوب ۶۷۶۶۱۴ مجلس شورای اسلامی

نظر به اینکه آقای [Name] - فرزند [Name] دارای شناسنامه شماره ۱۰۹۱۰ - صادره - تهران - نمونه ۱۳۵۳

دوره تحصیلات کارشناسی ارشد دارد و در رشته [Name] با کد ۲۲ واحد به پایان کمال ۱۵۶۲۴ - تاریخ ۶۷۶۶۱۴

در دانشگاه آزاد اسلامی واحد [Name] - پایان رسانیده است، این دانشنامه به ایشان اعطای می شود.

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Semester	Details of subject				Assessment of subject		
	Name of subject	Type of subject	Number of units		Marks		Credits
			Theoretical	Practical	In numbers	In words	
First: 95/96	Leave	-	-	-	-	-	-
Second: 95/96	Linguistics	Specialist	2	-	5	Five	10
"	Teaching Methodology	Specialist	2	-	13	Thirteen	26
"	Translation of Islamic Texts I	Specialist	2	-	16.5	Sixteen point Five	33
"	Advanced Writing	Optional	2	-	18.5	Eighteen point Five	37
"	Introduction to Computing	Foundation	2	-	12	Twelve	24
First: 96/97	Phonology	Specialist	2	-	15	Fifteen	30
"	Comparative linguistics and analysis	Specialist	2	-	15.25	Fifteen point Two Five	30.5
"	Sociolinguistics	Optional	2	-	15.5	Fifteen point Five	31
Second: 96/97	Linguistics	Specialist	2	-	12	Twelve	24
"	Practical teaching (applied)	Specialist	1	1	17.25	Seventeen point Two Five	34.5
"	Testing English	Specialist	2	-	16	Sixteen	32
"	Seminar (issues in the teaching of English)	Specialist	2	-	19	Nineteen	38



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Second: 96/97	Discourse analysis	Specialist	2	-	14	Fourteen	28
"	Syllabus design	Optional	2	-	14.5	Fourteen point Five	29
First: 97/98	Research methodology for language teaching	Specialist	2	-	13	Thirteen	26
"	Principles and methods of teaching language skills	Specialist	2	-	15.5	Fifteen point Five	31
"	Dissertation	Dissertation	-	4	19.75	Nineteen point Seven Five	79
"	Recitation of the Koran	General	-	-	-	Pass	-

Total number of passed units:	32	Thirty Two
Total number of selected units:	36	Thirty Six
Overall average:	15.26	Fifteen point Two Six

The breakdown of marks and the number of units written on this page have been extracted from the academic records of the years 1995-1997.



Appendix

Useful terms

دانشگاه	University
دانشکده	Faculty/College
کاردنی	Associate Degree
کارشناسی	Bachelor Degree
کارشناسی ارشد	Masters Degree
دکتر	Doctorate
وزارت علوم تحقیقات و فناوری	Ministry of Science, Research and Technology

Dates

Iran uses its own calendar which is separate from the Islamic *Hijra* calendar and the western calendar. Dates used on Iranian educational documents are always from this calendar.

The following table shows the differences between the dates in the Iranian, Islamic and western calendars:

Iranian	Islamic	Western
1384/1385	1426/1427	2006
1383/1384	1425/1426	2005
1382/1383	1424/1425	2004
1381/1382	1423/1424	2003
1380/1381	1422/1423	2002
1379/1380	1421/1422	2001
1378/1379	1420/1421	2000
1377/1378	1419/1420	1999
1376/1377	1418/1419	1998
1375/1376	1417/1418	1997
1374/1375	1416/1417	1996

Twelver Shi'a Islam

The Muslim community is divided into two main groups. The Sunni make up around 90% of the world's Muslim population and the Shi'a make up around 10%. The split between Sunni and Shi'a came very early in Islamic history and although doctrinal differences have developed between the two over time, the original dispute was largely political.

During his lifetime, Muhammad had led the fledgling Muslim community, but with his death in 632AD the Muslims were obliged to appoint a successor from amongst themselves. The Sunni (or followers of the Sunna – 'tradition', 'path' – of Muhammad) believed that a close follower of the Prophet would be the most suitable choice, while the Shi'a (or 'partisans') believed that only the Prophet's family could succeed him, beginning with his son in law Ali Ibn Abu Talib.

The pragmatic approach of the Sunni was dominant in the early years of the Muslim Empire, but when the 3rd Caliph Uthman was murdered in 656CE, the Shi'a pushed Ali forward as his natural successor. Ali's actions as Caliph earned him the displeasure of various sections of the community, culminating in an armed uprising led by one of his predecessor's kinsmen. This uprising culminated in defeat for Ali and served to cement the control of the Sunni faction.

The Shi'a regard Muhammad's descendents as the only rightful leaders of the Muslim community. These descendents are known as Imams, and they are believed to be close enough to Muhammad to gain inspiration from him for their leadership and teaching. According to the Shi'a sect that has been dominant in Iran since the 16th century, there have been twelve Imams in the line of succession from Muhammad. The twelfth Imam went missing when he was a child and has never been found. It is believed that God removed him from public life and the Imam entered a state of 'occultation'. The Imam will return on Judgement Day and establish the perfect Islamic society.

The 1979 revolution

In February 1979, a popular revolution overthrew the secular, authoritarian regime of Mohammed Reza Shah Pahlavi and brought Iran's 2500 year old monarchy to an end. The removal of the Shah, whose rule had become increasingly oppressive throughout the 1960s and 1970s, was supported by a wide variety of political factions and interest groups within Iran. These included Iranian communists, Marxists, Fedayeen guerrillas, liberals, constitutionalists and Islamists. The strongest faction to emerge was the Islamists under the leadership of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Khomeini, a noted religious scholar in the Twelver Shia tradition, argued that the only right and just form of government in a Shia state was to be ruled by Muhammad's direct descendants, the Imams. In the continued absence of an Imam (the 12th and last having disappeared in the 10th century CE), Khomeini believed that learned religious scholars (who could use their knowledge of Islam and their intuitive sense of the Imam's purpose) should rule in his stead. This mode of government was known as 'the Mandate of the Jurists' (*Vilayet-e Faqih*) and it was introduced in Iran shortly after the 1979 revolution.

The establishment of Iran's unique Islamic theo-democracy required a major programme of political and social restructuring. Reforming the education system to reflect and promote the Islamic values of the revolution was one of the key priorities and in 1980 the Cultural Revolution Headquarters (later the Supreme Council of the Cultural Revolution) was formed. This body was charged with overseeing the establishment of educational institutions, appointing lecturers, determining curriculum content and providing appropriate teaching materials and textbooks. Universities were closed between 1980 and 1983 in order to implement these reforms.