



**12. Permanent Address** (if different from mailing address above):

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**13. Colleges and/or Universities Attended:** (Please provide ALL of the information requested from all past undergraduate and graduate-level institutions attended)

1.) Institution's Name: (most recent first)

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Institution's Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Institution's web-site: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates attended: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Conferred: \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach copy of certificate and original transcript<sup>1</sup>)

Scholarships and/or Honors Received: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2.) Institution's Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Institution's Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Institution's Web-site: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attended: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Received: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Original transcript should be sealed or sent directly from the academic institution. Transcripts should also be sent from institutions from which you took a course which was transferred into another institution's degree.

Date Conferred: \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach copy of certificate and original transcript)

Scholarships and/or Honors Received: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3.) Institution's Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Institution's Address:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Institution's Web-site: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attended: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Conferred: \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach copy of certificate and original transcript<sup>2</sup>)

Scholarships and/or Honors Received: \_\_\_\_\_

14. **Transcripts:** OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT(S) of all of the applicant's undergraduate and graduate record(s) must be submitted directly to GSISS. Please request this documentation from **each** college or university previously attended. Foreign transcripts must be accompanied by CERTIFIED ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS. In some cases, the School will submit your transcript(s) for evaluation by a third party agency. If you have a Report of Evaluation of Educational Credentials, please include a copy of it in your application packet.
15. **English Language Proficiency:** Non-native speakers are required to submit a TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score unless they can document previous studies at a school where English was the language of instruction. (TOEFL code 5636)
16. **Essay:** Each **degree applicant** must submit an original *Admissions Essay* of 10-15 pages (*in English, typewritten, and double-spaced*) that addresses the following items:
- 1.) Please provide us with a summary of your personal and family background. Include information about where you grew up, your parent's occupations, your siblings, and perhaps a highlight or special memory from your youth.

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- 2.) Discuss your career progression, the factors that influenced your career decisions and plans for the future.
- 3.) How does the Cordoba University vision and mission fit your personal and career goals? How would a degree from Cordoba University support these goals?
- 4.) How will you utilize the education you receive in the process of acquiring your degree?
- 5.) The GSISS seeks a diverse and unique student body. How will your distinctive qualities enrich our learning environment and enhance your prospects for success in the future?
- 6.) Describe an individual that you look up to as a role model in your professional, personal or academic life.
- 7.) What do you consider as your most valued accomplishment? Why?
- 8.) In thirty or forty years, when you reflect back on your life, what criteria will you use when judging if you have been successful?
- 9.) Some think a Clash of Civilizations is absolutely inevitable and it is human folly to try to stop it, while others point out that more humans have been killed in the name of God than any other cause and want to reach out to create conditions that would prevent religious wars. What do you think? Please comment based upon your background and personal beliefs.
- 10.) If you are applying for financial aid, why do you believe that the School should support your application?

**PLEASE NOTE:** Only students applying for admissions into a degree program are required to submit the essay.

17. **Application Fee:** Please attach a non-refundable, \$30 (US) application fee made payable to The Graduate School of Islamic and Social Sciences to this *Application for Degree Admission*.
18. **Signature:** I certify that the information I have provided on this application is complete and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Application

*Mail completed application, supporting documents and the \$30 application fee to:*

**The Graduate School of Islamic and Social Sciences  
CORDOBA UNIVERSITY  
45150 Russell Branch Parkway, Suite 303, Ashburn, VA 20147  
Attention: Office of Admissions**

FOR OFFICE USE:

Date application is received \_\_\_\_\_