

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)

Institution's Address:

Institution's web-site: _____

Dates attended: from _____ to _____.

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Name of Degree Received: _____

Date Conferred: _____ (If possible, attach copy of certificate)

Scholarships and/or Honors Received: _____

2.) Institution's Name: (if applicable)

Institution's Address:

Institution's Web-site: _____

Dates Attended: from _____ to _____.

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Name of Degree Received: _____

Date Conferred: _____ (If possible, attach copy of certificate)

Scholarships and/or Honors Received: _____

3.) Institution's Name: (if applicable)

Institution's Address:

Institution's Web-site: _____

Dates Attended: from _____ to _____.

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Name of Degree Received: _____

Date Conferred: _____ (If possible, attach copy of certificate)

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 LANGUAGE TRANSLATIONS and a Report of Evaluation of Educational Credentials.

15. **Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Score:** (Optional - may be submitted for consideration if taken within the last 7 years)

GRE Score: _____ Date of Exam: _____ (Attach official GRE document.)

16. **Language Proficiency:**

- If required, attach the official TOEFL score (Test of English as a Foreign Language) TOEFL code is 5636.
- Please provide evidence of Arabic proficiency, including grades or test scores, tests or courses taken, with date and place of attendance:

17. **Recommendations:** Each applicant is responsible for providing the school with at least two recommendation letters. Please use Applicant Reference Form. These letters must be written by persons in position to appraise your potential as a graduate student and must include full contact information for the recommender.

18. **Essay:** Each 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.
- 2.) Discuss your career progression to date and the factors that influenced your career decisions.
- 3.) How do you envision your career developing after receiving your degree?
- 4.) Why do you think there is a good fit between your goals and the GSISS vision and mission?
- 5.) Why do you want a degree from Cordoba University?
- 6.) How will you utilize the education you receive in the process of acquiring your degree?
- 7.) 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?
- 8.) Describe an individual that you look up to as a role model in your professional, personal or academic life.
- 9.) What do you consider as your most valued accomplishment? Why?
- 10.) In thirty or forty years, when you reflect back on your life, what criteria will you use when judging if you have been successful?
- 11.) Describe an ethical dilemma you have experienced firsthand. How did you resolve the situation?
- 12.) Describe a set back that you have experienced. What did you learn from the experience?
- 13.) Discuss a recent situation that you have experienced where you have taken an active leadership role.
- 14.) 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.
- 15.) If you are applying for financial aid, why do you believe that the School should support your application?

19. **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*.

20. **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 _____