

Combining marriage with studying

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: Is it permissible to marry a girl studying at the university and intends to give up studying but her father refuses that and imposes on the fiancé [to accept his condition] in the marriage contract, knowing that she is about to complete her studies? May Allaah reward you.

Answer: All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers until the Day of Resurrection.

It is permissible to establish the marriage contract with a woman or even have sexual intercourse with her [after concluding the contract] while observing the guardian's stipulation till she finishes her studying, provided that she acts and wears according to the Islaamic standards when she goes out, and her studies has to be void of religious prohibitions¹. Given these points, there is no contradiction between marriage and studying because of the possibility of combining the two things in order to achieve marriage interests according to the hadeeth of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: "**O young people! Whoever among you can afford marriage, should marry, because it helps him to lower his gaze and guard his chastity (i.e. his private parts from committing unlawful sexual intercourse etc.)**"².

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ; and our last prayer is all the praises and thanks are to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds, and prayers of Allaah are to Muhammad and his Family, Companions and Brothers until the Day of Resurrection.

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¹ This if her studies are void of the sinful coeducation (mixing with men). But if the condition [made by the guardian] is established on mixed studies; then, see the fatwa n° 976 that is entitled: "Non-effect of false condition on implementation of contract": <http://www.learnaboutislam.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Non-effect-of-false-condition-on-implementation-of-contract.pdf>

² Reported by Al-Bukhaaree (5066) and by Muslim (1400), from the hadeeth of 'Abdullaah Ibn Mas'ood رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ.