

Print Catalogs of Islamic Manuscripts
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As it is known, there are number of collections of oriental manuscripts in several museums, libraries and research institutes in Uzbekistan. The al-Beruni Institute for Oriental Studies at the Uzbek Academy of Sciences, established in 1943, is one of the largest and richest repositories of Islamic manuscripts in the world. It has a large collection of manuscripts in Arabic, Persian and Turkish languages, which were produced during the over thousand years. Most ancient manuscripts deposited at the Institute belong to the 4th Century of Hijri.

The manuscripts deposited at the Institute cover a wide range of subjects: history, philosophy, philology, law, astronomy, medicine, geography, mathematics, religious, etc. These are all of great significance for the study of not only Central Asian peoples' heritage but also other countries of Islamic world.

The manuscripts of the al-Beruni Institute number about 26,000 volumes (approximately 45,000 works) in three different collections:

- The Main collection (13,000 volumes), which was created from the holdings of Navai Public Library in 1943;
- The Doublet Collection (5,000 volumes), which was formed to hold works in numerous copies.
- The Sulaimanov collection (7,300 volumes). In 1999, the Sulaimanov Institute of Manuscripts was dissolved, and its holdings were transferred to the al-Beruni Institute.

All these collections have separate card catalogs. It should be noted, however, that the information offered by the catalog cards of main collection is more accurate than that offered by the others. The cards are arranged alphabetically by authors, titles, subjects and shelf numbers. They contain brief codicological information about manuscripts.

The manuscripts have been partially described in diverse published catalogs, and my aim here is to provide a listing of these print catalogs. This consolidated list will be of great interest to researchers.

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4. Kazyberdov, A.L. (1975). *Sochineniia Abu Nasra al-Farabi v rukopisikh Instituta Vostokovedeniia AN UzSSR*. Tashkent: Fan.
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12. Qosimkhonov, B. (1988). *Alisher Navoi asarlarining toshbosma nashrlari tavsifi*. Toshkent: H.S. Sulaimanov nomidago Qul'ezmalar instituti.

13. Bobokhanov, Sh. & Mansurov, A. (1993). *Naqshbandiia tariqatiga oid qūlēzmalar fihristi*. Toshkent:
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15. Sīmīyūnūf, A. (1375/1996). *Majmū‘ah-i nusakhā-yi khattī Fārsī-i Farhangistān-i ‘Ulūm-i Jumhūrī-i Uzbekistān*. Tihrān: Sāzmān-i Madārik-i Farhangī-i Inqilāb-i Islāmī, Gurūh-i Intishārāt. (6 volumes)
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17. Masharipova, G. (1997). *Khorazmda bitilgan qūlēzmalar*. Toshkent.
18. IUsupova, D. & Dzhaililova, R. (1998). *Sobranie vostochnykh rukopisei Akademii Nauk Respubliki Uzbekistan*. Istoriia. Tashkent: Fan.
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