

## Introductory

### **THE101 - Introduction to 'Aqidah**

Students are introduced to the basic doctrines of Sunni Islam along with their proofs, and the principles of Sunni Muslims that distinguish them from others. Upon completion, students will have both certainty regarding the truth of Islam in the face of intellectual challenges from other religions and philosophies, and clarity concerning orthodoxy when compared to deviant sects within Islam.

### **LAW101 - Fiqh al-'Ibadat I**

Students are introduced to the discipline of fiqh and its history, and learn the rulings of purification and salat relied upon for issuing fatwas along with their primary evidences. Students will gain a firm grounding in how to worship correctly, and be able to confidently answer all of the basic questions related to the topics covered.

### **LAW102 - Fiqh al-'Ibadat II**

A continuation of *Fiqh al-'Ibadat*, covering the subjects of zakat, fasting, and Hajj.

### **LAW103 - Fiqh al-Mu'amalat**

This course covers the second quarter of fiqh, transactions (*mu'amalat*), including buying and selling, mortgages, endowments, and others. Students learn the rulings of the aforementioned subjects relied upon for issuing fatwas along with their primary evidences. Students will gain a firm grounding in how to engage in transactions correctly, and be able to confidently answer all of the basic questions related to the topics covered.

### **LAW104 - Fiqh al-Munakahat**

This course covers the third quarter of fiqh, family law (*munakahat*), including the marriage contract, divorce, child custody, and other related subjects. Students learn the rulings of the aforementioned subjects relied upon for issuing fatwas along with their primary evidences. Students will gain a firm grounding in how to engage these matters correctly, and be able to confidently answer all of the basic questions related to the topics covered.

### **LAW105 - Fiqh al-Jinayat**

This course covers the fourth quarter of fiqh, criminal law (*jinayat*). Students learn the rulings of the aforementioned subject relied upon for issuing fatwas, and gain a firm grounding in the proper understanding of Islamic governance and how it is established, how criminal law is applied, the conditions of the caliph, the qualifications of judges and the protocols of arbitration along with their primary evidences, and be able to confidently answer all of the basic questions related to the topics covered.

## **LTH101 Introduction to Usul al-Fiqh**

Students learn the basics of how to interpret the Qur'an and the Sunnah, adduce scholarly consensus, and employ analogy. Upon completion, students will have gained a basic understanding of how an independent jurist methodologically extracts rulings from the primary evidences, an appreciation for the sophistication of how a madhhab functions, and be poised to understand the nature of various evidences from the Qur'an, Sunnah, scholarly consensus, or analogy when studying fiqh at a more advanced level.

## **SHA101 Introduction to 'Ulum al-Hadith**

Students are introduced to hadith terminology, including a basic overview of the historical development of hadith transmission, the methodologies of hadith scholars in their works, and the relationship between hadith sciences and the principles of jurisprudence. Students will gain an appreciation for the preservation of the Sunnah—one of history's greatest intellectual achievements, learn responses to the objections of those who cast aspersions on the corpus of hadith, and properly understand the practical implications of judging a hadith.

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## **Intermediate**

### **THE201 - Intermediate 'Aqidah I**

Students are introduced to the history of Islamic theology and the origins of sectarianism, and learn both rational and revelatory arguments for the doctrines of Sunni Islam along with responses to their objections. Upon completion, students will not only have certainty regarding the truth of Islam in the face of intellectual challenges, but also be equipped to respond to those challenges in greater depth. This course covers Allah's essence and attributes (THE101 and LOG101 required).

### **THE202 - Intermediate 'Aqidah II**

A continuation of Intermediate 'Aqidah I. This course covers the actions of Allah, prophethood, and eschatology (THE201 required).

### **LTH201 Intermediate Usul al-Fiqh I**

Students learn how to interpret the Qur'an and the Sunnah, adduce scholarly consensus, and employ analogy in greater depth, along with the evidences in support of the methodology in question, and a discussion of the evidences disagreed on by the jurists. Upon completion, students will have gained an understanding of how a mujtahid methodologically extracts rulings from the primary evidences, an appreciation for the sophistication of how a madhhab functions, and be poised to understand how the differences between the imams in their rulings ultimately goes back to the differences in their methodologies of extraction. Part one of the course covers introductory issues and the Book. (LTH101 and Arabic reading required).

## **LTH202 - Intermediate Usul al-Fiqh II**

A continuation of Intermediate Usul al-Fiqh. Part two of the course covers the Sunnah, scholarly consensus, analogy, disagreed upon evidences, reconciliation and preference, independent interpretation, and issuing fatwas (LTH201 required).

## **SHA201 - Intermediate 'Ulum al-Hadith**

Students examine the hadith sciences in greater depth, including case studies of selected hadiths from the six canonical collections (SHA101 and Arabic reading required).

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## **Advanced**

### **THE301 - Advanced 'Aqidah I**

Students learn the first principles of demonstrating the truth of Islam. (THE202 and Arabic reading required).

### **THE302 - Advanced 'Aqidah II**

Students learn rational and revelatory proofs for Islam in depth, along with detailed responses to their objections. Upon completion, students will be able to establish the proofs of Islam and deconstruct intellectual challenges with depth and precision. This course covers epistemology and Allah's essence, attributes, and actions (THE301 required).

### **THE303 - Advanced 'Aqidah III**

A continuation of Advanced Theology II. This course covers faith, prophethood, and eschatology (THE302 required).

### **LAW201 Advanced Fiqh al-'Ibadat I**

Students learn the variant opinions within a madhhab, along with their respective evidences and rationales. Students will acquire the skill to methodically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the opinions studied. Part one covers introductory issues and purification (LAW101 required).

### **LAW202 - Advanced Fiqh al-Ibadat II**

A continuation of Advanced *Fiqh al-'Ibadat*, covering the subject of salat. (LAW201 required).

### **LAW203 - Advanced Fiqh al-'Ibadat III**

A continuation of Advanced *Fiqh al-'Ibadat*, covering the subjects of zakat, fasting, and Hajj (LAW202 required).

### **LAW204 - Advanced Fiqh al-Mu'amalat I**

This course covers the second quarter of fiqh, *mu'amalat*, including buying and selling, mortgages, endowments, and others. Students will acquire the skill to methodically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the opinions studied (LAW203 required).

### **LAW205 - Advanced Fiqh al-Mu'amalat II**

A continuation of Advanced Fiqh al-Mu'amalat (LAW204 required).

### **LAW206 - Advanced Fiqh al-Munakahat I**

This course covers the third quarter of fiqh, *munakahat*, including the marriage contract, divorce, child custody, and other related subjects. Students will acquire the skill to methodically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the opinions studied (LAW205 required).

### **LAW207 - Advanced Fiqh al-Munakahat II**

A continuation of Advanced Fiqh al-Munakahat (LAW206 required).

### **LAW208 - Advanced Fiqh al-Jinayat**

This course covers the fourth quarter of law, criminal law. Students will acquire the skill to methodically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the opinions studied (LAW207 required).

### **LAW209 - Advanced Fiqh al-Jinayat II**

A continuation of Advanced Fiqh al-Jinayat (LAW208 required).

### **LAW308 - Contemporary Issues Workshop**

Students investigate and discuss a series of contemporary legal and philosophical issues (THE303 and LTH304 required).

### **LTH301 - Advanced Usul al-Fiqh I**

Students learn how to interpret the Qur'an and the Sunnah, adduce scholarly consensus, and employ analogy in greater depth, along with the evidences in support of the methodology in question, a discussion of the evidences disagreed on by the jurists, and responses to various objections. Part one covers introductory matters. (LTH202 required).

### **LTH302 - Advanced Usul al-Fiqh II**

A continuation of Advanced Usul al-Fiqh. Part two of the course covers the Qur'an (LTH301 required).

### **LTH303 - Advanced Usul al-Fiqh III**

A continuation of Advanced Usul al-Fiqh. Part three of the course covers the Sunnah, consensus, and analogy (LTH302 required).

### **LTH304 - Advanced Usul al-Fiqh IV**

A continuation of Advanced Usul al-Fiqh. Part four of the course covers how to adduce evidence, reconciliation and preference, and independent interpretation (LTH303 required).

### **LPR101 - Qawa'id Fiqhiyyah**

Students learn the legal precepts (*qawa'id fiqhiyyah*) necessary for a proper conception and application of jurisprudence, enabling them to engage the discipline as a dynamic and living tradition (LTH302 required).

### **LPR201 - Protocols of Issuing Fatwas**

How to deal with differences of opinion within a madhhab and between madhahib, adherence to a madhhab and its relationship to issuing fatwas and arbitration, the scope of juristic authority and its relationship to government, and other issues are explored in detail (LPR101 required).

### **HAD101 - Ahadith al-Ahkam I**

Students examine the hadiths adduced for legal rulings, with an emphasis on applying general principles for extracting rulings from particular evidences, while identifying the various perspectives each evidence lends itself to. Students learn how hadiths are adduced to support the personal opinions of an independent jurist, and gain an appreciation for the richness of the Islamic legal tradition in its diverse approaches to implementing the Sunnah (HAD101 and Arabic reading required).

### **HAD102 - Ahadith al-Ahkam II**

Students continue to examine the hadiths adduced for legal rulings (HAD201 required).

### **SHA301 - Advanced 'Ulum al-Hadith I**

Students examine the hadith sciences in greater depth, including case studies of selected hadiths from the six canonical collections and other major works of hadith (SHA201 required).

### **SHA302 - Advanced 'Ulum al-Hadith II**

A continuation of Advanced Sciences of Hadith (SHA301 required).

### **SHA401 - Takhrij al-Hadith**

Students focus on the practical application of gathering chains, complimenting and criticizing narrators, and how the aforementioned processes result in judging the probative quality of a hadith (SHA302 required).

### **EXE101 - Tafsir I**

Students examine selected short chapters and various passages of the Qur'an, with a concentration on the doctrinal, legal, and moral benefits of each portion covered. Subjects covered include how the Qur'an was compiled, the history of exegesis, the miraculous nature of the Qur'an, and others (GRM201 and MPH201 required).

### **EXE102 - Tafsir II**

Students continue examining the Qur'an, with a concentration on the doctrinal, legal, and moral benefits of each portion covered (EXE101 required).

### **EXE103 - Tafsir III**

Students continue examining the Qur'an, with a concentration on the doctrinal, legal, and moral benefits of each portion covered (EXE102 required).

### **GRM101 - Nahw I**

Key terms and concepts of Arabic grammar (*nahw*) are examined, with exercises (Arabic reading required).

### **GRM201 - Nahw II**

*Nahw* is examined in greater depth (GRM101 required).

### **GRM301 - Nahw III**

*Nahw* continues to be examined in greater depth, with exercises from the Qur'an, the Sunnah, and pre-Islamic/early Islamic poetry (GRM201 required).

### **MPH101 - Sarf**

Key terms and concepts of Arabic morphology (*sarf*) are examined (Arabic reading required).

### **RHE101 - Balaghah**

Key terms and concepts of Arabic rhetoric (*balaghah*) are examined (MPH101 required).

### **LOG101 - Mantiq I**

Students learn critical thinking skills and various aspects of epistemology, as well as how to construct proper definitions, sound propositions, and valid syllogisms.

### **LOG201 - Mantiq II**

The construction of proper definitions, sound propositions, and valid syllogisms are examined in greater depth with problems and exercises (LOG101 and Arabic reading required).