

Advanced Islamic Studies

“If Allah wants good for a person, He makes them understand Islam.” - The Prophet (S)

Introduction

Advanced Islamic Studies is a 2-year long study of the most important branches of Islamic sciences, including Arabic grammar, Fiqh, Tafsir, Hadith, Seerah and Balagha. The course is taught entirely in Arabic. It is offered in 4 parts, each approximately 4-6 months in length. The sessions take place **twice a week** for 1.5 hours per session.

Overall Objectives

1. **Reading:**
 - a. Use knowledge of words and syntax to read fluently
 - b. Recognize unique features and stylistic elements, then demonstrate understanding of how they communicate meaning
2. **Writing:** Gather and organize ideas, then express them either in handwriting or by typing
3. **Listening:**
 - a. Listen in order to understand, then extend understanding by connecting ideas to own knowledge, experience or insights
 - b. Identify strengths and reflect on strengths and weaknesses as a listener

	Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	Part 4	
Day 1	Arabic Grammar		Fiqh of the Pillars of Islam		Subject
	<i>Mulhatul Irab</i> ملحة الإعراب		<i>Matn Abi Shuja</i> متن أبي شجاع		Textbook
Day 2	Tafsir	Hadith	Balagha	Seerah	Subject
	<i>Tafsir ibn Kathir (Surah Yusuf)</i> تفسير سورة يوسف من تفسير ابن كثير	<i>40 Hadith of Imam Nawawi</i> إعراب الأربعين حديثاً النبوية	<i>Duroosul Balagha</i> دروس البلاغة	<i>AlKhulasa</i> الخلاصة البهية في ترتيب أحداث السيرة النبوية	Textbook

Note: the subjects can overlap between parts. For example, if Tafsir was not finished in Part 1, it will be completed in Part 2.

Arabic Grammar

- Textbook: Mulhatul Irab ملحة الإعراب
- Duration: 2 parts (approximately 10 months)
- Mulha is an Arabic poem that broadly covers topics in Arabic grammar, such as:
 - باب معرفة الحرف ,باب معرفة الفعل ,باب معرفة الاسم
 - فصل في الاسماء المقصور ,فصل في الاسماء المنقوصة ,فصل في الاسماء الستة المعتلة المضافة
 - باب الفاعل ,باب الاشتغال ,باب المبتدأ والخبر
 - باب كم الإستفهامية ,اساليب المدح والذم ,باب التمييز ,باب الحال ,باب كم الإستفهامية ,أساليب المدح والذم ,باب التمييز ,باب الحال
- Specific objectives:
 - Analyze texts and explain how specific grammar elements contribute to meaning
 - Recognize unique features and stylistic elements used in Arabic grammar books
 - Improve process of vocabulary acquisition

Fiqh of the Pillars of Islam

- Textbook: Matn Abi Shuja متن أبي شجاع
- Duration: 2 parts (approximately 10 months)
- Abi Shuja is a condensed Arabic text listing the positions Shafi' school of thought. The chapters covered correspond to the pillars of Islam:
 - كتاب الطهارة
 - كتاب الصلاة
 - كتاب الزكاة
 - كتاب الصيام
 - كتاب الحج
- Specific objectives:
 - Understand the positions of the Shafi' school regarding the pillars of Islam and the evidences for them
 - Recognize unique features and stylistic elements used in Arabic Fiqh books
 - Gain appreciation for differences of opinion in the study of Fiqh

Tafsir

- Textbook: Tafsir ibn Kathir (Surah Yusuf) تفسير سورة يوسف من تفسير ابن كثير
- Duration: 1 parts (approximately 5 months)
- Tafsir ibn Kathir is one of the main sources of exegesis of the Qur'an. The explanation of Surah Yusuf will be read in the class.
- Specific objectives:

- Understand the words and syntax of Surah Yusuf
- Recognize unique features and stylistic elements used in Arabic Tafsir books
- Extend understanding by connecting ideas to own knowledge, experience or insights

Hadith

- Textbook: Irabul Arba'een Hadithan AnNawawiyya إعراب الأربعين حديثاً النووي
- Duration: 1 parts (approximately 5 months)
- The 40 Hadith of Imam AnNawawi is one of the most extensively studied compilations of hadith. The Ir'ab of the 40 Hadith will be studied using the textbook while the explanation will be provided by the teacher.
- Specific objectives:
 - Understand the words and syntax of the 40 Hadiths
 - Recognize unique features and stylistic elements used in Arabic Hadith books
 - Improve process of vocabulary acquisition

Balagha

- Textbook: Duroosul Balagha دروس البلاغة
- Duration: 1 parts (approximately 5 months)
- Balagha is the study of the art of communication and rhetoric. The following topics will be studied:
 - الكناية, الاستعارة, المجاز, التشبيه: علم البيان
 - الإيجاز, الوصل والفصل, القصر, الإطلاق والتقييد, التقديم والتأخير, الذكر والحذف, الخبر والإنشاء: علم المعاني
 - الطباق, التورية, المحسنات المعنوية: علم البديع
 - السجع, الجناس: المحسنات اللفظية
- Specific objectives:
 - Analyze and explain how specific rhetorical elements contribute to meaning
 - Recognize unique features and stylistic elements used in Arabic Balagha books
 - Identify strengths and reflect on strengths and weaknesses of speech

Seerah

- Textbook: AlKhulasa الخلاصة البهية في ترتيب أحداث السيرة النبوية
- Duration: 1 parts (approximately 5 months)
- Seerah is the study of the life of the Prophet (S). The following topics will be studied:
 - مراحل دراسة السيرة
 - من البعثة إلى الهجرة
 - السنة الأولى من الهجرة إلى السنة الحادية عشرة للهجرة
- Specific objectives:
 - Understand the timeline of major events in the life of the Prophet (S)
 - Recognize unique features and stylistic elements used in Arabic Seerah books