

Post-Hifzh Shari'ah Program

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to equip the graduates of the Hifzh School with the necessary foundational knowledge of Islam that will help them lead a successful life in accordance with the Qur'an and Sunnah, and based upon a sound and authentic Islamic creed (Aqeedah). As Huffazh of the Qur'an, we hope to provide our students the necessary tools that will help them understand the meanings of the Qur'anic verses, thereby enriching their Qur'anic recitation and their understanding of the message of the Qur'an. We hope that through this program, we will be able to develop balanced individuals who can live the Qur'an in their life, invite others to the message of the Qur'an and thereby contribute towards the development of a vibrant Muslim community.

Objectives

At the end of this one-year program, we hope that our students will be able to:

- Understand the Islamic Aqeedah (creed), the pillars of faith (Eemaan), and their implementation in our lives as Muslims living in America
 - Identify and learn the proofs from the Qur'an and Sunnah regarding the pillars of Eemaan
 - Understand how the Islamic character is an extension of the sound Islamic Aqeedah
- Learn basic Arabic grammar rules and their implementation in the Qur'an
- Memorize the translation of the meanings of at least 500 words from the Qur'an
- Understand the foundational rules of interpreting Qur'anic verses, and learn the interpretation of some of the verses related to Aqeedah
- Understand the basic Fiqhee Rules (jurisprudential rules) of the various acts of worship such as Tahaarah (purification) and Salaah (prayer)
- Understand basic classification of the Hadeeth of Ar-Rasool sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam, the importance of Hadeeth in Islam, and learn the meanings of some of the authentic Ahadeeth.
- Know the basic sciences of the Qur'an
- Identify major events in the Seerah of Ar-Rasool sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam, and derive lessons from it which may affect our daily lives
- Relate Islamic subjects to one another by studying interrelated topics and using reinforcements to build on knowledge learned

Courses

There will be a total of six subject areas that will be covered during the program. The subject areas are as follows:

| No | Subject | Number of Hours |
|----|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Aqeedah I & II (Islamic Creed) ¹⁴ | 28 |
| 2 | Arabic Grammar and Qur'anic Translation I & II ¹ | 28 |
| 3 | Tafseer (Interpretation of Qur'an) I & II ² | 28 |
| 4 | Fiqh (Jurisprudence) I, II & III | 42 |

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| 5 | Hadeeth | 14 |
| 6 | ‘Uloom Al-Qur’an (Qur’anic Sciences) | 14 |
| 7 | Seerah | 14 |

1 & 2: The examples used in the Arabic class for Qur’anic translation, as well as the Tafseer, will cover Ayaat that are proofs for the topics covered in Aqeedah. In other words, Arabic Grammar and Tafseer will reinforce the Aqeedah class.

In addition to these subject areas, there will be a review follow up program, where the instructor will have the students review Qur’an on a regular basis, based on a set schedule. Occasionally, we may have short and intensive Qur’an review sessions in order to help students keep up with their review insha Allah.

Aqeedah (I & II)

The two courses of Aqeedah (Islamic Creed) will primarily focus on the six pillars of Eemaan. Students will learn the different aspects of the oneness of Allah and how this concept of Tawheed should impact a Muslim’s life. Students will be taught the different kinds of Shirk (Associating Partners with Allah) that are widespread in the Ummah these days and how a Muslim should avoid them. In addition to that, emphasis will be laid on building a sound Islamic character, which is an extension of the true Aqeedah of a Muslim. Students will learn the different foundational rules of Islam that will help them understand the various forms of evil that are in the world, and will provide them with the necessary tools to stay away from them.

Arabic Grammar and Qur’anic Translation (I & II)

The two courses of Arabic grammar and Qur’anic translation will focus on understanding the basic grammar structure of the Arabic language, and its application in Qur’anic verses. Students will learn at least 500 Qur’anic vocabulary words, which will help them understand the Qur’an, insha Allah. Students will practice translating verses from the Qur’an word-to-word, and will be able to extract the basic grammar rules from these verses.

Tafseer (Interpretation of Qur’an) I & II

This series of courses will cover the interpretation of the verses that are discussed in the Arabic Grammar course. Students will first learn the foundational rules of interpreting the Qur’an and then will learn the interpretation of some of the verses. The verses that are used in the Arabic Grammar and the Tafseer courses will be directly related to the topics that are currently covered in the Aqeedah class. For example, if students are learning about the Oneness of Allah in His Lordship (Tawheed Ar-Ruboobiyah) in the Aqeedah class, then they will be covering the verses related to this topic in the Arabic Grammar and the Tafseer class. By doing so, students will be able to make direct connections between the Qur’an and the Islamic Creed (Aqeedah) insha Allah and will understand the importance of the Qur’an as the primary source of our religion.

Fiqh (I, II & III)

This series of three courses in Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence) will cover in detail the rules of the most important acts of worship, including Tahaarah (Purification) and Salaah (Prayer). In addition to the Fiqhee rulings, students will also learn the spiritual aspect of these acts so their worship of Allah is enriched insha

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Allah. We will cover the various types of impurities and the proper ways of purifying ourselves with those impurities. In Salaah, we will cover the different rulings of performing Salaah individually, as well as in a congregation. To prepare our students for Imaamah (leading congregational prayer) we will also cover the Fiqhee rulings that an Imam needs to know.

Hadeeth

This course will cover the basic categorization of Hadeeth and the different terminologies that are used to define these categories (Mustalah Al-Hadeeth). In addition to that, students will memorize and learn the meanings of some of the famous Hadeeths that talk about the character of a Muslim. Students will also be able to implement their Arabic grammar skills and translate these Ahadeeth. In addition to that, students will be understand how the character of a Muslim is a direct extension of the Aqeedah.

Seerah

This course will cover some aspects of the life of Ar-Rasool sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam. Emphasis will be laid on deriving lessons from his life, sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam, and ways to implementing those lessons in our lives.

'Uloom Al-Qur'an (Qur'anic Sciences)

This course will cover the different aspects of the Qur'anic sciences, which will help our students appreciate the Qur'an, and understand how it reached us. Topics will include: difference between Makki and Madani Surahs, causes of revelation (Asbaab An-Nuzool), the inspiration (Al-Wahy), and the compilation of the Qur'an.

Structure and Timings

The one-year Post Hifzh Shari'ah Program will be divided into three four-month semesters. Each semester will have a total of 56 hours of class time and 8 hours of testing time.

Classes will meet **twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday from 3.40 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

The division of courses will be as follows during the semesters:

First Semester:

| Course | No of hours per week | No of hours in semester |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Aqeedah I | 1 | 14 |
| Arabic Grammar I | 1 | 14 |
| Tafseer I | 1 | 14 |
| Fiqh | 1 | 14 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>56</i> |

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Second Semester:

| Course | No of hours per week | No of hours in semester |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Aqeedah II | 1 | 14 |
| Arabic Grammar II | 1 | 14 |
| Tafseer II | 1 | 14 |
| Fiqh II | 1 | 14 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>56</i> |

Third Semester:

| Course | No of hours per week | No of hours in semester |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Fiqh III | 1 | 14 |
| 'Uloom Al-Qur'an | 1 | 14 |
| Hadeeth | 1 | 14 |
| Seerah | 1 | 14 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>56</i> |

Tuition Fee

The tuition fee for the one-year program is **\$2000**.

- 1- If a student is enrolled full-time in the Hifzh School, then he or she will receive a 70% discount on the tuition fee for the Post Hifzh Shari'ah Program.
- 2- If a student is enrolled part-time in the Hifzh School (only open to Huffazh or students approved by us), or a if student is Hafizh and enrolled in Al-Huda School, then he or she will receive a 50% discount for the Post Hifzh Shari'ah Program.
- 3- If a student is not enrolled in the Hifzh School or in Al-Huda School then they will not get any discount in the Post Hifzh Shari'ah Program.

This program is open for boys and girls.

Dates:

The program will start on August 22, 2006 and will run for one year.