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islamic studies diploma

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Course Details

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Introduction to Islamic Studies

Aims:

- To develop a sound grounding in Fundamental aspects of Shari'ah
- To develop a foundation in Islamic Studies with a focus on Community work
- To develop an understanding of the place of Muslims and Islam in contemporary society
- To develop Muslims to take on leadership roles
- To encourage positive implementation of social solutions and develop positive role models in society

Overview:

The Introduction to Islamic Studies course is a unique programme taught by various teachers which seeks to introduce and expose students to the fundamental values and concepts of Islam, in order to provide learners with a sound grounding in the primary and secondary sources of Shari'ah. The lessons will be taught in English, utilising translated classical and modern Islamic books relevant to Muslims in contemporary western society.

The programme will take place over a period of 2 years, with study on a part-time basis; and will be delivered via a series of lectures, discussion groups and independent reading. The skills and knowledge developed will be transferable into the work place and the wider community.

Programme:

The course of study will consist of the following subject areas, taught through the following texts:

Quran

- *Ulum-ul-Qur'an* (Ahmed Von Denffer)
- *Tafsir al-Qurtubi* (Translated by Aisha Bewley)

Hadith

- Studies in *Hadith* Methodology and Literature (By M.M. 'Azmi)
- *Arba'een Nawawiyah* - Collection of 40 *Hadith* (By Imam Nawawi (ra))

Seerah

- Jurisprudence of the Prophetic Biography (By Sheikh Ramadan al-Buti)

Tazkiyyah

- The Beginning of Guidance – *Bidayat a-Hidayah* (By Imam al-Ghazali (ra))

Aqeedah

- Dialogue with an Atheist (by Mostafa Mahmoud)

Contemporary Topics:

These will be coupled with some contemporary topics; many of the topics will be extended into seminars that will be opened up to the public.

Schedule:

The course will run for 67 weeks, divided over two years. The first academic year will be 37 weeks in duration and the second will be 30 weeks in duration. . Learning sessions being held weekly, there will be a break during Ramadhan and appropriate breaks during the statutory holidays. Each session will be 2.5 hours in length, and will involve the study of a key topic including group discussion and a comfort break. Regular independent study will be set which is expected to take up about 3-4 hours weekly. Teaching is scheduled to begin in September with sessions held on various days depending on the venue. The regular format of the sessions are as follows :

Module Name	No of Slides	No of Lessons (2.5 hrs/lesson)	Total hrs	Comments
YEAR 1				
Quran 1	18	5	12.5	Introductory Lesson & Aadab of Learning
Quran 2	22	5	12.5	
Quran 3	26	9	22.5	
Hadith 1	20	6	15	
Selected Hadith = 10 40 Hadith Imam al-Nawwawi (RA)	52	6	15	
Aqeedah	51	6	15	Yr 1 ends with Hadith 30 92.5 hrs of teaching
		37 lessons	92.5	
YEAR 2				
Contemporary Topics	20	5	12.5	
Seerah	46	10	25	
Tazkiyyah	33	10	25	
Dawah	-	4	10	
Exams		1	2.5	Yr 2 ends with 75 hrs of teaching
		30 lessons	75	
		TOTAL hrs	167.5	

The breakdown according to hours allocated per subject for the first year is as follows:

HOURS	SUBJECT AREA
47.5	QURAN
15	HADITH
15	40 HADITH pt 1
15	AQEEDAH
YEAR 2	
12.5	CONTEMPORARY TOPICS
25	SEERAH
25	TAZKIYYAH
10	DAWAH
12.5	ACTIVITY PLANNING
2.5	ASSESSMENT

Assessment

The course will be assessed by three essays and a final year exam. The choice of assessment will be left to the discretion of the student in consultation with the teacher. In addition to the essays and exam there will be a group assessment which will take the form of a public event which concentrates on some facet which is neglected within the Muslim community. A minimum attendance of 70 % is also a requirement. The three assessment essay titles are :

ESSAYS

<i>Subject Area</i>	<i>Essay Title</i>
QURAN (one essay only)	Summarise the stages of compilation of the Quran and why it was necessary. What is the principle theme of the Quran ? Explain with reference to the sub-themes. How is the Quran a miracle ?
HADITH (one essay only)	Summarise the various classifications of Hadith. Provide a thematic synopsis of the Forty Hadith of Imam al-Nawwawi.
SEERAH	How would you respond to a person who claims the Prophetic Biography is a grand narrative which has little importance to us today ?



<i>Date</i>	<i>Subject Area</i>	<i>Exams</i>
TBC Final Lesson	ALL	2.5 Hours – various essay questions which are covered in the year

IN ADDITION TO THE ASSESSMENT AN EVENT HAS ALSO TO BE ORGANISED

<i>Subject Area</i>	<i>Joint Group Event</i>
TBC	A joint event organised by the students of the course which concentrates on some aspect of Islam which is neglected.

Key Lecturer:

Sheikh Muhammad Zaqir, (occasionally there will be other highly qualified `Ulema that will deliver lectures in their specialists fields)

Brief Introduction to Sheikh Muhammad Zaqir

After graduating from Manchester University with a BA (Hons) in Politics and Economics in 1995, Sheikh Muhammad Zaqir studied in Damascus, Syria for 8 years at the Prestigious Abu Noor Institute and studied several classical disciplines of Islamic knowledge at the hands of some of the prominent holders of the tradition. In addition, Sheikh Muhammad Zaqir has studied in Jordan, Mauritania and has been blessed with the opportunity to spend time in the illuminated city of Tarim, Hadramawt; where he studied at the eminent Institute Dar ul Mustafa, under the qualified hands of some of the most illustrious guides of knowledge. Being classically trained in the sacred sciences he has attained formal ijaza's in the various Islamic Disciplines such as: Qur'anic Tafsi'r, Ahādith, Fiqh, Logic, Aqīdah, Arabic Language and Rhetoric. Other than having attained iftaa in the Hanafi Fiqh he is also proficient in the Shafi'i and Hanbali Schools of Jurisprudence. Moreover, he is highly qualified in the field of Aqīdah thus specializing in this branch of Islamic Knowledge. Furthermore he is the founder of many Islamic initiatives in the UK; and in particular the 'Islamic Mission of Awareness and Da'wah' and 'Darul Arqam Educational Trust'.

Cost

The course will cost £225 per year, this is used to cover the cost of the overheads. Once a commitment is given payment will be expected.

Core Module Texts

All the books listed above will be required from the beginning of the course; the list includes a recommended supplier where a discount of 15% has been negotiated on your behalf if you buy a whole set from them. You are free to source out your own books, however ensure that the publishers and translators are the same as the ones listed.