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MIFTAAH ONLINE SEMINARY CATALOGUE

YOUR KEY TO ONLINE LEARNING

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Fellow Seeker of Knowledge,
Assalamu 'Alaykum,

Welcome to the Miftaah Online Seminary! As you begin your journey of seeking knowledge, we here at the Miftaah Online Seminary are excited for a new year of learning together with you!

This catalog contains everything our class offerings, semester schedules, faculty information and anything that you will need to be introduced to the Seminary.

It is an honor for us to welcome you! After looking through our catalog, you may still have unanswered questions. You may contact us at admin@miftaah.org for any of your questions.

We pray that Allah accepts this effort of ours and grants us all the ability to always be increasing in knowledge and practice.

Ameen!

Miftaah Online Seminary

ABOUT THE ONLINE SEMINARY

Knowledge is the key ingredient in developing ourselves as confident Muslims in today's world. However, many Muslims not having the time to dedicate themselves to Islamic studies. For this reason, Miiftaah has designed a unique initiative catered to the Islamic Studies' needs of both the Muslim Student and the Muslim professional.

In a nutshell, the Seminary offers weekly 80 minute classes on fundamental subjects, with the ability to choose from multiple subjects based off of your needs. All classes are taught live and recorded with lifetime access for the student through the Miiftaah Student Portal. Using the most suitable technology to develop a virtual classroom, along with experienced instructors, we hope to fulfil this pressing need.

There are no prerequisites or qualifications needed to join. All of our classes are taught in a manner in which both the beginner and intermediate student of knowledge will find the subject engaging and be able to complete the class having increased in their understanding.

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WINTER SEMESTER

JANUARY 9 - APRIL 6, 2023

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COURSE OFFERINGS & SCHEDULE

WINTER SEMESTER

JANUARY 9 - APRIL 6, 2023

1 **Class Title:** Abstained: Fiqh of Fasting and Zakat

Genre:
Islamic Law

Instructor:
Mufti Aasim Rashid

Date & Time:
Sundays | 8:00 pm EST

Course Description:

Explore two key pillars of our faith in this class on the Islamic law behind fasting and giving Zakat. Once a year, Allah SWT commands us to discharge 2.5% of our excess wealth to the needy. But how do I calculate my Zakat? What defines 'excess wealth'? Whom can I give it to? How much money do I need to possess before Zakat is obligatory on me? This class will cover the principles and rulings of Zakat in detail in a systematic manner. Additionally, fasting was ordained by Allah SWT upon us so we may be a people of God consciousness (Taqwa). A fast that is observed with all the rulings implemented is a key ingredient to attaining Taqwa. Students will study the principles and rulings of fasting in detail. We will cover the do's and don'ts of fasting, types of fasting, what nullifies a fast, how to make up missed fasts, contemporary Fiqh issues, and more. Prepare well for your Ramadan by taking this important class!

Course Objectives:

- Technical:** Cover the conditions of Zakah and who it is mandatory for
- What ifs:** Reassure any doubts related to giving Zakah and the rulings that come with them
- Extras:** Learn the various component of Zakat and Islamic financial terms

2 **Class Title:** The 40 Essentials: Nawawi's 40 Hadith Explained

Genre:
Hadith Studies

Instructor:
Shaykh Hamzah
Intiyaz

Date & Time:
Thursdays | 8:00 pm EST

Course Description:

Imam Al-Nawawi's collection is one of the most celebrated collections of 40 hadith. This is not a random selection, rather a carefully chosen compendium of ahadith that represent foundational principles in Islam. Each Hadith builds on the previous, and the student is able to have an outline of these essential ahadith by the end of this class.

Course Objectives:

- Overview:** Understand the general concepts and lessons which come from each hadith
- Deep Dive:** Learn about the context in which the ahadith were based
- Relevance:** Reflect on how to apply the ahadith covered in our daily lives

3 **Class Title:** The Cave of Faith: Tafseer of Surah al-Kahf

Genre:
Qur'an Studies

Instructor:
Mufti Abdul
Wahab Waheed

Date & Time:
Mondays | 8:00 pm EST

Course Description:

Trials (Fitan) are an inseparable part of life in this world. Our Prophet ﷺ taught us to recite Surah al-Kahf every Friday to protect ourselves from these Fitan, including the greatest of them, the Dajjal. The Cave of Faith is an in depth study of the themes, messages and lessons learned from Surah al-Kahf. This course will reflect on the Fitan we face today and help us derive inspiration from the four timeless tales the Surah is structured around.

Course Objectives:

Deep Dive: Analyze the context in which Surah al-Kahf was revealed

Journey: Learn about the stories in Surah al-Kahf

Content & Examples: Derive lessons from the stories in Surah al-Kahf

4 **Class Title:** Arabic 101: The Beginner's Guide to Learning Arabic Morphology and Grammar

Genre:
Arabic Language

Instructor:
Mufti Abdul
Wahab Waheed

Date & Time:
Mondays | 8:00 pm EST

Course Description:

Nahw: This course consists of a systematic study of Arabic syntax and grammar. The comprehensive text used in this course covers the various classifications of sentences, and the different components of a sentence's anatomy. It also provides a basic, but detailed, understanding of the Arabic case system, and discusses how Arabic nouns respond to prepositions and verbs in accordance with their role in the sentence.

Sarf: The class introduces students to Arabic morphology, focusing initially on conjugation, but then shifting focus to some of the noun forms that verbs morph into. This course provides students with a necessary base understanding of how Arabic root letters are conjugated to create different words. By the end of the course, students will know how to conjugate verbs in various tenses, determine base letters from non-base letters, and identify verbal patterns that convey information about the number, gender, and voice of a sentence's subject. Additionally, students will also be able to identify the usage of verbs in the Qur'an

Course Objectives:

Word for Word: Understand the different parts of sentence structure in the Arabic language

Context & Examples: Familiarize yourself with Qur'anic verses and acquire basic vocabulary related to daily life activities

Deep Dive: Understand different sentence types, verb forms, and pronouns

Practicality: Learn basic skills for reading and writing Arabic words and sentences

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Class Title: Arabic 201: The Intermediate Guide to Learning Arabic Morphology and Grammar**Genre:**

Arabic Language

Instructor:Mufti Abdul
Wahab Waheed**Date & Time:**

Mondays | 7:00 pm EST

Course Description:

This course is designed for those students that have completed the Arabic 101 course at Miftaah. We will build off of the foundation that we established in Arabic 101, as we will focus on various types of sentence structures, developing reading comprehension, and understanding irregular verbs. This course will provide students with the foundations for understanding written classical Arabic, Arabic syntax. The course introduces students to the concept of linguistic cases and surveys the various shades of meaning lent to nouns in these different cases. The course also introduces students to the ways active participles and verbs can affect nouns to give them different shades of meaning. Understanding the concepts in this course is a must for reading any classical Arabic text.

Course Objectives:

Deep Dive: Analyze the many types of verbs and nouns along with their role in a sentence

Practicality: Create complete sentences for all subjects

Content & Examples: Explore examples from the Holy Qur'an related to the topic covered

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SUMMER SEMESTER

MAY 15 - JUNE 23, 2023



COURSE OFFERINGS & SCHEDULE

SUMMER SEMESTER

MAY 15 - JUNE 23, 2023

1

Class Title: Divine Speech: The Beginner’s Guide to Understanding The Qur’an

Genre:

Qur’an Studies

Instructor:

Mufti Aasim
Rashid

Date & Time:

Sunday | 8:00 pm EST

Course Description:

At some point in their lives, most Muslims learn how to read the Qur’an and memorize its shorter Surahs. However, the task of actually understanding the Qur’an is often perceived as either too daunting, or believed to be as simple as reading any book. “Divine Speech” has been tailored by Miftah’s experienced instructors to help the beginner on this journey. We will cover the concepts, methods, and causes of revelation (Wahy), the history of the compilation of the Qur’an, the miraculous nature (I’jaz) of the Qur’an, the prerequisites of explaining the Qur’an (Tafsir), current English translations available, and common mistakes made when we attempt to understand the Qur’an.

Course Objectives:

Word For Word: Understand the causes of revelation as well as how tafseer came to be

Significance: Dive into the miraculous nature of the Qur’an

Practicality: Build a deeper connection with the Qur’an through understanding

2

Class Title: Prophetic Praise: Virtues of The Companions From Sahih Muslim

Genre:

Hadith Studies

Instructor:

Shaykh Hamzah
Imtiaz

Date & Time:

Thursday | 8:00 pm EST

Course Description:

The companions (RA) of the Prophet ﷺ and his family (Ahl al-Bayt) were chosen by Allah to accompany him in his mission and be the pioneers of spreading Islam. Our Prophet ﷺ was generous and just in praising others, and there are hundreds of narrations transmitted to us in which we find him praising groups and individuals for their virtues and merits. The hadith scholars collected these narrations and organized them under the chapters of virtues (Manqaib or Fadha’il). “Prophetic Praise” is a study of the chapter on the companion’s virtues of companions (Kitab Fadha’il al- Sahabah) from Sahih Muslim. Students will cover select narrations that focus on individual praises and virtues given by the Prophet ﷺ without going into detailed biographies. This succinct study will instill in us love for the companions

(RA), knowledge of their stature in our theology (Aqidah), and a renewed sense of inspiration.

Course Objectives:

Understand: Cover the virtues of various companions

Reflect: Learn about the companions' sacrifices and what earned them their virtues

3

Class Title: The Final Hour: Signs of Day of Judgment **Genre:** Spiritual Development

Instructor:

Shaykh Abdullah Waheed

Date & Time:

Monday | 8:00 pm EST

Course Description:

In times like these, people tend to make assumptions regarding the Day of Judgment, when it will occur, and the manifestation of its signs. These assumptions tend to put the Ummah on edge, and we often forget that the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ was to stay optimistic even if we were to hear the tune of the trumpet. He encouraged us to continue planting our crops while staying conscious of the final hour, so that we can abstain from contributing to the evil of the last days. Many present circumstances have caused us to contemplate the realities of the final day and created questions that many do not know the answers to. Learning the signs of the Day of Judgement is a means of equipping ourselves with sound education to help us navigate the conundrums of our era.

Course Objectives:

Analyze: Utilize our knowledge of the Day of Judgement and its signs to assess the world today

Reflect: Contemplate the realities of the Final Day and what will happen at that time

4

Class Title: Inevitable: Tafseer of Surah Al-Waqi'ah and Al-Rahman **Genre:** Qur'an Studies

Instructor:

Mufti Abdul Wahab Waheed

Date & Time:

Wednesday | 8:00 pm EST

Course Description:

As humans, one of the major weaknesses we struggle with is the distraction of this world and our heedlessness of the Afterlife. Knowing this weakness of ours, Allah SWT revealed Surah Al-Waqi'ah, which comprehensively and powerfully conveys the reality of the Afterlife and what awaits us. This course is an eye opening study of the

Afterlife based on Surah Al-Waqi'ah. We will cover the inevitable coming of the Day of Judgment, its terrors, the joys that await the believers, the punishment awaiting the wicked, and the thought provoking arguments that this Surah puts forth for humanity to awaken and prepare for the Afterlife.

Course Objectives:

Word for Word: Dive into the meaning behind the verses of Surah Al-Rahman and Al-Waqiah

Journey: Learn about the main concepts in both surahs and how they are connected

Content & Examples: Discuss how we can apply lessons from both surahs today

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FALL SEMESTER

SEPTEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 17, 2022

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COURSE OFFERINGS & SCHEDULE

FALL SEMESTER SEPTEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 17, 2022

1

Class Title: Confidential: Tafseer of Surah Al-Nur Genre: Qur'an Studies

Instructor:

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Date & Time:

Mondays | 8:00 pm EST

Course Description:

The Qur'an does not only address theological or historical concepts and stories. It also conveys, as a primary purpose, guidance on some of the most difficult practical situations we find ourselves in. "Confidential" is a study of Surah Al-Nur and its major theme: fornication and adultery (Zina), the slander of our mother 'Aisha (RA), the laws of hijab, the etiquettes of interaction for both genders, personal and family privacy, and manners to be observed when entering others' homes.

Course Objectives:

Reflection: Gain a deeper understanding of the slander of Aisha (RA) and the lessons we can take from it

Sunnah: Cover the important sunnah relevant in visiting others and gender interaction

2

Class Title: Sacred Foundations II: Nawawi's 40 Hadith Explained Genre: Hadith Studies

Instructor:

Shaykh Hamzah
Imtiaz

Date & Time:

Thursdays | 8:00 pm EST

Course Description:

The Hadith of the Prophet ﷺ is a vast ocean of guidance and wisdom that the Ummah has preserved from the very beginning of times. Imam Al-Nawawi attempted to put forth a carefully chosen collection of the 40 most foundational hadith, which would benefit both the beginner and expert. Allah SWT has destined for his work to become one of the most widely read and studied works today. "Sacred Foundations II" is a thorough study of the first half of Imam Al-Nawawi's 40 Hadith. Each hadith will be covered along with the narrator's biography, differences in the wordings of other narrations, and lessons and wisdoms derived from each hadith.

Course Objectives:

Overview: Understand the general concepts and lessons from each hadith

Deep Dive: Learn about the context in which these ahadith were mentioned

Relevance: Reflect on how the ahadith covered can be applied in our daily lives

3

Class Title: Blissful Departure: Fiqh of Death + Inheritance **Genre:** Islamic Law

Instructor:

Mufti Aasim
Rashid

Date & Time:

Sundays | 8:00 pm EST

Course Description:

We all wish to leave this world and help those who have left this world in the best of ways. When bidding our loved ones farewell, we often find ourselves confused about the process of their ghusl, janazah or inheritance. A fleeting thought may later come to our minds to study this in detail, but the flow of life keeps us from it. “Blissful Departure” is a study of the funeral prayer and procedure (janazah), wills and bequests, the laws of inheritance, and the correct method of burial. Students will also study the concept of death as taught in Islam.

Course Objectives:

Law: Learn about process of burial and ghusl according to the sunnah and Qur’an

Technical: Understand the laws of inheritance and properly dealing with what the deceased leave behind

4

Class Title: Arabic 101: The Beginner’s Guide to Learning Arabic Morphology and Grammar **Genre:** Arabic Language

Instructor:

Mufti Abdul
Wahab Waheed

Date & Time:

Mondays | 8:00 pm EST

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5

Class Title: Arabic 201: The Intermediate Guide to Learning Arabic Morphology and Grammar

Genre:

Arabic Language

Instructor:

Mufti Abdul
Wahab Waheed

Date & Time:

Mondays | 8:00 pm EST

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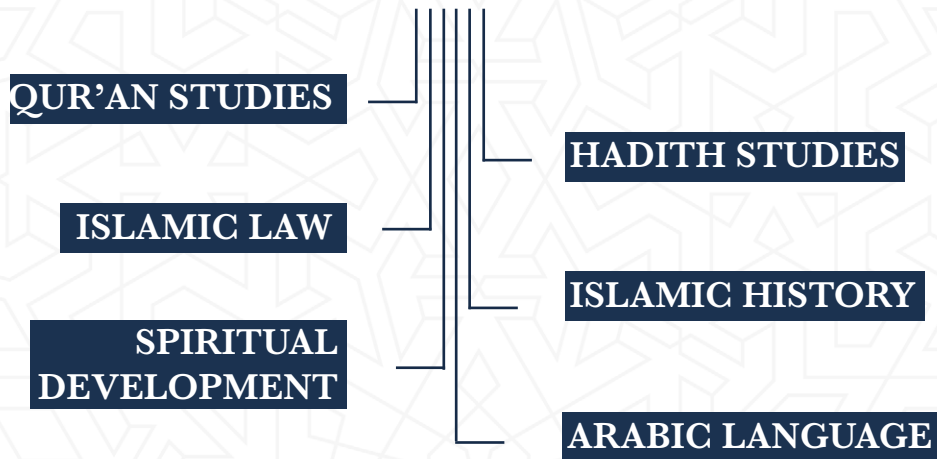
Deep Dive: Analyze the many types of verbs and nouns along with their role in a sentence

Practicality: Create complete sentences for all subjects

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GUIDELINES FOR GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

THE MIFTAAH SEMINARY CURRICULUM IS CENTERED AROUND 6 CORE SUBJECTS.



Each subject has its own importance in one's journey to understanding Islam. (1) Qur'an Studies and (2) Hadith Studies are important subjects because they are the two primary sources we use to derive our understandings. (3) Islamic Law is the study of the exact rules, limits, and dos and don'ts of a particular action. (4) Islamic History gives us both context and inspiration to know where our tradition comes from. (5) Spiritual Development is the study of the heart, its diseases, and its cures to maintain a healthy spirit. (6) Arabic Language is important because the primary language of our tradition is Arabic, and we cannot fully understand the Qur'an, Sunnah, or any other subject without learning Arabic. A total of 22 classes are needed to qualify as a Miftaah Seminary graduate. Each subject has a minimum number of classes that are required to be completed. The student is able to select any subject they desire to complete the remaining 5 classes, referred to as electives.

**17 CLASSES FROM
CORE SUBJECTS**

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5 ELECTIVES

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**22 CLASSES FOR
GRADUATION**

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CERTIFICATE GRANTED**

SUBJECTS	CLASSES	REQUIRED
QUR'AN STUDIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divine Speech: Beginner's Guide to Exploring the Qur'an A Forgotten Art: Etiquette with the Qur'an Faith from a Cave: Tafsir of Surah Al-Kahf <p>Completed Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mother of the Qur'an; Tafsir of Surah Al-Fatiha Celebrated: Tafsir of Surah Maryam Sea Split: Tafsir of Surah Taha Heartful: Tafsir of Surah Yasin Oft-read: Tafsir of Juz 30 	4 CLASSES
HADITH STUDIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 40 Essentials: Nawawi's 40 Hadith Explained The Leading Six: Lives of the Six Imams Hardened Hearts: Heart Softening Hadiths from Tabrizi's Mishkat <p>Completed Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 Hadiths On Marriage Questions by Bedouins: Questions Posed to the Prophet Unbroken Chains: Beginner's Guide to Exploring the Hadith 	3 CLASSES
ISLAMIC LAW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purified: Fiqh of Purification Abstained: Fiqh of Fasting and Zakah Love Ready: Fiqh of Marriage Blissful Departure: Fiqh of Death + Inheritance <p>Completed Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connected: Fiqh of Salah 	3 CLASSES
ISLAMIC HISTORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guaranteed I: Lives of the 4 Caliphs Guaranteed II: Lives of the 6 Abdullah: Lives of Select Companions Illuminations: Wisdoms of the Madinan Seerah Legacy: The 4 Imams The Followers: Lives of the Students of the Companions <p>Completed Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Struggles: Wisdoms of the Makkan Seerah <small>صلى الله عليه وسلم</small> Awestruck: Miracles of the Prophet 	3 CLASSES
SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ghazali's 40 Essentials II: An Adapted Summary of the Ihya <p>Completed Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code Of Manners: Imam Al-Bukhari's Al-Adab Al-Mufrad Applied Prayer: Spiritual Aspects of Salah Ghazali's 40 Essentials I: An Adapted Summary of the Ihya 	2 CLASSES
ARABIC LANGUAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arabic 101: The Beginner's Guide to Learning Arabic Arabic 201: The Intermediate Guide to Learning Arabic 	2 CLASSES

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QUR'AN STUDIES



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QUR'AN STUDIES

1 **Class Title: Divine Speech: Beginner's Guide to Exploring the Qur'an**

Course Description:

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2 **Class Title: A Forgotten Art: Etiquette with the Qur'an**

Course Description:

Living in an era where etiquettes and mannerisms are not being given their due importance, we are often unaware that one of the barriers keeping us from benefiting from the Qur'an is our lack of etiquette with it. In this exclusive class, we will cover the renowned Imam Nawawi's work on all of the various aspects of Adab with the Qur'an, such as honoring the people of Qur'an, guidelines for teachers and students, recommended times of recitation, the etiquette of recitation, and respecting the Mushaf itself.

3 **Class Title: Faith from a Cave: Tafseer of Surah al-Kahf**

Course Description:

Our Prophet ﷺ advised us to recite Surah al-Kahf every Friday, but what is the significance of this Surah and how will it protect the reciter from the fitnah of the Dajjal? This class will explore the stories of Surah al-Kahf and the lessons we can extract from them regarding the trials of youth, perseverance of faith, knowledge and power, and the trials of Gog and Magog.

4 **Class Title: Celebrated: Tafseer of Surah Maryam**

Course Description:

The Qur'an shows us those figures whose lives are to be celebrated and emulated by following in their footsteps. This class will explore the stories of these great figures mentioned in Surah Maryam, including Zakariya, Maryam, Isa and Ibrahim (AS) with an ending that depicts the scenes of the Day of Judgment.

5 **Class Title: Sea Split: Tafseer of Surah Taha**

Course Description:

Prepare to be inspired! The story of Musa (AS) is one we have often heard repeated since we were young. Out of the many places the Qur'an speaks about Musa's (AS), Surah Taha gives us the most detailed account of his journey from receiving prophethood, to facing Firaun, and eventually escaping to the promised land with the Banu Israeel and his challenges there.

6 **Class Title: Heartful: Tafseer of Surah Yasin**

Course Description:

Famously referred to as "the heart of the Qur'an," Surah Yasin is an essential study for every Muslim desiring to connect with the the word of Allah. Revealed in the early Meccan days, Surah Yasin presents the message of the Qur'an in an efficient and powerful manner, with its quick and rhythmic verses speaking on Allah's sovereignty, past generations, signs in nature, and resurrection.

7 **Class Title: Oft-read: Tafseer of Juz 30**

Course Description:

The 30th Juz of the Qur'an, or Juz Amma, consists of 37 of the shorter Surahs that were mostly revealed in the Makkan era. Most of these Surahs are memorized by Muslims and read often in the daily prayers. This class will aim to comprehensively study the themes of these Surahs, including Allah's creation, the reality of this life, the Day of Judgement, the afterlife, Jannah, and Jahnam.

8 **Class Title: Confidential: Tafseer of Surah Al-Nur**

Course Description:

The Qur'an does not only address theological or historical concepts and stories. It also conveys, as a primary purpose, guidance on some of the most difficult practical situations we find ourselves in. "Confidential" is a study of Surah Al-Nur and its major theme: fornication and adultery (Zina), the slander of our mother 'Aisha (RA), the laws of hijab, the etiquettes of interaction for both genders, personal and family privacy, and manners to be observed when entering others' homes.

9 **Class Title: Daily Reads: Tafseer of the last ten Surahs**

Course Description:

Allah SWT composed the Qur'an with both longer and shorter surahs, as they each have a unique effect on the heart of a believer. While we aspire to study the meanings of longer surahs, these shorter Surahs deserve an equal amount of attention. This is especially true as they are easier to memorize and recite often in our daily salah. Daily

Reads is an in depth study of the meanings and messages of the last ten surahs of the Qur'an. We will cover the causes of revelation, what makes each surah unique, their correlations with each other, and a word-for-word translation and explanation (Tafseer).

10 **Class Title: Clarity: Navigating misunderstood verses of the Qur'an**

Course Description:

The Qur'an is the most eloquent, internally consistent, and miraculous book mankind has ever seen. However, across history, there have been individuals, some sincere and others with ulterior motives, who have misinterpreted the Qur'an and its verses. We experience this often with fellow classmates, colleagues, and even friends. "Clarity" is a revolutionary study of specific verses and examples, along with common objections raised against the Qur'an. We will gain a broad framework for approaching the verses of the Qur'an and cover the proper understanding of commonly misunderstood verses in a way that will increase our conviction in the Qur'an.

11 **Class Title: Inevitable: Tafseer of Surah Al-Waqi'ah and Al-Rahman**

Course Description:

One of the major weaknesses we as humans struggle with is the distraction of this world and heedlessness of the Afterlife. Knowing this weakness of ours, Allah SWT revealed Surah Al-Waqi'ah, which comprehensively and powerfully conveys the reality of the Afterlife and what awaits us. "Inevitable" is an eye opening study of the Afterlife based on Surah Al-Waqi'ah. We will cover the inevitable coming of the Day of Judgment, its terrors, the joys that await the believers, the punishment that awaits the wicked, and the thought provoking arguments this surah puts forth for humanity to awaken and prepare for the Afterlife.

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1

Class Title: The 40 Essentials: Nawawi's 40 Hadith Explained

Course Description:

Imam Al-Nawawi's collection is one of the most celebrated collections of 40 hadith. This is not a random selection, rather a carefully chosen compendium of ahadith that represent foundational principles in Islam. Each Hadith builds on the previous, and the student is able to have an outline of these essential ahadith by the end of this class.

2

Class Title: Questions by Bedouins: Questions Posed to the Prophet ﷺ

Course Description:

Known for their free spirits and desert roughness, the Bedouins mentioned in ahadith have posed very unique questions to the Prophet ﷺ. This class will cover a selection of these ahadith, while also examining the response of the Prophet ﷺ to seemingly rash questions.

3

Class Title: Unbroken Chains: Beginner's Guide to Exploring the Hadith

Course Description:

When we begin furthering our Islamic knowledge, we hear of the Hadith of the Prophet ﷺ, but what exactly is a Hadith? How do we tell if it is authentic? What are the reliable works of Hadith? This class is uniquely tailored to answer these questions by introducing the beginner to Hadith and how the noble science is studied.

4

Class Title: The Leading Six: Lives of the Six Imams

Course Description:

Of the hundreds of collections of Hadith, there are six that enjoy a lofty status due to their level of authenticity and their acceptance among the Ummah. Behind these six works, are six of the most brilliant minds this Ummah has witnessed. What were their lives like? Where did they study? What sacrifices did they make to reach their position? This class will explore the lives of these compilers in depth.

5

Class Title: Hardened Hearts: Heart Softening Hadiths from Tabrizi's Mishkat

Course Description:

The Chapter on Heart Softeners (Kitab Al-Riqaq) is one that is found in nearly every Hadith collection. Used by Muslims throughout the centuries, reading this genre of Hadith softens the heart in order to make it receptive of Allah's SWT orders, as they are explained by the Prophet ﷺ. Imam Tabrizi weaves together the most pertinent narrations of this genre in his masterpiece: "Mishkat Al-Masabih." This class is a must for anyone who is struggling with the state of their heart.

6

Class Title: Eternal Bliss: 40 Hadiths On Marriage**Course Description:**

Our Prophet ﷺ never ignored any aspect of life that required guidance. In this collection of 40 hadith, Mufti Muhammad Ibn Adam Al-Kawthari explores 40 foundational ahadith of the Prophet ﷺ on marriage. For those wanting to learn about marriage through the Prophetic lens and comprehend how to put the Hadiths into practice, this class is a must take.

7

Class Title: Prophetic Praise: Virtues of The Companions From Sahih Muslim**Course Description:**

The companions (RA) of the Prophet ﷺ and his family, “Ahl al-Bayt,” were chosen by Allah to accompany him in his mission and to be the pioneers of spreading Islam. Our Prophet ﷺ was generous and just in his praise, and there are hundreds of narrations transmitted to us where we find him praising groups and individuals for their virtues and merits. The hadith scholars collected these narrations and organized them under the chapters of virtues (Manqaib or Fadha'il). “Prophetic Praise” is a study of the chapter on the virtues of companions (Kitab Fadha'il al-Sahabah) from Sahih Muslim. Without going into detailed biographies, students will cover select narrations focusing on individual praises and virtues given by the Prophet ﷺ. This succinct study will instill a love for the companions within us, provide knowledge of their stature in our theology (Aqidah), and a renewed sense of inspiration.

8

Class Title: The Art of Asking: The Chapter of Dua' From Sahih al-Bukhari**Course Description:**

Our Prophet ﷺ said that du'a is the essence of worship; it is the very purpose for which mankind was created. No matter how far one reaches in life or how close one is to Allah, Dua' is the one thing that every Muslim will continue to be in need of. Our Prophet ﷺ taught us extensively about the etiquettes, mannerisms, virtues and types of Du'a. The Art of Asking is a study of the Chapter of Du'a (Kitab al-Da'awat) from Sahih al-Bukhari. Weaved together brilliantly, Imam al-Bukhari's genius is witnessed in his selection and organization of the most important Hadiths on the topic. Students will cover select portions of the chapter and go through a comprehensive study of Dua' based upon the statements of the Prophet ﷺ himself.

9

Class Title: Conviction: Navigating Misunderstood Hadith of the Prophet ﷺ**Course Description:**

The Hadith of the Prophet ﷺ is a source of legislation in Islam, as well as a source of guidance for humanity. However, across history there have been individuals, some sincere and others with ulterior motives, who either reject the entire tradition of hadith or misinterpret specific narrations. We experience this often with fellow classmates, colleagues, and even friends. “Conviction” is a revolutionary study of specific hadith that are commonly misunderstood, along with a study of common objections raised against the hadith corpus. Along with a comprehensive study of the ideologies and groups who completely reject hadith as a source of legislation in Islam, we will gain a broad framework for approaching seemingly problematic Hadith as we cover the proper understanding of commonly misunderstood narrations. After

this course, students will be left with increased conviction in the Sunnah of our Prophet ﷺ.

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ISLAMIC LAW

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ISLAMIC LAW

1 **Class Title: Purified: Fiqh of Purification**

Course Description:

Works on Islamic Law (Fiqh) often begin with the chapter on Purification (Taharah). This is a must take class for every Muslim, as purification is a mandatory condition before one prays. This class will cover the principles and rulings of pure and impure substances, wudu, tayammum, ghusl, their nullifiers, and more.

2 **Class Title: Connected: Fiqh of Salah**

Course Description:

A ritual that we perform five times a day, Salah needs to be well prepared for. It is our primary connection with Allah SWT and we don't want to perform it in the wrong way. That's why this class will offer a complete breakdown of Salah, including prerequisites and an end to end walkthrough. Issues such as the Adhan, congregational Salah, and Jumuah will also be discussed. This class will leave you with a clear roadmap of Salah.

3 **Class Title: Abstained: Fiqh of Fasting and Zakah**

Course Description:

Explore two key pillars of our faith in this class on the Islamic law behind fasting and giving Zakat. Once a year, Allah SWT commands us to discharge 2.5% of our excess wealth to the needy. But how do I calculate my Zakat? What defines 'excess wealth'? Whom can I give it to? How much money do I need to possess before Zakat is obligatory on me? This class will cover the principles and rulings of Zakat in detail in a systematic manner. Additionally, fasting was ordained by Allah SWT upon us so we may be a people of God consciousness (Taqwa). A fast that is observed with all the rulings implemented is a key ingredient to attaining Taqwa. Students will study the principles and rulings of fasting in detail. We will cover the do's and don'ts of fasting, types of fasting, what nullifies a fast, how to make up missed fasts, contemporary Fiqh issues, and more. Prepare well for your Ramadhan by taking this important class!

4 **Class Title: Love Ready: Fiqh of Marriage**

Course Description:

Marriage was the Sunnah of the Prophets (AS) and the righteous before us. They taught us everything that we need to know about marriage. When it comes to the rules of marriage and divorce, one of the biggest challenges we face is a lack of knowledge, oftentimes leading to stressful marital issues. "Love Ready" is a study on the rules of marriage and divorce, sexual intimacy, marital rights of each spouse, and child custody. If you are married or considering marriage, learn the Fiqh of marriage to ensure you are equipped with the appropriate knowledge.

مفتاح

ISLAMIC HISTORY

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ISLAMIC HISTORY

1

Class Title: Struggles: Wisdoms of the Makkan Seerah

Course Description:

Being sent to the people of Quraysh in Makkah, one of the most corrupt societies of the time, to deliver the message of Islam was no easy task. The Makkan Era is a must study for Muslims living in the West in order to find guidance from how the Prophet ﷺ stayed true to his principles in a society that persecuted him for his faith. This class covers an extremely relevant era of the Seerah of the Prophet ﷺ from his birth to the Hijrah to Madinah, with a special focus on the wisdoms and lessons that are to be extracted.

2

Class Title: Awestruck: Miracles of the Prophet (s)

Course Description:

Every Prophet was sent with miracles as proof to their claims of Prophethood. These miracles have been studied and analyzed by Muslims since the early generations. This class will be an in depth study of the Prophet's ﷺ miracles, from the prophecies foretold by previous prophets, the splitting of the moon, and the night journey, to the prophecies he told before he passed.

3

Class Title: Guaranteed I: Lives of the 4 Caliphs

Course Description:

This class covers four of the ten companions who were guaranteed Jannah by the Prophet ﷺ. Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali (RA) were the successors to the Prophet ﷺ, ruling in light of his teachings, and leaving behind a legacy that is unmatched. What sets these four apart from the remaining? How can we live their legacy? This class will explore their lives and times in depth.

4

Class Title: Guaranteed II: Lives of the 6

Course Description:

This class covers the remaining 6 of the ten companions who were guaranteed Jannah by the Prophet ﷺ. These six were some of the earliest Muslims, and they stood by the Prophet ﷺ through thick and thin. How much do we know about these giants? How did their personalities differ? Which one can you relate to the most? This class will explore their lives and times in depth.

5

Class Title: Illuminations: Wisdoms of the Madinan Seerah

Course Description:

After struggling for 13 years, the Prophet ﷺ began to see his efforts come to fruition. The blessed city of Madinah is illuminated with his arrival and the establishment of the Muslim community begins. However, it still came with its fair share of trials as the Prophet ﷺ worked on developing future leaders, while defending Islam in battles with its enemies. This class covers an era of the Seerah of the Prophet ﷺ, beginning with his Hijrah to Madinah up to

his passing from this world

6 **Class Title: Youthful Giants: Lives of Select Companions Named ‘Abdullah’**

Course Description:

When we think of the companions (RA), we assume they were all adults whom the Prophet ﷺ relied upon. The reality is quite the opposite. Some of the most prestigious companions were young men and women. Four of them in particular are jointly referred to as the ‘Abadilah, due to them sharing the name “Abdullah”. All four were young and passionate, and Allah SWT would bless them with so much knowledge that they were considered the main source of verdicts (Fatwa), in their cities. They would also be given a long life so their influence and students could reach all corners of the Muslim world. “Youthful Giants” is a study of the lives of these young companions: both in their relationship with the Prophet ﷺ and in their efforts and services to Islam after his demise.

7 **Class Title: Legacy: The 4 Imams**

Course Description:

Although there have been many Mujtahid Imams, or those who codified Islamic law in the earlier generations, there are four that have been followed and celebrated throughout the centuries. This acceptance warrants us to look into their lives and highlight what stands out. They left behind a legacy that is undisputed, and they formulated schools which scholars continue to build upon. This Miftaah exclusive class is a must take for any serious student of knowledge.

8 **Class Title: The Followers: Lives of the Students of the Companions**

Course Description:

Often overlooked, the students of the companions, or Tabiun, followed the companions in their righteousness and servitude. We may find them more relatable in some respects, considering they too have not seen the Prophet ﷺ. This class will explore the lives of a select few of the Tabiun, such as the ascetic, Hasan A-Basri, the scholar, Ata Bin Abi Rabah, and the polymath, Ibn Sirin.

9 **Class Title: Revival: Revivers of The Islamic Spirit**

Course Description:

Throughout Muslim history, there have been unique challenges in each period. Thus Allah SWT chose certain figures across the centuries to stand for the truth in the face of overwhelming opposition and safeguard the spirit of Allah’s SWT religion on earth. “Revival” is an inspirational and intellectual study of the lives of these great Imams of the Muslim Ummah, based on the renowned work of the late historian and intellectual, Shaykh Abu alHasan ‘Ali al-Nadwi, titled “Saviors of The Islamic Spirit”.

10 **Class Title: Righteous Followers: Inspirational Stories From the Followers (Tabi'un)**

Course Description:

Often overlooked, the followers, or Tabi'un, followed the companions in their righteousness and servitude. Being the first Muslims to practice Islam without having seen the Prophet ﷺ, their stories are more relatable to us in many ways. "Righteous Followers" is an inspirational study of the best stories and practices from select Tabi'un, such as the ascetic, Hasan al-Basri, the scholar, Ata' b. Abi Rabah and the polymath, Ibn Sirin. This course will offer much needed spiritual upliftment for us to adhere firmly to Islam.

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SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

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SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

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Class Title: Code Of Manners: Imam Al-Bukhari’s Al-Adab Al-Mufrad

Course Description:

Imam Al-Bukhari’s Sahih is well known, however he has also written a dedicated work on mannerisms titled Al-Adab Al-Mufrad. In this class, we will focus on a select number of ahadith of the Prophet ﷺ from this monumental work that will help us grow in our spiritual development through perfecting our character.

2

Class Title: Applied Prayer: Spiritual Aspects of Salah

Course Description:

Our discussions on Salah typically revolve around the Fiqh or legal issues, which are undoubtedly important. However, one of the most pressing questions asked is “Why do I not feel spiritually connected when I pray?”. This class will explore secrets, tips, and tried methods we can use to transform the spiritual aspects of our prayer.

3

Class Title: Ghazali’s 40 Essentials I: An Adapted Summary of the Ihya

Course Description:

The human’s lifelong struggle is finding a way to effectively grow closer to Allah SWT. One of the last works written by Imam Al-Ghazali was a comprehensive summary of his “Revival of the Islamic Sciences”, or Ihya. He lays out the book in a format of 40 essential principles of Islamic spirituality that will guide the reader to improving their relationship with both the creator and creation. This class covers the first half of the book: the Essential Creed, and the Essential Acts of Worship.

4

Class Title: Ghazali’s 40 Essentials II: An Adapted Summary of the Ihya

Course Description:

The human’s lifelong struggle is finding a way to effectively grow closer to Allah SWT. One of the last works written by Imam Al-Ghazali was a comprehensive summary of his “Revival of the Islamic Sciences”, or Ihya. He lays out the book in a format of 40 essential principles of Islamic spirituality that will guide the reader to improving their relationship with both the creator and creation. This class covers the second half of the book: Refraining from Evil Characteristics, and Establishing Praiseworthy Characteristics.

5

Class Title: Unwavering Faith: The Mysteries of Trials & Tests

Course Description:

Every human goes through their share of trials and tests in this world. What we don’t know is that Allah SWT is the All Wise, and these trials can actually bring out the best in us, among other benefits. This class will explore the benefits of trials and tests as taught to us by the Qur’an and the Prophet ﷺ.

6 **Class Title: The Final Hour: Signs of Day of Judgment**

Course Description:

Times like these tend to bring up assumptions pertaining to the nearness of the Day of In times like these, people tend to make assumptions regarding the Day of Judgment, when it will occur, and the manifestation of its signs. These assumptions tend to put the Ummah on edge, and we often forget that the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ was to stay optimistic even if we were to hear the tune of the trumpet. He encouraged us to continue planting our crops while staying conscious of the final hour, so that we can abstain from contributing to the evil of the last days. Many present circumstances have caused us to contemplate the realities of the final day and created questions that many do not know the answers to. Learning the signs of the Day of Judgement is a means of equipping ourselves with sound education to help us navigate the conundrums of our era.

7 **Class Title: Eternal Enemy: The Tricks & Deception of Shaytan**

Course Description:

Enemies come and go, but there is one enemy that has been present from the creation of our father Adam (AS) till today: the devil, Shaytan. Allah SWT tells us that he, along with our lower-selves, are our biggest enemies. To overcome Shaytan, one must be well equipped with knowledge of his workings and tricks. “Eternal Enemy” is a study of Shaytan where students will learn about his reality, his description, his objectives, his tricks, his army, and, most important of all, how we can protect ourselves from his deception.

8 **Class Title: Model Servitude: Servants of the Most Merciful**

Course Description:

The aspiration of every believer is to be the closest one can be to Allah SWT. Thankfully, He SWT tells us in vivid detail what the best of his servants look like. From their devotion to Allah SWT to their mercy towards the creation, they are in a class of their own, near to Allah SWT and worthy of being followed. “Model Servitude” is a detailed study of the last passage from Surah al-Furqan, in which Allah SWT talks about the “Servants of the Most Merciful” (Ibad al-Rahman). Students will study their qualities in detail, learning about each one and supplementing it with stories of the righteous along with steps we can take to reach this favored group of servants.

مفتاح

ARABIC LANGUAGE



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1

Class Title: Arabic 101: The Beginner's Guide to Learning Arabic

Course Description:

Nahw: This course consists of a systematic study of Arabic syntax and grammar. The comprehensive text used in this course covers the various classifications of sentences, and the different components of a sentence's anatomy. It also provides a basic, but detailed, understanding of the Arabic case system, and discusses how Arabic nouns respond to prepositions and verbs in accordance with their role in the sentence.

Sarf: The class introduces students to Arabic morphology, focusing initially on conjugation, but then shifting focus to some of the noun forms that verbs morph into. This course provides students with a necessary base understanding of how Arabic root letters are conjugated to create different words. By the end of the course, students will know how to conjugate verbs in various tenses, determine base letters from non-base letters, and identify verbal patterns that convey information about the number, gender, and voice of a sentence's subject. Additionally, students will also be able to identify the usage of verbs in the Qur'an.

2

Class Title: Arabic 201: The Intermediate Guide to Learning Arabic

Course Description:

This course is designed for those students that have completed the Arabic 101 course at Miftaah. We will build off of the foundation that we established in Arabic 101, as we will focus on various types of sentence structures, developing reading comprehension, and understanding irregular verbs. This course will provide students with the foundations for understanding written classical Arabic, Arabic syntax. The course introduces students to the concept of linguistic cases and surveys the various shades of meaning lent to nouns in these different cases. The course also introduces students to the ways active participles and verbs can affect nouns to give them different shades of meaning. Understanding the concepts in this course is a must for reading any classical Arabic text.

ACADEMIC POLICY

The objective of this online seminary is to provide our students with an in-depth understanding of Islam's various sciences. While there is a focus on the Arabic language, we aim to help students develop a full view of our tradition. Therefore, we have six departments working to develop a complete and holistic curriculum. The academic year is divided into three semesters.

A student can choose from our catalogue of courses based on the subject or genre they wish to pursue. Each department has its own track to earn a certificate of completion. Students will also be given a certificate at the completion of each semester. Student transcripts are available upon request.

Graduation is not a requirement; a student may choose to join the Miftaah Online program without taking the term exams or pursuing a graduation certificate. A student may pick and choose any courses and can even join for just one semester.

TUITION & FINANCIAL AID

Tuition is due and payable in advance online at miftaahonline.org. A payment plan option, in which students can pay for each semester individually, is available for students who are unable to pay the entire tuition at once. Tuition payments cost \$350 per semester or \$650 for a full year bundle, which includes the Fall, Winter and Summer semester. The optional Summer semester costs \$100.00 for 3 courses.

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Financial aid is awarded on a scale based on the student's sponsorship form. Financial aid is designed to ensure that all qualified students can attend Miftaah Institute, while also maintaining that students contribute what they are reasonably able to towards tuition. Those interested in applying for financial aid may complete the form located at miftaah.org/sponsorship.

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