

ISLAMIC STUDIES**ISLAMIC STUDIES COURSE DESCRIPTIONS***ALL COURSES ARE THREE (3) SEMESTER CREDITS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED***FA 3510 Islamic Banking**

The Islamic Banking course aims to enable students to understand Islamic Banking and finance through participation in class discussions on Islamic economics and banking, plus utilizing their knowledge in other areas of Islamic studies. It is the first course in the field of economics and business offered in the Islamic Studies program and provides introductory information about economics, money, and banking along with related Islamic issues.

Prerequisite: EC 1010

IS 1010 Islamic Fundamentals I

Students learn about Islam and its components and then compare it with other religions and cultures in the world today. The course begins with the basics of Islam, its fundamental teachings and rituals. Students also learn the essentials of Western and Eastern cultures and study the main constituents of the Islamic culture. As an introductory course of Islamic Studies, the main teachings of Islam are taught with a modern outlook relating it to the current world and its challenges.

IS 1011 Advanced Islamic Fundamentals

The course comprises the four major fundamental components of Islamic Studies: Aqeedah (The Creed), Tafseer (Exegesis), Hadeeth (The Traditions) and Fiqh (The Practice of the Faith) and is of an introductory level. The basic concepts and terminologies of the four areas are explained. In Aqeedah, the pure monotheistic concept of God is presented along with its opposite Shirk, or the Association of partners with God. The origin of Creation, the purpose of man's life i.e. worship of God, man's return before God for the final Judgment, are explained. This is followed by the most glaring examples of Shirk in the worship of Saints and Graves and through the belief in His Imminence.

Prerequisite: IS 1010

IS 1020 Aqeedah

Aqeedah is a course about Islamic creeds, which are central to Islamic beliefs, practices as well as the understanding of Islam as a religion. The course provides details about the creedal issues in Islamic theology and gives an insight into the reasons of differences among various sects in Islamic history. A comprehensive and critical understanding of the following areas are focused: Tawḥeed al-Ibaadah and Shirk; Conditions for the Shahaadataan; Basic Principles of Tawḥeed al-Asmaa was-Sifaat; Ninety-nine Names of Allah; Belief in Allah: Divine Will; Seeing Allah; the Pen; Tablet; Throne; Ahlus-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah; Companions of the Prophet (ﷺ); the Saints; Tawḥeed: Belief in Allah: Lordship; Attributes and Worship; Issues of Islam and Eemaan; Prophecy; Ascension; the Fountain; Intercession.

IS 1101 Tafseer I

This course covers the 'Fundamental Principles of Qur'anic Interpretation' that essentially refers to the branches of Qur'anic science such as Compilation of Qur'an, Revelation, Abrogation, Dialects, Makkan and Madinan etc., which are necessary to provide an accurate interpretation of the Qur'anic texts. This course is taught in such a way as to prepare the students for carrying out these methodologies themselves for the accurate understanding of the Qur'an. The key tasks include looking at the different branches of knowledge related to the Holy Qur'an, finding out the coherence of verses from the beginning till the end. Advanced English and Arabic language skills required.

IS 1102 Tafseer II

This course covers the exegesis of specified Soorahs from *Juz' 'amma* (30th part of Qur'an). It develops and improves the techniques of understanding Qur'an directly from the text. The interpretation of Qur'an is taught in such a way as to prepare the students for carrying it out themselves for the rest of the Qur'an. The key tasks include looking at the Soorah as a whole, finding out the coherence of verses from the beginning till the end, describing the type and group of verse, and exploring how the end returns to the beginning as a mark of a complete speech. Advanced English and Arabic language skills required. Prerequisite: IS 1101

IS 1103 Tafseer III

This course covers the exegesis of specified assorted Soorahs from Qur'an. It develops and improves the techniques of understanding Qur'an directly from the text. The interpretation of Qur'an is taught in such a way as to prepare the students for carrying it out themselves for the rest of the Qur'an. The key principles of interpretation are inculcated which are aimed at serving as bases of interpretation for the entire Qur'an. Students are encouraged to apply those techniques themselves. The key tasks include looking at the Soorah as a whole, finding out the coherence of verses from the beginning till the end, describing the type and group of verses, and exploring how the end returns to the beginning as a mark of a complete speech. Advanced English and Arabic language skills required.

Prerequisite: IS 1102

IS 1104 Tafseer IV

This course develops and improves the techniques of understanding Qur'an directly from the text. Students get to know various idioms and literary styles of Qur'an, which are essential for its correct understanding and interpretation. They also learn to apply this knowledge themselves in the Soorahs/verses not covered in classes exploring and fine-tuning their skills more and more. Also, there are practical application sessions. Key tasks include submitting assignments based on the finding some of the idioms from the Qur'anic verses and presentations etc. Advanced English and Arabic language skills required. Prerequisite: IS 1103

IS 1201 Arabic Reading and Writing

This course covers the Arabic alphabet, the second most widely used alphabetic writing system in the world, which contains 28 consonants, how to pronounce them and how to write them in the correct way. It also covers the short vowels in Arabic (– –) or (a, u, I) the only three short vowels in Arabic. Each one of them corresponds in pronunciation to one of the three long vowels (aa-oo-ee). It clarifies to the student the difference in pronunciation between the Arabic letters and the English letters, Arabic letters are pronounced according to the first letter of the word; for example, the letter called () Daal is pronounced as (d) and the letter called () raa' is pronounced as (r).

IS 1202 Arabic (Sarf)

The course is geared towards the achievement of the overall goals of Arabic language curriculum in the BAIS Program. In this course the students learn the conjugation patterns of the most commonly used Arabic language verb forms and their derivatives. Trilateral verbs are especially introduced to the beginners in Arabic language. Basic knowledge of Arabic and advanced English language skills required. Various categories of Arabic verbs are taught with extensive assignments for students to help them in their writing skills and in the comprehension of the language.

IS 1203 Arabic I

Arabic I is an elementary course designed to introduce learners of Arabic as a second/foreign language to the basic structures of Arabic and to its uses in common situations of everyday communication. We will spend the semester familiarizing ourselves with what we have done in Arabic reading and writing around the alphabet and spelling conventions of modern standard Arabic, the official language of 22 Arab countries and the language of the Islamic religion. After that we will focus on the four communication skills (reading, speaking, listening and writing) through 4 chapters which treat 4 titles: (1) greeting and introduction, (2) the family, (3) living, (4) the daily life and will immerse ourselves in Arabic language and culture through various activities designed around the serialized and audio-visually enhanced "Arabic between your hands."

IS 1204 Arabic II

This course links the student with Arabic, the language of the Qur'aan and Islamic civilization, and the language of mutual understanding and unity of the Muslim Ummah. Corrects the student's reading and writing skills as well as developing his ability to translate simple phrases, sentences and dialogues. Prerequisite: IS 1203

IS 1205 Arabic III

This course links the student with Arabic, the language of the Qur'aan and Islamic civilization, and the language of mutual understanding and unity of the Muslim Ummah. Corrects the student's reading and writing skills as well as developing his ability to translate simple phrases, sentences, Quranic verses and dialogues. Enables the student to write short composition in Arabic. Prerequisite: IS 1204

IS 1206 Arabic IV

This course continues to develop Arabic writing, speaking, and listening skills. Students learn to predict the meaning of unfamiliar words based on language patterns and roots that they learned previously to increase mastery of Arabic and experience the beauty of Arabic through four chapters of travel, Al-Hajj wal-'Umrah, health, and holidays. Students also gain additional practice with language patterns and are introduced to many constructions of paragraphs and essays. At the end of this course they should be able to comfortably participate in brief conversations. Prerequisite: IS 1205

IS 2101 Hadeeth I

This course is designed to familiarize the student with the various Hadeeth terminologies commonly used by Hadeeth scholars. The student will explore the development of Hadeeth Sciences and the classifications of Hadeeth in reference to acceptance and/or rejection. The student will further explore the tools through which the narrators are scrutinized and the methodology of Hadeeth judges in the past and present.

IS 2102 Hadeeth II

This course serves as a beginning of the practical study of Hadeeth and as an entrance to mother books (original sources). Introduction to Saheeh al-Bukhaaree and Saheeh Muslim and some chapters to be read from these two books in the class. Prerequisite: IS 2101

IS 2103 Hadeeth III

This course is a completion and final stages of the science of the Hadeeth. Students explore criticism, judgment, and their levels. Includes visits to the library for additional research. Prerequisite: IS 2102

IS 2401 Islamic History I

This course covers the 'History of the Dawn of Islam; history of Makkan and Madeenan Period, revelation of Qur'an, its impact on the social and political order, the History of the Glorious Period of Pious Caliphate (Abu Bakr, 'Umar, 'Uthman and 'Ali)' that essentially refers to the events, achievements, changes in social, political and economic orders and the expansion of Islamic territory from the Arabian peninsula up to the heart of Europe, which are necessary to provide accurate information about the said period. It develops and improves the techniques of evaluating the history of a certain period. It addresses the actual step-by-step methodology of understanding the history. This course is taught in such a way as to prepare the students for understanding different aspects of the history enabling them to evaluate the causes of rise and fall of a dynasty. The key tasks include looking at the different aspects of knowledge (social, political and economic conditions) related to the History, finding out the coherence of events; their impacts on the society and then the real and basic causes for the decline of any powerful government. Advanced English and Arabic language skills required.

IS 2402 Advanced Islamic History

This course covers the 'History of Abbasid Period and Ottoman Empire' that essentially refers to the events, achievements, merits and demerits which are necessary to provide accurate information about the said period. It develops and improves the techniques of evaluating the history of a certain period. It addresses the actual step-by-step methodology of understanding the history. This course is taught in such a way as to prepare the students for understanding different aspects of the history enabling them to evaluate the causes of rise and fall of a dynasty. The key tasks include looking at the different aspects of knowledge (social, political and economic conditions) related to the History, finding out the coherence of events; their impacts on the society and then the real and basic causes for the decline of any powerful government like Abbasid and Ottoman. Advanced English and Arabic language skills required.

IS 2610 Comparative Religion

This course is a study of the major beliefs, codes, rituals of worship, community, and historical context of the major faiths and philosophies of the world.

IS 2800-2802 Hifz I-III

These courses cover the 'Memorization of Specific Part of Qur'an' that essentially refers to the memorization of prescribed chapters of Holy Qur'an. It develops and improves the techniques of correct recitation and memorization. This course is taught in such a way as to prepare the students for memorizing the Holy Qur'an correctly with standard recitation rules. The key tasks include looking at the correct pronunciation, correct recitation and confident memorization.

IS 3211 Fiqh I

This course serves as an introduction to Usool al-Fiqh, which is the methodology of Islamic Law. Students will learn the objectives of the Islamic Shariah, as well as how Islamic laws are derived and the various terminologies used therein. They will understand the reason for conflicting rulings. The history of the evolution of Fiqh will also be covered briefly.

IS 3212 Fiqh II

This course is a comparative study of Islamic jurisprudence on three major acts of worship, which are purification, prayer and fasting. Students will be able to understand the reasons for differences in opinion in the four major math-habs (schools of thought) on these issues. The opinions of other sects or scholars will also be discussed.

Prerequisite: IS 3211

IS 3213 Fiqh III

This course serves the continuation of Fiqh series. The objective is to understand the second section of *fiqh al-'ibaadat* (worship+ finance). This includes inheritance, pilgrimage, and Zakat. Students will understand the Islamic finance system, pilgrimage, wills, and related issues. Prerequisite: IS 3212

IS 3214 Fiqh IV

This course provides a detailed look into the various transactions that may occur in a Muslim's life. The topics covered are as followed: marriage and divorce, trade, food and drinks, and criminal law. The rulings of the four madh-habs (schools of thought) will be compared and the reasons for any conflicting opinions will be discussed.

Prerequisite: IS 3213

IS 3620 Fiqh Maxims

This course focuses on words and their implications relative to legal rulings while Fiqh maxims are related to the rulings themselves. Usool maxims were established to fix the methods of deduction and proving for the mujtahid and describe for the legist the methodologies of research for the extraction of maxims from the general evidences. Fiqh maxims are sought in order to firmly link a variety of issues under a single unified ruling.

IS 3101 Seerah I

The Makkan Period and the early life of the Prophet (PBUH) prior to revelation. Childhood, marriage to Khadeejah, revelation and prophethood, early converts, hostilities and atrocities of Makkan people, some sort of torture and persecutions, Secret Da'wah, conversion of Hamza and Umar, the General Boycott, death of Abu Taalib, death of Khadeejah, Taa'if, the night Journey and ascension, Da'wah to pilgrims and conversion of Madeenites and the pledges, plus the Mus'ab ibn Umayr sent to al-Madeenah.

IS 3102 Seerah II

The Hijrah; Immigration to Abyssinia, Quraishite's plot to assassinate the Prophet (PBUH), the command for Hijrah, the journey of the prophet (PBUH) and Abu Bakr, Suraqa, the Qubaa Mosque, the arrival in yathrib, the house of Abu Ayyub, building a new society in Madinah; social, political and economic conditions of Madeenah, a Muslim state, constitution, permission to fight, the battles, the peoples, the army, truce of Hudaibiya, conquest of Makkah, farewell pilgrimage and farewell address. Prerequisite: IS 3101

IS 3700 Heresiology

This course covers the study of the drifting Islamic *Ummah* into a number of sects and then sub-sects (*Khawaarij*, *Rawaafid*, *Murji'ite*, Mu'azalites, Ash'arites, Shi'ites, Druze, Bahais, qadyaanis and the like). The course refers to the study of causes and motives behind deviation, conceptual differences among the groups, case study of these groups and their impact on social and political orders. It develops and improves the techniques of evaluating the history of certain sects addressing the actual step-by-step methodology of understanding the heresiology. The key tasks include looking at the different aspects of knowledge (social, political and conceptual conditions) related to the history of heresiography, finding out the coherence of events caused by the conceptual differences and their impact on the Muslim societies. Prerequisite: IS 1020

IS 4201 Tajweed

Virtues of reciting Qur'aan; definition of Tajweed; Isti'aathah and Basmalah; Arabic enunciation; "al" Shamsiyyah and Qamariyyah; Tafkheem and Tarqeeq; the Rules of Ra and Laam; Rules of Noon and Meem Saakinah; Noon and Meem with Shaddah; Qalqalah; Rules of Idghaam; Rules of Madd; Application.

IS 4995 Islamic Studies Capstone Course

Students are required to integrate all they have learned in their undergraduate studies into an in-depth project.