

Faculty of Shari'ah (Islamic Studies)

Course Description 2005

Department of the Foundations of Religion:

- 0401100 Islamic Culture (Faculty Req. 3 Cr. Hrs.)**
This course aims to establish the concept of culture; Islamic culture and its position among the other international cultures; to introduce the sources of Islamic culture, its bases, characteristics, effects. It includes also the fields of Islamic culture in faith, worship, relations, morals, knowledge and preaching; the struggle between cultures, the challenges facing the Islamic culture, its aspects and ways of solutions; the position of Islamic culture in the Muslim life and the future of the Islamic culture under the contemporary universa
- 0401111 Qur'anic Sciences (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
The course aims at familiarizing the student with various aspects pertaining to Qur'anic studies such as: revelation, history of revelation reasons of revelation, translation, inimitability of the Qur'an, manuscripts, abrogation, recitations, refuting accusations against the Qur'an, and exegesis bases.
- 0401112 Recitation & Memorization / 1 (1 Cr. Hr.)**
Reciting the Qur'an according to the recitation rules; development of recitation of the Qur'an; its importance in some assimilation rules, practical training in reciting chapters (21-30), and memorizing sections 29 and 30.
- 0401121 Hadith Sciences (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
Introduction to Hadith; efforts of Hadith Scholars; development of Hadith studies; types of Hadith; Scholarship of Hadith; scholarly works in Hadith, chain studies, the bases of accepting and refusing Hadiths.
- 0401132 The Foundations of Faith (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
This course aims at strengthening the faith of students, it covers the following topics: the concept of the creed, its characteristics and fundamentals; the meaning of faith, its ranks, essence, pillars, and monotheism; the concept of worship, the Qur'anic manner in presenting creed matters.
- 0401123 The Prophet's Biography (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
Introduction to the study of the Prophet's biography: the sources and characteristics of the Prophet's biography. The events and episodes of the Prophet's biography from birth to death.
- 0401213 Recitation & Memorization / 2 (1 Cr. Hr.)**
(previous req. 0401112)
Practice in reciting; emphasis; lengthening of vowels; rules of "h" and "r"; qualities of sounds; names of sounds; sun letters and moon letters; reciting parts (11-20); memorizing sections 28 and 27.
- 0401211 Exegesis (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
This course aims to give the student an idea about the principles of exegesis the concern of the Qur'an in the principles of belief and their effect on the establishment of the society. The exegesis of Sections: 29 and 30 is a requirement of the course, in addition to the meanings of certain vocabularies of the second half of the Qur'an

- 0401122 Hadith Authentication & the Study of Chains (previous req. 0401121) (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 A study of the books of sunna; how to find Hadiths in these classified books; evaluating the hadiths, books of narrative, and books of Hadith; the course also deals with the definition of scientific research, its bases and procedures, and how to edit manuscripts.
- 0401222 Analytic Hadith (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 This course aims to discuss certain accounts of the Prophet from different aspects such as: their meanings, ascriptions (chain), and words from the following books:
 - Sahih al-Bukhari with Fath al-Bari, 15 accounts from the following chapters: (Bad' al-Wahy, al-'Ilm, al-'Umrah and Khabar al-'Ahad).
 - Sahih Muslim with Sharh al-Nawawi, 15 accounts from the following chapters: (al-Iman, al-Jihad wa al-Imarah, al-Libas wa al-Zinah and Sifat al-Munafiqin).
 - Al-Sunan al-Arba'ah and Musnad al-Imam Ahmad, 20 selected accounts.
 All this in addition to other positions to be read by the student himself from the previous books.
- 0401231 The Creed (Prophicy, Angles, Holy Books and the Hereafter) (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 Special topics in the Islamic creed such as: prophets, Messengers, holy Books; the Hereafter, revelation, miracles, infallibility of prophets, belief in the holy Books, signs of the Hereafter, and scenes of the Hereafter; the evidences of the resurrection and refuting accusations on it.
- 0401314 Recitation & Memorization /3 (1 Cr. Hr.) (previous req., 0401112 & 0401213)**
 Mastering the recitation rules so that they become skill; rules of the glottal stop; conjunctions and disjunction in words; lowering of vowels, reciting sections (1-10), and memorizing sections 25 and 26
- 0401317 Rhetoric Methods in the Qur'an (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 Meaning of style; features of a good style; characteristics of these style in Qur'an and sunna; characteristics of Arabic, the language of the Qur'an; study of certain styles; preposing and transposing; definiteness and indefiniteness; ellipsis; conjunction and disjunction; practical analysis for appreciation; figures of speech.
- 0401311 Analytic Exegesis (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 This course trains the student on the art of exegesis and its books, it also teaches how to analyze Qur'anic texts from a linguistic and rhetorical point of view. The exegesis of Surat al-Nisa' is a requirement of the course in addition to the meaning of certain vocabularies of the first half of the Qur'an.

- 0401312** **Quranic Narratives** **(3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 The concept of a "story" in Qur'an; the characteristics and goals of Qur'anic narratives; methods of research in Qur'anic stories; al-Isra'iliyat (The accounts narrated by Israelites). The course also concentrates on how the Qur'anic Story assists in understanding the Divine bases of change, in life, soul and society. An applied discussion is required on some narratives of certain Prophets.
- 0401223** **Prophetic Guidance in Morals, Decorum and pity** **(3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 A discussion of nearly 20 of the prophet's accounts in Sahih al-Bukhari from the chapter deals with the prophetic guidance in decorum and pity, also selected accounts should be studied from Sahih Muslim. The course aims to give the student a good information of the Prophet's directions, and advices to his followers.
- 0401331** **The Creed (al-Asma' wa al-Sifat)** **(3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 A study of special topics in the Islamic creed such as: names and qualities of Allah (God); Qur'anic exposition of these names and qualities; types of qualities and their meanings; predestination concept and types. The Scholars manners in understanding these qualities. The study of al-Qada' and al-Qadar (fate) is also required in this course
- 0401332** **Comparative Religions** **(3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 The object of this course is to provide a comparative study for the revealed religions, *al-Adyan al-Samawiyyah*, i.e. Christianity and Judaism) and for some other religions, such as Hinduism and Buddhism). This course aims also to enable the student to know the most important issues which relate to the creed and to the private legislation of these religions in comparison with Islam. Moreover, it aims to give the student an ability to compare between the main issues of these religions.
- 0401411** **Inimitability of the Qur'an** **(3 Cr. Hrs.)**
(previous req., 0401111)
 The concept of inimitability; morale, magic challenge and its stages in Qur'an, linguistic and literary inimitability of the Qur'an; the choice of the Qur'anic words; cohesion; coherence; scientific inimitability; difference between theories and facts properties of legislation in the Qur'an, principles of ethics.
- 0401313** **Legislation Verses** **(3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 Exegesis of the Qur'anic verses of legislation and regulation; survey of evidence provided by scholars; lawful and unlawful matters; verses from chapters: al- Baqara, al-Nisa; al-Ma'ida, al-Nur; al-Ahزاب will be discussed . There are three main points to be taken into consideration, those include: the explanation of these verses, the way of producing rules from these verses and the reasons of Scholars' differences (iffound) and how to deal with them.

- 0401412 Exegetes' Manners (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 This course aims to give a general introduction to the sources of exegesis, methods and styles of exegetes in their books of exegesis, difference between exegesis and interpretation ; types of exegesis, characteristics of every school of exegesis, the best way of explaining the Qur'an, the development of exegesis in recent time .
- 0401324 Hadiths of Legislation (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 Introduction to deductive methods; studying and memorizing 30 Hadiths from the book of Subol Al-Salam and Nayl al-Awtar. The course also aims to train the student in using Hadiths in arguments in Fiqh .
- 0401202 The Biography Of The Rightly-Guided Caliphs (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 This course highlights the most important events and developments in political administration and military both domestic and foreign affairs of the Islamic state. It addresses the issue of how can we make benefit of these events in our contemporary time by analyzing the methodology of every caliph in implementing Islam.
- 0401203 Methodologies of Research in The Sciences of Foundations of Religion (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 The course highlights the principles of academic research and the characteristics of successful research in terms of the principles of choosing the material, steps of research , rules of referencing .
 It concentrates basically on recourses of the fundamentals of Islam i.e. Qur'anic exegesis (interpretation), prophetic sayings and faith.
- 0401316 The Thematic Exegesis of the Qur'an (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 This course includes the definition of thematic Qur'anic exegesis and its importance in the context of other types of exegesis of the Qur'an. It highlights the most important efforts that have been paid in this field and the methodologies of scholars in these efforts. It goes further to highlight what is believed to be the best methodology in approaching this sort or type of *Tafsir* (exegesis / interpretation).
 Finally it deals with some chosen themes as mentioned in the Qur'an
- 0401321 The Prophetic Sayings of Al-Sahihain (The Two Sound Authentic Books) (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 This course is basically concerned in a general study for the topics of the two sound authentic books of Imam Bukhari and Imam Muslim, then it concentrates on a chosen collection to help the student to gain special skills in dealing with the right approach of check-editing of prophetic sayings and special linguistic skills.
 Finally it highlights the practical application for the methodology of Imam Bukhari and Imam Muslim in their books.

- 0401333** **Modern Thoughtful Opinions** **(3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 This course aims to throw light on the manners of invasion of western thought of the Islamic World; contemporary ideologies and philosophies; Secularism; Materialism; Communism; Existentialism, pragmatism . The Islamic attitude from these trends.
- 0401404** **Islamic Studies in English** **(3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 This course aims to give the students the most important vocabularies in Islamic scholarship; particularly those of Islamic Call, Creed, Jurisprudence and its Foundations, in order to enable the student to deal with Islamic books in English. The course also includes a discussions of texts from the Qur'an, Hadith books, ancient and contemporary books and books of Orientalists.
- 0401421** **Hadith Scholars' Manners** **(3 Cr. Hrs.)**
(previous req., 0401131)
 The concept of methodology: its importance and history of writing the books of Hadith; methodology of certain Scholars of Hadith, such as: al-Bukhari, Muslim, al-Tirmidhi, al-Nasa'i, Ibn Majah, Abu Dawud, al-Darimi and Malik; to know and discuss the conditions of every one of them in his book; this includes an applied and comparative study to these books.
- 0401422** **Narrators' (of Prophetic Sayings) Critique Wal-Ta'dil** **(3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 Includes the concept of Al-Jarh wal-Ta'dil , its legitimacy, importance and the most eminent and distinguished scholars in this field.
 It includes the basis of rejecting and accepting the narrators in addition to studying the special terms used in this field and their influence on the final judgment on the prophetic saying whether to be accepted or not.
- 0401433** **Islamic Sects** **(3 Cr. Hrs.)**
 Development of Islamic sects; the most important sects; their history; dangers of sects on the Islamic unity; their thoughts; the discussion of: Qadariyyah, Jabriyyah, Mu'tazilites, Shi'ites, Kharijites, Murji'ah, Isma'ilites, Nusayriyyah, Duruz, Baha'is and Qadyanis.