

MIFTAAH LITE PROGRAM

"Open the Door to Sacred Knowledge"



SEMINARY CATALOGUE

EDUCATION | PRESERVATION | APPLICATION



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WELCOME MESSAGE

Fellow Seeker of Knowledge,

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

This catalog contains everything from 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 SWT accepts this effort of ours and grants us all the ability to always be increasing in knowledge and practice. Ameen!

Miftaah Seminary



ABOUT THE LITE SEMINARY

Knowledge is the key ingredient needed to develop ourselves as confident Muslims in today's world. The Lite program is an on-campus, part-time Islamic Studies program hosted in different communities that covers classical scholarly teachings with a grounded explanation of the rich Islamic tradition and its application to the changing modern context.

The program is tailored for youth and professionals who want to boost their knowledge of Islam and implement their teachings. The mission of the program is to provide multiple locations where students can gather to learn Arabic, Quran, and Hadith studies from qualified scholars.

All classes are taught live, and course materials are available to students through the Miftaah Student Portal with lifetime access. The goal is to have students ultimately transfer to the Associate Program and continue their journey of learning Islamic and Arabic studies.

There are no prerequisites or qualifications needed to enroll. All of our classes are taught in a manner that engages both beginner and intermediate students of knowledge. In this way, all students are able to complete the class having increased their understanding of the topic covered.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

2024 - 2025



YEAR 1

WINTER SEMESTER





COURSE OFFERINGS

WINTER SEMESTER JANUARY 6 - MAY 12TH, 2025

Class Title: Prophetic Traditions II

INSTRUCTOR:

LOCATION:

CREDITS:

To be Assigned

Canton, Michigan

3 Credits

Course Description:

This class is an introduction to the comprehension of primary religious sources in their original language and forms the basis of one's ability to interpret, analyze, and apply Islam's holy texts. Using the concise and to the point sayings of God's Messenger (pbuh) collected in the classical text The 40 Hadith of Imam Nawawi, students will begin to utilize concepts learned in their morphology and syntax classes to understand the Prophet's (pbuh) words. A discussion of the grammar and vocabulary included in each hadeeth will be accompanied by a lesson on the hadeeth's meaning and a discussion of its application in our place and time.

Class Title: Figh al-Sawm and Zakat: Exploring Jurisprudence

INSTRUCTOR:

LOCATION:

CREDITS:

To be Assigned

Canton, Michigan

3 Credits

Course Description:

Figh al-Sawm, the jurisprudence of fasting in Islam, represents a profound spiritual journey and a pillar of devotion during the holy month of Ramadan. This course offers a comprehensive exploration of Figh al-Sawm, providing students with a deep understanding of the principles, regulations, and spiritual dimensions of fasting in Islam. Figh al-Zakat, the jurisprudence of zakat in Islam, stands as a vital pillar of social justice and communal welfare, encapsulating the spirit of compassion and solidarity within the Muslim community. This course offers a comprehensive examination of Figh al-Zakat, providing students with a deep understanding of the principles, regulations, and practical applications of this obligatory act of charity.



Class Title: Principles of Figh

INSTRUCTOR:

LOCATION:

CREDITS:

To be Assigned

Canton, Michigan

3 Credits

Course Description:

Principles of Islamic jurisprudence, also known as uṣūl al-fiqh are traditional methodological principles used in Islamic jurisprudence (fiqh) for deriving the rulings of Islamic law. The traditional theory of Islamic jurisprudence elaborates how the scriptures (Quran and hadith) should be interpreted from the standpoint of linguistics and rhetoric. The course reviews the methods for establishing the authenticity of hadith and for determining when the legal force of a scriptural passage is abrogated by a passage revealed at a later date. An exposition of the methods by which the rules of Fiqh are deduced, covering the sources for Islamic law, rules of interpretation, commands and prohibitions, the consensus of opinion, and abrogation.

WINTER SEMESTER JANUARY 6 - MAY 12TH, 2025

Class Title: Imam Ghazali's 40 Essentials I

INSTRUCTOR:

LOCATION:

CREDITS:

Shaykh Abdullah Waheed

Beverly Hills, MI

3 Credits

Course Description:

The human has a lifelong struggle of finding a way to grow closer to Allah in an effective manner. One of the last works Imam Al-Ghazali wrote was a comprehensive distillation 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 guide the reader to improving one's 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.



Class Title: Figh al-Sawm and Zakat: Exploring Jurisprudence

INSTRUCTOR:

LOCATION:

CREDITS:

Shaykh Mohamed Almasmari

Beverly Hills, MI

3 Credits

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YEAR 2

FALL SEMESTER





COURSE OFFERINGS

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

INSTRUCTOR:

LOCATION:

CREDITS:

To be Assigned

Canton, Michigan

3 Credits

Course Description:

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

Class Title: Faith from a Cave: Tafsir of Surah Al-Kahf

INSTRUCTOR:

LOCATION:

CREDITS:

To be Assigned

Canton, Michigan

3 Credits

Course Description:

Our Prophet 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, such as trials of youth, perseverance of faith, knowledge and power, and the trials of Gog and Magog.





Class Title: Figh of Purification and Salah

INSTRUCTOR:

To be Assigned

LOCATION:
Canton, Michigan

CREDITS:

Course Description:

The works on Islamic Law (Figh) 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/impure substances, wudu', tayammum, ghusl, their nullifiers, and more.

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

YEAR 2

WINTER SEMESTER





COURSE OFFERINGS

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Class Title: Virtues and Noble Character: Prophetic Shamail

INSTRUCTOR:

LOCATION:

CREDITS:

To be Assigned

Canton, Michigan

3 Credits

Course Description:

The Shamail of Imam al-Tirmidhi is one of the most extensive and celebrated works on the description and attributes of the Messenger of Allah SWT. The 415 narrations were carefully selected by the great muhadith to craft a vivid depiction of the Prophet SAW. The narrations relate to everything from the apparent beauty of his outer appearance to the more subtle beauty of his noble character and mannerisms. This course will review the Prophet SAW blessed physical appearance, habits, worship, daily routine, spirituality, and much more is painted by those most beloved to him: his noble companions and family members. Through it, one can only increase in love for the Most Beloved, for indeed to know him is to love him. This is a study of the characteristics of the Prophet Muhammad SAW.

Class Title: Sacred Foundations: Nawawi's 40 Hadith Explained (Part 2)

INSTRUCTOR:

LOCATION:

CREDITS:

To be Assigned

Canton, Michigan

3 Credits

Course Description:

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



Class Title: Divine Speech: Beginner's Guide to Exploring the Quran

INSTRUCTOR:

LOCATION:

CREDITS:

To be Assigned

Canton, Michigan

3 Credits

Course Description:

Most Muslims at some point in their life learn how to read the Quran and memorize its shorter Surahs. However, the task of actually understanding the Quran is often perceived as either too daunting or as simple as reading any book. Divine Speech has been tailored by Miftaah'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 Quran, the miraculous nature (l'jaz) of the Quran, the prerequisites of explaining the Quran (Tafsir), current English translations available, and common mistakes made when attempting to understand the Quran.

COURSE MATERIALS

NECESSARY PROGRAM MATERIALS





MIFTAAH STUDENT PORTAL

COURSE BOOKS

Enrolled students are provided with course books that are custom made for the Miftaah curriculum. Hardcover and digital copies are provided for every subject, as well as necessary answer keys and supplemental readings.

POWERPOINTS

When available, course PowerPoints are provided on the student portal. PowerPoints are custom made by the Miftaah team and cover only the necessary topics and information needed to complete the program.

COURSE NOTES

At the end of sessions, notes are provided for select course subjects. Notes are a great way to review course material for upcoming exams.

RECORDINGS

All classes will be recorded and available after class in a video library on the student portal. Students will have lifetime access to the recordings.

TESTING AND EXAMS

Students will be required to take online midterms and final exams for each course subject. Passing grades will be required in order to obtain course credit. Multiple chances may be available for each exam. Course grades will be recorded on each student transcript.

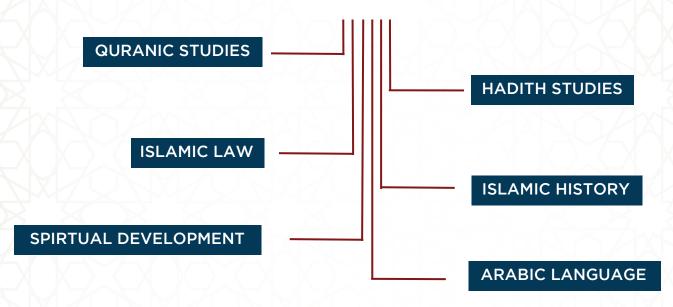
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS GUIDELINE TO LITE PROGRAM COMPLETION





GUIDELINES FOR GRADUATION

THE MIFTAAH LITE SEMINARY CURRICULUM IS CENTERED AROUND 6 CORE SUBJECTS



One of the main factors that distinguish our program is its graduation requirements. To complete the program and graduate, students must receive a passing score for each course. To complete the Miftaah Lite program, the student must complete at least 2 courses per semester for a total of 8 courses over two years.

A total of 8 course courses are needed to qualify for the Miftaah Lite certificate. After completing 8 courses of the Lite program, students are encouraged to transfer to the Associate Program located at the Miftaah Campus.

2 CLASSES



4 SEMESTERS



8 COURSES

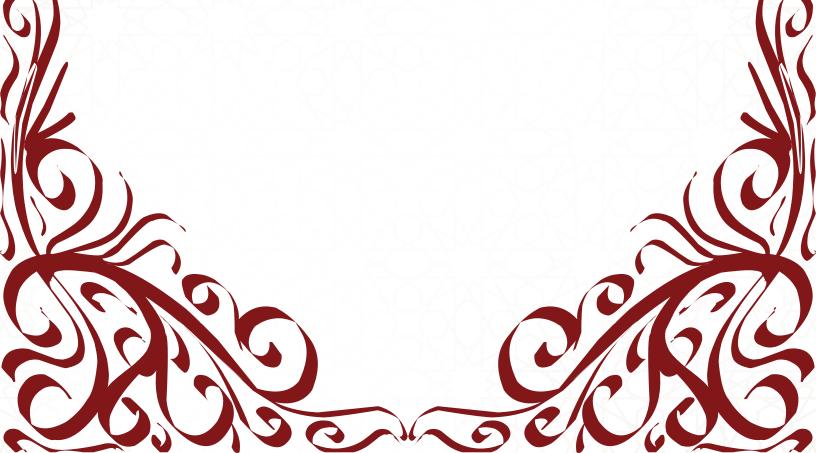
MIFTAAH LITE SEMINARY GRADUATION CERTIFICATE GRANTED

STUDENTS MAY TRANSFER TO THE ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

PROGRAM CURRICULUM



QURAN STUDIES





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Class Title: Quran Exegesis: Tafsir of Juz 30

Course Description:

The 30th Juz of the Quran, 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 Jahnnam.

The course methodically guides students through the last Juz' of the Qur'an and gives students experience translating the uniquely dynamic and engaging style of the Qur'an's Arabic into English. Along with simple translation, students will learn to recognize and appreciate the thematic coherence between verses and chapters, the deeper meanings of Arabic words, grammatical nuances, the historical context of the revelation of various ayahs, and Qur'anic commentary based on Hadith and the authoritative interpretations of the recognized exegetes of the first generations of Islam. Students are also encouraged to develop and discuss personal reflections on the Qur'anic text and lessons for their contemporary times.

Class Title: Principles of Quran

Course Description:

The subject of 'Ulum al-Qur'an is a study of the various sciences of the Qur'an. These sciences include its history, process of revelation, types of recitation, exegesis and more. This course is designed for students to develop a better understanding and relationship with the Book of Allah. Students will cover the various names of the Quran, the history of the Quran, including its revelation and preservation, an introduction to important works of exegesis (Tafsir), and the reason for the various methods of recitation.



QURAN STUDIES

Class Title: Quran Exegesis: Surah Maryam and Mulk

Course Description:

Complete translation and meaning of Surah Maryam and Surah Mulk are covered in this course. Special focus is given to the syntax and etymology of the words and structure used in the verses of the Holy Qur'an. Along with the translation, the course also incorporates interpretations and an in-depth analysis of the Arabic terms of selected verses which enable the students to fully understand the meaning of the Qur'an. Each year covers a different surah for review.

Class Title: Quran Exegesis: Surah Isra

Course Description:

Complete translation and meaning of Surah Isra are covered in this course. Special focus is given to the syntax and etymology of the words and structure used in the verses of the Holy Qur'an. Along with the translation, the course also incorporates interpretations and an in-depth analysis of the Arabic terms of selected verses which enable the students to fully understand the meaning of the Qur'an. Each year covers a different surah for review.



HADITH STUDIES





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

Course Description:

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

Course Description:

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Class Title: Principles of Hadith

Course Description:

The subject of 'Ulum al-Ḥadīth is a study of the methodology of the scholars of Ḥadīth (Muḥaddithīn). Students will learn about the conditions for narrations to be authentic as well as the reasons for which they are weakened. Classification of a hadith is based upon the chain of narration, context, strength of the narrators, number of narrators, etc. 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, and what are the reliable works of Hadith? This course covers the very basic definitions pertaining to the classification of the hadith. The student will be able to comprehend the basic and common terminology used to classify hadith upon completing this course.

Class Title: Hadith Comprehension: Riyad as Salihin

Course Description:

Riyad As Salihin: The Gardens of the Righteous, is one of the most famous works of Imam Nawawi. This collection of authentic hadiths can be briefly defined as a book of enhancing morals, mannerliness, encouraging goodness, and warning against the evil. This work consists of the wisdom of the noble Prophet , setting the criteria about the manners to be observed by individuals. Since the time it was published, Riyad As Salihin has been a must read on the way to deepening in Islamic teaching. This work we present to you with pride is an abridged version of the full compilation.



ISLAMIC LAW





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ISLAMIC HISTORY





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Class Title: Illuminations: Prophetic Biography

Course Description:

In this course, students will cover the events which occurred in the life of the Prophet SAW from his birth to the end of his life. Having been sent to the people of Quraysh in Makkah, one of the most corrupt societies of the time, delivering 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 on how the Prophet stayed true to his principles, while being in a society that persecuted him for no reason other than being Muslim.

After having struggled for 13 years, the Prophet begins 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 worked on developing future leaders, while having to defend Islam by engaging in battles with the enemies. This class covers the era of the Seerah of the Prophet's Birth to Madinah up to his passing from this world.

Class Title: Awestruck: Stories of the Prophets

Course Description:

In this course, it will cover the various stories of the Holy Quran, as well as cover Arabic vocabulary. The stories of the Prophets and all the events in their lives have been supported by the Qur'anic Verses and the Sunnah (traditions) of the Prophet . The systemic narratives of the Stories of the Prophets have been written in chronological order which renders a historical style to the course.





ISLAMIC HISTORY

Class Title: Arabic Literature and Islamic History

Course Description:

This course utilizes the Arabic text, which illustrates the stories of the Prophets in a simple format, to develop Arabic comprehension. Authentic stories carefully written to also help the student learn Arabic and build vocabulary. This course also allows students to apply the knowledge attained from their study of Arabic grammar while helping them work on their Arabic comprehension, writing and speaking skills.



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT



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Class Title: Etiquettes of a Seeker

Course Description:

In this course, students will cover the essential etiquettes of a seeker of knowledge. This course uses examples of our pious predecessors and their characteristics which allowed them to succeed in the realm of gaining Islamic knowledge. Students will learn about how they can implement these characteristics as they begin on their journey of knowledge.

Class Title: Creed: Islamic Theology

Course Description:

A clear and concise representation of the creed of the Ahlus-Sunnah wal-Jama'ah in relation to Allah Most High, His divine attributes, His books, His messengers, His angels, the Day of Judgment, destiny, and life after death will be presented to the student. Covering the most basic tenets with selected commentary, the course will address contemporary issues in detail. Essentially, the course will cover material which all Muslims need to know, believe and inwardly understand with respect to Islamic creed.



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ARABIC LANGUAGE





ARABIC LANGUAGE

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 different types of sentences and the different components of a sentence's anatomy, provides a basic but detailed understanding of the Arabic case system, and discusses how Arabic nouns respond to prepositions and verbs in accordance with the role the noun plays 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 words 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 the subject of a sentence. Students will also be able to identify the usage of verbs in the Qur'an.

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. In this semester we will focus on various types of sentence structures, developing reading comprehension, and understanding irregular verbs.





TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

Tuition is due and payable in advance, via online at miftaah.org/lite. Tuition payments cost \$200 per semester The optional Summer semester costs \$100.00.



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





FACULTY OF INSTRUCTORS

Shaykh Abdullah Waheed

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Shaykh Mohamed Almasmari

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Instructor Canton, MI



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عَنْ سَهُلِ بُنِ سَعُدٍ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ـ صَلَى الله عليه وسلم ـ قَالَ "إِنَّ هَذَا الْخَيْرَ خَزَائِنُ وَلِتِلْكَ الْخَزَائِنِ مَفَاتِيحُ فَطُوبَى لِعَبْدٍ جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ مِفْتَاحًا لِلْخَيْرِ مِغْلاَقًا لِلشَّرِّ وَوَيُلُّ لِعَبْدٍ جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ مِفْتَاحًا لِلشَّرِّ مِغْلاَقًا لِلْخَيْرِ

