

Al-‘Aqabah Associate of Arts in Islamic Integrated Studies

The Associate of Arts in Islamic Integrated Studies is a foundational two-year program designed to cultivate sound Islamic knowledge, spiritual refinement, intellectual development, and community leadership. The curriculum integrates classical Islamic sciences with contemporary social concerns relevant to Modern Muslim life.

Students are required to complete twenty-four courses to earn the Al-‘Aqabah Associates of Arts in Islamic Integrated Studies. Unless special circumstances apply, students must complete the fourteen courses marked with an asterisk (). To fulfill the remaining ten course requirements, students may then select four elective courses, two language courses, and four bonus courses.*

Year One: Foundations of Islamic Knowledge

Belief I: Foundations of Islamic Creed*

Text: ‘Aqīdah al-‘Awām

- ❖ An introduction to Sunni Islamic theology covering the attributes of Allah, prophethood, revealed books, angels, the afterlife, and foundational matters of faith according to orthodox Islamic belief.

Fiqh I: Beginners Maliki Jurisprudence*

Text: Kitāb al-Akhḍarī

- ❖ A study of foundational Mālikī jurisprudence with emphasis on purification and prayer, and the practical application of sacred law in everyday life.

Fiqh II: Beginner Maliki Jurisprudence*

Text: Al-Murshid al-Mu‘īn

- ❖ This course introduces students to the fundamentals of Maliki fiqh, Islamic creed, and spirituality through the timeless poem Al-Murshid al-Mu‘īn by Imam Ibn Ashir.

Forty Hadith I: Prophetic Ethics and Spiritual Formation*

Text: Imam An-Nawawī’s Collection of Forty Hadiths

- ❖ A guided study and explanation of seven foundational hadiths emphasizing character, sincerity, worship, social conduct, and spiritual development.

Forty Hadith II: Prophetic Guidance and Ethical Living*

Text: Imam An-Nawawi's Collection of Forty Hadiths

- ❖ A continuation of hadith studies through an additional seven hadiths emphasizing ethics, leadership, social responsibility, and spiritual excellence.

Forty Hadith III: Prophetic Guidance and Ethical Living

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Forty Hadith VI: Prophetic Guidance and Ethical Living

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Islamic Spirituality I: Purification of the Heart and Spiritual Psychology*

Text: Maṭharat al-Qulūb

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Tafsir I: Commentary on Five Short Chapters of the Qur'an*

Text: Tafsir al-Munir and Tafhim-ul-Quran

- ❖ An introductory study of the meanings, themes, vocabulary, and moral teachings of Sūrahs an-Nās through an-Naṣr (Qur'an 114–110), providing students with a foundational understanding of the final five chapters of the Qur'an.

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Text: Tafsir al-Munir and Tafhim-ul-Quran

- ❖ An introductory study of the meanings, themes, vocabulary, and moral teachings of Sūrahs al-Kāfirūn through al-Fil (Qur'an 109–105), providing students with a foundational understanding of these five chapters of the Qur'an.

Tafsir III: Commentary on Five Short Chapters of the Qur'an

Text: Tafsir al-Munir and Tafhim-ul-Quran

- ❖ An introductory study of the meanings, themes, vocabulary, and moral teachings of Sūrahs al-Humazah through al-ʿĀdiyāt (Qur'an 104–100), providing students with a foundational understanding of these five chapters of the Qur'an.

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Biography of Prophet Muhammad (Seerah) I: Pre-Islamic Arabia to Birth*

Text: Alfiyyah al-ʿIrāqī

- ❖ Explore the historical, social, and religious landscape of pre-Islamic Arabia and the events leading to the birth of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, laying the foundation for the study of his life and mission.

Biography of Prophet Muhammad (Seerah) II: Birth to Revelation*

Text: Alfiyyah al-ʿIrāqī

- ❖ Trace the early life of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ from his birth to the first revelation, exploring the formative events, relationships, and experiences that prepared him for prophethood and the beginning of his divine mission.

Biography of Prophet Muhammad (Seerah) III: Revelation to the First Migration to Abyssinia

Text: Alfiyyah al-ʿIrāqī

- ❖ Trace the early Makkan period of the Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ mission from the first revelation to the first migration to Abyssinia, exploring the challenges faced by the early Muslim community, the foundations of daʿwah, and the lessons of faith, perseverance, and reliance upon Allah.

Biography of Prophet Muhammad (Seerah) VI: First Migration to Abyssinia to the Battle of Badr

Text: Alfiyyah al-‘Irāqī

- ❖ Examine the pivotal events of the Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ mission from the first migration to Abyssinia through the Battle of Badr, highlighting the growth of the Muslim community, the Hijrah to Madinah, the establishment of the first Islamic society, and the lessons of leadership, sacrifice, and divine support.

Usul I: Introduction to Islamic Legal Theory (Uṣūl al-Fiqh)*

Text: Al-Waraqāt

- ❖ Students study the foundational principles used by jurists to derive legal rulings from the Qur'an and Sunnah.

Science of Hadith I: Introduction to Hadith Methodology*

Text: Al-Bayqūniyyah

- ❖ Students are introduced to the terminology, classification, preservation, and transmission sciences of Prophetic hadith.

Arabic Language:

Beginning Arabic I: Foundations of Qur'anic Arabic

Text: Qā'idah al-Nūrāniyyah

- ❖ Learn the Arabic alphabet, letter pronunciation, and vowel system while developing the foundational reading skills needed for the study of the Qur'an and Islamic texts.

Beginning Arabic II: Elementary Arabic

Text: 1st Half of Madinah Book 1

- ❖ This course develops students' foundational skills in reading, writing, vocabulary, and grammar, providing a structured introduction to Classical Arabic and preparing them to understand the Qur'an, Hadith, and other Islamic texts in their original language.

Beginning Arabic III: Elementary Arabic

Text: 2nd Half of Madinah Book 1

- ❖ This course develops students' foundational skills in reading, writing, vocabulary, and grammar, providing a structured introduction to Classical Arabic and preparing them to understand the Qur'an, Hadith, and other Islamic texts in their original language.

Arabic Morphology I: Introduction to Verb Forms I–III

Text: The Ultimate Morphology Workbook

- ❖ This course introduces the foundational principles of Arabic morphology through the study of Verb Forms I–III, enabling students to recognize word patterns, understand how meanings are derived, and strengthen their ability to read and comprehend classical Arabic texts.

Electives:

Family I: Foundations of Islamic Marriage

Text: Tadrib As-Sālik and Selected Texts

- ❖ Explore the Islamic foundations of marriage through the study of sacred law, healthy communication, and the psychological and social dynamics that cultivate strong, faith-centered relationships.

Family II: Parenting & Child Development

Text: Riyāḍah al-Ṣibyān

- ❖ Examine the Islamic principles of parenting and child development, integrating Prophetic guidance with contemporary insights to nurture children with faith, character, emotional well-being, and resilience.

Islam in America I: Black American Muslim Thought and Leadership

Text: Islam in Black America

- ❖ This course explores the lives, leadership, and diverse approaches to Islam of influential Black American Muslim figures, including Imam W. D. Mohammed, Malcolm X, and others, while examining their lasting contributions to the growth and development of Islam in the United States.

Community Development I: Approaches to Conflict Resolution in the Muslim Context

Text: Selected

- ❖ Examine Qur'anic principles, Prophetic guidance, and practical conflict resolution strategies to develop the knowledge and skills needed to mediate disputes, foster reconciliation, and strengthen individuals, families, and communities from an Islamic perspective.

Community Development II: Anti-Racism and Islam

Text: Selected



- ❖ Examine Qur'anic principles, Prophetic guidance, and practical conflict resolution strategies to develop the knowledge and skills needed to mediate disputes, foster reconciliation, and strengthen individuals, families, and communities from an Islamic perspective.