

Al-'Aqabah Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Integrated Studies

The Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Integrated Studies is a foundational two-year program designed to cultivate sound Islamic knowledge, spiritual refinement, intellectual growth, and community leadership. The curriculum integrates the classical Islamic sciences with contemporary issues and social concerns, equipping students to thoughtfully engage the realities of modern Muslim life.

Students are required to successfully complete 46 courses to earn the Al-'Aqabah Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Integrated Studies. Unless otherwise approved by the Seminary, the degree consists of 28 foundational courses, 10 Arabic language courses, and 8 elective courses, providing students with a comprehensive education in the Islamic sciences.

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.

Belief II: Foundations of Islamic Creed*

Text: al-Kharīdah al-Bahiyyah

- ❖ This course introduces the foundational principles of Sunni creed ('aqīdah) through the study of al-Kharīdah al-Bahiyyah, strengthening students' understanding of Allah's attributes, prophethood, the Hereafter, and the essential tenets of 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‘in* by Imam Ibn Ashir.

Fiqh III: Intermediate Maliki Jurisprudence*

Text: *Ashal al-Masālik*

- ❖ This course builds upon foundational Maliki jurisprudence through the study of *Ashal al-Masālik*, equipping students to understand and apply the principles and rulings of worship, transactions, and everyday legal practice within the Mālikī school.

Fiqh IV: Intermediate Maliki Jurisprudence*

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Forty Hadith I: Prophetic Ethics and Spiritual Formation*

Text: Imam An-Nawawi’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.

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

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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-Fīl (Qur'an 109–105), providing students with a foundational understanding of these five chapters of the Qur'an.

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- ❖ An introductory study of the meanings, themes, vocabulary, and moral teachings of Sūrahs al-Humazah through al-‘Ādiyāt (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-‘Irāqī

- ❖ 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-‘Irāqī

- ❖ 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-‘Irāqī

- ❖ 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 da'wah, and the lessons of faith, perseverance, and reliance upon Allah.

Biography of Prophet Muhammad (Seerah) IV: 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.

Biography of Prophet Muhammad (Seerah) V: Battle of Badr to Conquest of Makkah*

Text: Alfiyyah al-'Irāqī

- ❖ Explore the major events of the Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ life from the Battle of Badr to the Conquest of Makkah, examining the key battles, treaties, and milestones that shaped the Muslim community while drawing lessons in leadership, justice, patience, and mercy.

Biography of Prophet Muhammad (Seerah) VI: Conquest of Makkah to the Farewell Hajj and Sermon*

Text: Alfiyyah al-'Irāqī

- ❖ Study the final years of the Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ life from the Conquest of Makkah to the Farewell Hajj and Farewell Sermon, exploring the completion of his mission, the consolidation of the Muslim community, and his enduring legacy of faith, justice, mercy, and leadership.

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.

Logic I: Introduction to Mantiq*

Text: As-Sullam

- ❖ This course introduces the foundational principles of mantiq (Islamic logic) through the study of As-Sullam, equipping students with the tools of sound reasoning, precise definition, and structured argumentation essential for the Islamic sciences.

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 Grammar I: Introduction to Arabic Grammar

Text: Al-Ajrumīyah

- ❖ This course introduces the foundational principles of Arabic grammar (naḥw) through the study of Al-Ājurrūmiyyah, providing students with the essential tools to analyze Arabic sentence structure and read classical Islamic texts with greater accuracy.

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.

Arabic Morphology II: Introduction to Verb Forms IV–X

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.

Arabic Morphology III: Week Verbs

Text: The Ultimate Morphology Workbook

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Text: The Literary Treasures of the Qur'an

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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.

Islam in Africa I: Islamic Movements and Revival

Text: West Africa and Islam

- ❖ This course examines the major Islamic movements, revival efforts, and influential scholars that shaped the spread, renewal, and enduring legacy of Islam across the African continent.

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.

Islamic History I: The Rightly Guided Caliphs*

Text: The Rightly Guided Caliphs

- ❖ This course explores the lives, leadership, and lasting contributions of the Rightly Guided Caliphs, examining the political, spiritual, and social



foundations they established during the formative period of Islamic civilization.

Islamic History II: Dynasties and Civilization*

Text: The Venture of Islam

- ❖ This course examines the rise and development of the major Muslim dynasties, including the Umayyads, Abbasids, and Ottomans, exploring their political, intellectual, and cultural contributions to the growth of Islamic civilization.