

Quranic Immersion Fall 2018

Program	Foundations
Course Title	Qur'anic Immersion: Recitation, Reflection and Application
Course Number	101
Course Type	
No of credit hour	03
Prerequisites	Ability to read Arabic script

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Course Description:

The Quran is Allah's message to humankind. It is a comprehensive book that covers all aspects of life. It is a book of guidance and wisdom through which Muslims learn how to be successful and distinguished human beings. One of the most vital concepts that the Qur'an has emphasized is the manner in which one should approach its holy verses and the ways of dealing with its rules and instructions. In this course, we will identify and learn the most effective methods of interacting with the book of Allah in order to gain its living companionship and Godly directions. We will start with the rules of reciting the Quran (tajwīd), the techniques of the memorization of Quran, which includes reflecting upon its timeless teachings and practically applying these reflections to the social contexts and our day to day lives.

We will dissect the answer to several questions including: Why we should read the Quran with Tajweed? Why we should understand Quran and how we should do that? What are the actions of the heart, mind, and body that help gain full involvement of the inner self in dealing with the Quran? What are the most important characteristics of the Quranic reciters? How can we earn the status of the Qur'anic people? What are the techniques and etiquettes of dealing with the book of Allah? What are the most significant means and elements of Quranic reflection and application? Who are the types of people that deal with book of Allah? What are the barriers of effective communication with the book of Allah?

All this and more will be discussed in great detail through the recitations, reflections, memorizations and the applications that we do of selected verses of the Holy Quran. We will not only learn practical skills to improve our relationship with the book of the Almighty but also with Allah Himself. Through this class, we will Inshallah gain a deeper love and appreciation for the miraculous words of Allah.

Rationale:

Muslims have a responsibility to devote themselves to reading, understanding and memorizing the Qur'an, since proper recitation of the Qur'an is pivotal to a valid and meaningful experience of our prayer. Therefore, proper recitation and understanding of the Quran is essential to one's personal practice and spiritual journey. In addition, anyone who also plans to serve in the capacity of religious leader, chaplain, educator, or

community leader should be firmly grounded in the science of the Quran as part of their sustained spiritual and practical engagement with the sources of Islam.

By the end of this course, our students will be able to recite the Quran properly, have an established foundational practice of Qur'anic memorization, reflection, and application and will have gained the tools to continue a life-long personal relationship with Allah through His final revelation.

Objectives:

- Qualifying students to pursue the advanced academic level of the qur'anic studies.
- Educating students about the foundational rules of the recitation(Tajwid) required to fulfill the obligation of reciting Quran as it was revealed to the prophet.
- Introducing students to the significance and role of the prophet and his companions in preserving the book of Allah.
- Training students how to recite Qur'an and teach it to others.
- Guiding students to the effective techniques of memorization.
- Training students on making reflection and application of the Qur'an's meanings a part of their daily lives.
- Instilling within the student the qualities and values of the reciters of Quran.
- Creating the spiritual environment to cultivate nearness to Allah through Quran in our students' experiences.
- Gaining the qualifications necessary to accurately deliver the knowledge as role models in the community.
- Providing students with a solid foundation and essential skills for a continuous fruitful relationship with the Quran.

Expected Results:

By the end of the course our students will be able:

- To implement at least the following verses and Ahadith:
(أَوْ زِدْ عَلَيْهِ وَرَتِّلِ الْقُرْآنَ تَرْتِيلًا) -
- " and recite the Qur'an with measured recitation."

- "خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ"
- "The best amongst you is the one who learns the Qur'an and teaches it
- "كَانَ خُلُقُهُ الْقُرْآنُ"

- "His character was the Qur'an!"

- "الْمَاهِرُ بِالْقُرْآنِ مَعَ السَّفَرَةِ الْكِرَامِ الْبَرَّةِ"
- "The one who recites the Qur'an smoothly and precisely will be in the company of the noble and obedient angels"

• To memorize at least 1 juz' of Qur'an during the semester.
• To demonstrate the growing capacity by teaching Quran to others.
• To design personal goals and plans for memorization, recitation, reflection, and application in their daily lives.
• To outline and connect the lived examples of past and present great reciters to one's own life.
• To reflect on the Quranic verses that pertain to matters of one's personal life affairs.
• Practice and apply the Qur'anic values and tools in a variety of contexts.

- Create an environment for an ongoing qur'anic reflections.
- Identify and develop methods to break down the barriers to an effective relationship with the book of Allah.
- Prepare an effective oral presentation to different audiences with different messages.
- Identify methods of enhancing listening

Course Outline:

- Quranic Definitions and Terminologies
- General Etiquettes of Reading Qur'an.
- The Sciences of the Qur'an
- The actions of heart and mind for full engagement with the Quran.
- Stages and history of preservation of Qur'ān
- The means of Approaching and understanding the Quran
- The History of the reciters and Tafseer Schools.
- Elements of the qur'anic reflections and application.
- The significance of teaching and Listening to the book of Allah.
- The Principles of Qur'aan Memorization.
- The intellectual and spiritual history of the scholars of the Qur'an (i.e. those Sahaba, Tabi'in, scholars of the salaf and khalaf who were steeped in the Qur'anic Sciences)
- Our Prophet's qur'anic recitations.
- Reflections and Practical Lessons from selected Surahs;(Surah al-Fatihah, Surah Ya Sin, Surah al-Waqi'ah, Surah al-Mulk, Surah al-Kahf...)
- Why should we read Quran with Tajweed?
- The types of Mistakes in Tajweed
- (Rules of Istiadhah and Basmala)
- Rules of Nun Sakin/Tanwin, Nun/Meem Mushaddad
- Rules of MeemSakin, Rules of Lam
- The Sifaat
- Rules of Ra
- The Rules of Madd
- The first generation of reciters: (Abdullah ibn Abbas, Abdullah Ibn Mas'ud, Abu Musa Al-Ashari, Musab Ibn Umayr, Ubayy Ibn Kab, Zayd ibn Thabit...)

Teaching Methodology:

- Lecture:
 - Engaging and well-organized traditional lectures with or without slides.
 - Should include opportunities for question and answer sessions
- Discussion:
 - Discussion questions provided by students or professor aimed at collectively unpacking or building off the readings. Professor should have a clear goal of which main points the discussions should lead towards understanding, while also having the ability to connect any new concepts to the core material.
- Group-work:
 - Preparation for class
 - Review after class
 - Each One Teach One: re-teaching and tutoring as a means of developing mastery. Professor will assess the quality of the transference of knowledge.

- Memorization Partnerships: to help students motivate each other to memorize Qur'an
- Research Projects: Intellectual and Spiritual Biographies
 - Whether a written essay or an in-class presentation, intellectual and spiritual biography projects will be integral to this course. Students will chose a scholar of Tajwid and research that scholar's intellectual method and pious application of knowledge.
- Reading: Close guided and independent reading and contemplation of the Qur'an, the instructional manuals on Tajwid, as well as informative academic sources.

Course Requirements:

- Participation: (Active and productive participation in class discussions, preparation of questions and ideas for class discussion.
- Reflective written journal: (Electronic submission of reflections on each class and the most practical manners learned).
- Group Oral Presentation: (Teamwork and power-point presentation)
- Oral and written final exams.

Grading system :

- Oral and written Exams: 30%
- Class Participation: 20%
- Reflective journal 20%
- Group work and presentations 30%

Course Highly Recommended Readings:

1- Al Quran the linguistic miracle

https://d1.islamhouse.com/data/en/ih_books/single2/en_quran_the_linguistic_miracle_linguisticmiracle.pdf

2- The miracle of quran

http://www.muslimlibrary.com/dl/books/English_The_Miracles_of_The_Quran.pdf

3- **The obligations Muslims owe to the Quran**

https://www.muslimlibrary.com/dl/books/English_THE_OBLIGATIONS_MUSLIMS_OWE_TO_THE_QURAN.pdf

4- **Tafseer Maududi**

<https://www.quran411.com/quran/quran-tafseer-maududi.pdf>

5- At-tibyanFiAdabHamalatAl-quran- An-nawawi-

<https://shiroholmustaqim.files.wordpress.com/2009/11/keutamaan-membaca-mengkaji-al-quran-at-tibyaan-fii-aadaabi-hamalatil-quran.pdf>

<https://archive.org/details/At-tibyanFiAdabHamalatAl-quran-ShaykhAl-islamAn-nawawi->

Recommended sources

www.Tajweed.com

www.heesbees.wordpress.com

• Audios of Shaykh Al-Husary, Shaykh Ayman Suwaied, & Tardeed- Makharij

• Quranic webinar

www.tardeed.com

<http://www.qtafsir.com/>

- The art of reciting the Qur'an / Kristina Nelson. (selections from)
- An intro to Tajwid Book
 - Tajwid Rules of Qur'an

- Bk. 1:
<https://archive.org/stream/TajweedRulesOfTheQuranP3/Tajweed%20Rules%20of%20the%20Quran%20Part%201#page/n0>
- Bk. 2:
<https://ia800505.us.archive.org/6/items/TajweedRulesOfTheQuranP3/Tajweed-Rules-of-the-Quran-p2.pdf>
- Bk. 3:
<https://ia800505.us.archive.org/6/items/TajweedRulesOfTheQuranP3/Tajweed-Rules-of-the-Quran-p3.pdf>

Recommended Readings:

- The story of the Qur'an : its history and place in Muslim life / Ingrid Mattson.
- The art of reciting the Qur'an / Kristina Nelson.
- The Perfect Guide to the Sciences of the Qur'an (al-Itqan fi 'Ulum al-Qur'an) / al-Suyuti
- The Jewels of the Qu'ran, Abu Hamid al-Ghazali
- The Forty Foundations of Religion, Abu Hamid al-Ghazali

Tentative class schedule:

Time	Topics	
First Class		
	Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussing the syllabus - General Etiquettes of Reading Qur'an. - (Rules of Istiadhah and Basmala) • Reflections and Practical Lessons from selected Surahs;(Surah al-Fatihah, 	
Second Class		
	Definitions and Terminologies القرآن الترتيل التلاوة القراءة التجويد التفسير التدبر التنكر التأويل التفسير الاستظهار الحفظ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections and Practical Lessons from selected Surahs;(Surah al-Mulk, 	

Third Class		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The actions of heart and mind for full engagement with the Quran. - Reflections and Practical Lessons from selected Surahs;(, Surah al-Mulk, - Why should we read Quran with Tajweed? - The types of Mistakes in Tajweed 	
Fourth class		
	<p>Virtues of the Holy Qur'an Noon saakin and Tanween</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reflections and Practical Lessons from selected Surahs;(, Surah al-Waqi'ah,) 	
Fifth Class		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Principles of Qur'aan Memorization. ● Our Prophet's qur'anic recitations. ● Reflections and Practical Lessons from selected Surahs;(Surah al-Waqi'ah,) ● Rules of Nun Sakin/Tanwin, Nun/Meem Mushaddad 	
Sixth Class		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Principles of Qur'aan Memorization. ● Our Prophet's qur'anic recitations. ● Reflections and Practical Lessons from selected Surahs;(Surah al-Waqi'ah,) ● Rules of Nun Sakin/Tanwin, Nun/Meem Mushaddad 	
Seventh Class		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elements of the qur'anic reflections and application. ● Reflections and Practical Lessons from selected Surahs;(Surah Ya Sin, ...) ● Rules of MeemSakin, Rules of Lam ● The first generation of reciters: (Abdullah ibn Abbas, Abdullah Ibn Mas'ud, Abu Musa Al-Ashari, Musab Ibn Umayr, Ubayy Ibn Kab, Zayd ibn Thabit...) 	
Eighth Class		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stages and history of preservation of Qur'ān ● Reflections and Practical Lessons from selected Surahs;(Surah Ya Sin, ...) ● Rules of MeemSakin, Rules of Lam ● The first generation of reciters: (Abdullah ibn Abbas, Abdullah Ibn Mas'ud, Abu Musa Al-Ashari, Musab Ibn Umayr, Ubayy Ibn Kab, Zayd ibn Thabit...) 	
Ninth Class		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Sciences of the Qur'an ● The means of Approaching and understanding the Quran ● Reflections and Practical Lessons from selected Surahs;(Surah al-Kahf...) ● The Sifaat ● Rules of Ra ● The first generation of reciters: (Abdullah ibn Abbas, Abdullah Ibn Mas'ud, Abu Musa Al-Ashari, Musab Ibn Umayr, Ubayy Ibn Kab, Zayd ibn Thabit...) 	
Tenth Class		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The means of Approaching and understanding the Quran ● Reflections and Practical Lessons from selected Surahs;(Surah al-Kahf...) ● The Rules of Madd ● The first generation of reciters: (Abdullah ibn Abbas, Abdullah Ibn Mas'ud, Abu Musa Al-Ashari, Musab Ibn Umayr, Ubayy Ibn Kab, Zayd ibn Thabit...) 	
Eleventh Class		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reflections and Practical Lessons from selected Surahs;(Surah al-Kahf...) ● The Rules of Madd <p>The first generation of reciters: (Abdullah ibn Abbas, Abdullah Ibn Mas'ud, Abu Musa Al-Ashari, Musab Ibn Umayr, Ubayy Ibn Kab, Zayd ibn Thabit...)</p>	
Twelfth Class		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The means of Approaching and understanding the Quran ● Reflections and Practical Lessons from selected Surahs;(Surah al-Kahf...) ● The Rules of Madd <p>The first generation of reciters: (Abdullah ibn Abbas, Abdullah Ibn Mas'ud, Abu Musa Al-Ashari, Musab Ibn Umayr, Ubayy Ibn Kab, Zayd ibn Thabit...)</p>	