

Darul Uloom Online

INSTITUTE OF ISLAMIC STUDIES

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INTRODUCTION

Darul Uloom Online is a web based Islamic institute. It is a continuation of the chain of sacred schools (مدارس) that have transferred the legacy of knowledge from one generation to another. This online institute was founded to preserve and deliver knowledge to men and women of all ages from all over the world. It follows a comprehensive, five year Alim Preparatory Course, and the final 6th year *dawrah Hadith*, covering the following subjects:

- Arabic Grammar (Syntax and Morphology)
- Arabic Literature (Speech, Composition, and Rhetoric)
- Islamic Theology ('Aqidah)
- Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence (Usul al-Fiqh)
- Fiqh (Jurisprudence)
- 'Ulum al-Hadith (Sciences of Hadith Interpretation)
- Hadith (Prophetic Traditions)
- Usul al-Tafsir (Principles of Exegesis)
- Tafsir al-Quran (Exegesis)
- Sirah (Prophetic Biography)

A group of designated Islamic scholars have designed the curriculum to suit the schedules of even the busiest students. Imagine studying the Alim course in the traditional way right from your home under highly educated and designated scholars of Islam. Imagine joining them through live video conferencing and being among those who followed the command of the Prophet (PBUH): one who is present must convey (the knowledge) to one who is absent.

Using an English, then Arabic medium, our six year Islamic studies course is designed and developed to cater specifically to English-speaking students. Our audience is men and women, who intended to study the Islamic sciences, but were prevented by their jobs or family responsibilities. This course is also beneficial for students in universities and colleges who desire to serve Islam, but whose ongoing education does not allow them to enroll in a full-time Islamic institute.

It also targets those who cannot afford to travel abroad to study. Here is a chance for all of you to study Islam the traditional way and later serve your community as an Alim or Alimah.

PROGRAMS

- **Five year Alim Preparatory Course:**

Students have three options in this course: Full time, Part Time A, Part Time B. Full time students will attend classes 3 hours per day for five days. 15 hours per week. Part Time A students will attend classes 9-11 hours per week. Part Time B students will attend classes 5-7 hours per week. For Part Time students, the hours vary depending on the courses they choose to take.

After students complete five years of course work, they will have two options. They can go to their local *madrasah* or scholar for their *dawrah hadith* sixth year or , if they meet the requirements, they can apply to Darul Uloom Online for their sixth year.

- **Sixth Year at DUO: *Dawrah Hadith* Requirements:**

The requirements for sixth year ensure that our students maintain and retain the highest caliber of Islamic knowledge and morals. Our students will carry their knowledge to benefit the present and future generations. Therefore we have set the following prerequisites for all the students:

1. Maintain a minimum average of 85 in each of the subjects.
2. Provide referrals of at least **two** certified scholars. One referral can be from a teacher at DUO, and one must be from outside the institute.
3. Submit a minimum 800 word essay describing what you have gained and your future goals. What do you hope to accomplish as an Islamic scholar?
4. Students must also demonstrate the sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in their daily lives.
5. Assessment Exam

After passing the prerequisites, students will be interviewed by the DUO panel. The interview will be the final determination in accepting the student for sixth year.

- **Intensive Arabic Course:**

The Intensive Arabic course is included in the course work of the Alim Preparatory course. This course is also offered separately for students who wish to learn and master Arabic.

MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

Alim Preparatory Course:

The medium of instruction starts with a combination of English and basic Arabic in the first year. As the students begin to master the Arabic language; the medium shifts to Arabic by the fourth year. Our students can expect to be proficient in Arabic language by the time they graduate from our institute.

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BOOKS AND MATERIALS

DUO provides the students with all the books in PDF format. The course materials will be available on the course page for each subject. If you wish to purchase hard copies, you may do so from any bookstore.

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TUITION AND FEES

The academic year is divided into two semesters. Duration of each semester is 5 months, approximately.

Program	Fall	Spring	Total
Full Time	\$600	\$600	\$1200
Part Time A	\$500	\$500	\$1000
Part Time B	\$400	\$400	\$800
Intensive Arabic	\$500	\$500	\$1000

*New students are require to pay one time registration fee: \$150

CURRICULUM

YEAR 1



Semester 1

ARB 101: Arabic Composition

The basic Arabic language concepts are taught using the renowned Madinah Islamic University's Arabic course.

Book:

“دروس اللغة العربية” Arabic Course, Vol 1.

SRF 101: Sarf (Arabic Morphology)

Arabic morphology is a branch of Arabic grammar which deals with recognizing word-forms and patterns. It is a highly essential science in order to be proficient in Arabic. Acquiring an understanding of word patterns and forms is of prime importance in learning Arabic syntax.

Book:

“من كنوز الصرف”

Treasures of Arabic Morphology

NHW 101: Nahw (Arabic Grammar)

The basic concepts of Arabic grammar.

Book:

“تسهيل النحو” *Tas'heel un Nahw*

FQH 101: Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence)

Covers the approaches of *Ibadah* in systematic manner.

Books:

“تعليم الحق” *Ta'leem ul Haq*

TFS 101: Tafsīr (Qur'ānic Exegesis)

A simplified and straight forward approach is taught, to grasp the deeper meanings of the Qura'an.

Chapters:

Surah Al Fatiha, Surah Al Balad to Surah An Nas

HAD 101: Hadith (Prophetic Traditions)

The purpose of this course is to give the student an introduction to the study of hadīth in specific and the Arabic language in general. Students will learn the basics of Arabic grammar and morphology through this course and will be expected to memorize each hadīth with its translation and be able to explain the depth of its meaning as well.

Book:

“الأربعين النووية” Forty Hadith

“تعليم المتعلم” *Ta'leem ul Muta'llim*

Semester 2

ARB 102: Arabic Composition

The intermediate Arabic language concepts are taught using the renowned Madinah Islamic University's Arabic course.

Book:

“دروس اللغة العربية” Arabic Course, Vol 2.

LIT 102: Arabic Literature

Introduces students to Arabic through reading about the lives of some of the prominent prophets. Students will learn Arabic grammar (Nahw) and morphology (Sarf) as well as work on their speaking skills.

Book:

“قصص النبيين” Stories of the Prophets

NHW 102: Nahw (Arabic Grammar)

The basic concepts of Arabic grammar.

Book:

“لسان القرآن” *Lisaan ul Qur'ān* Vol 1.

FQH 102: Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence)

Covers the approaches of *Ibadah* in systematic manner.

Books:

“نور الإيضاح” *Noor ul Idah*

TFS 102: Tafsīr (Qur'ānic Exegesis)

A simplified and straight forward approach is taught, to grasp the deeper meanings of the Qura'an.

Chapters:

Surah Ya Seen, Surah Ar Rahman, Surah Al Waqi'ah, Surah Al Mulk

HAD 102: Hadith (Prophetic Traditions)

The purpose of this course is to give the student an introduction to the study of hadīth in specific and the Arabic language in general. Students will learn the basics of Arabic grammar and morphology through this course and will be expected to memorize each hadīth with its translation and be able to explain the depth of its meaning as well.

Book:

“مشكاة الآثار” *Mishkat ul Aathaar*

YEAR 2**Semester 1****ARB 201: Arabic Composition**

The advance Arabic language concepts are taught using the renowned Madinah Islamic University's Arabic course.

Book:

“دروس اللغة العربية” Arabic Course, Vol 3.

LIT 201: Arabic Literature

Covers the lives of the companions of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Students will learn Arabic grammar (Nahw) and morphology (Sarf) as well as work on their speaking skills.

Book:

“صور من حياة الصحابة”

Stories from the Lives of the *Sahabah*

NHW 201: Nahw (Arabic Grammar)

Continuation of the concepts of Arabic grammar.

Book:

“الأجرومية” *Al Ujroomiyyah*

“هداية النحو” *Hidayat un Nahw*

FQH 201: Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence)

This course covers a preliminary but detailed description of basic Islamic Law. Students will have the opportunity to complete the study of a classical manual of Hanafi jurisprudence that consist of approximately 12,500 legal issues, spanning the entire spectrum of Islamic law and covering matters of worship, business transactions, personal law, and penal/civil matters, etc.

Books:

“مختصر القدوري” *Mukhtasar Al Qudoori*

TFS 201: Tafsīr (Qur'ānic Exegesis)

Designed to give students a complete comprehension of Qur'anic exegesis related to the chapters of the Qur'an from the background of their revelation to a description of related rulings, ethics and linguistic approach.

Chapters:

Surah Al Baqarah

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SER 201: Seerah**(Biography of the Prophet)**

This course is a self study. It will cover the life of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Students will be required to read assigned chapters and complete exercises and assignments on their own.

Book:

“الرحيق المختوم” The Sealed Nectar

Semester 2**ARB 202: Arabic Composition**

Aims to develop writing skills within a variety of subjects. It engages students in extensive readings in various prose techniques and writing Arabic essays on familiar and current themes.

Book:

“العربية للناشئين”

Al-‘Arabiyyah lil-Nāshi’īn, Vol 4.

LIT 202: Arabic Literature

Continuation of the lives of the companions of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Book:

“صور من حياة الصحابة”

Stories from the Lives.

NHW 202: Nahw (Arabic Grammar)

Continuation of the concepts of Arabic grammar.

Book:

“هداية النحو” *Hidayat un Nahw*

FQH 202: Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence)

Continuation of the Islamic law. Covers marriage laws, divorce laws and transaction laws.

Books:

“مختصر القدوري” *Mukhtasar AlQudoori*

TFS 202: Tafsīr (Qur’ānic Exegesis)

Continuation of the exegesis.

Chapters:

Surah Al Imran – An Nisa

SER 202: Seerah**(Biography of the Prophet)**

This course is a self study. Continuation of SER 201; the life of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Students will be required to read assigned chapters and complete exercises and assignments on their own.

Book:

“الرحيق المختوم” The Sealed Nectar



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Semester 1

ARB 301: Arabic Composition

Continuation of Arabic language and writing skills.

Book:

“ العربية للناشئين ”

Al-‘Arabiyyah lil-Nāshi ’īn, Vol 6.

AQD 301: Aqeedah (Islamic Doctrine)

A general introduction to Islam, its fundamental beliefs, tenets and concepts. Defines the importance of 'aqidah (creed) in the life of Muslims, the role of the Messengers of Allah in consolidating the 'aqidah of tawhid, the prophet Muhammad's (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) message of tawhid and its comparison to other concepts of God, the articles of Faith: Oneness of God, angels, Holy Scriptures, Messengers, Qadr and the Resurrection; significance of belief in them and impact on human personality, culture and society.

Book:

“ شرح العقيدة الطحاوية ”

FQH 301: Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence)

Continuation of the Islamic laws.

Books:

“ مختصر القدوري ” *Mukhtasar Al Qudoori*

TFS 301: Tafsīr (Qur’ānic Exegesis)

Continuation of the exegesis.

Chapters:

Surah Al Maidah – Surah An’aam

UST 301: Usūl al-Tafsīr

(Principles of Exegesis)

Gives students a firm understanding of the principles of Qur'anic commentary and interpretation. This involves extensive

exposure to original classical Tafsir sources. The course focuses on the study of the major classical theories and themes in the interpretation of the Qur'an and discusses different genres and characteristics of Qur'anic exegesis.

Book:

“ التبيان في علوم القرآن ”

ETQ 301: Etiquettes

This course is a self study. Students will complete activities and assignments on their own time as per the due date. It is designed to improve the characteristics, morality and many facets of a student of knowledge.

Book:

“ إصلاح المسلمين ” *Islaahul Muslimeen*

“ إكمال الشيم ” *Ikmaal Ush Sheeyam*

Semester 2

BLG 302: Balāghah (Rhetoric)

Covers the key principles of rhetoric and how these principles are used to comprehend the Qur'an and Hadith. It aims to sharpen the student's linguistic skills in speech and composition while illuminating the bridge between syntax and semantics. It also shows how linguistics, pragmatics, and aesthetics overlap.

Book:

“ دروس البلاغة ”

FQH 302: Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence)

Deals with transmitted and logical arguments support jurisprudential point of view. Hidayah, one of the most influential compendia of Hanafi law, which has been

the subject of numerous commentaries and glosses, is taught in this course.

Book:

“الهداية” Part 1. (الطهارة و الصلاة)

USF 302: Usūl al-Fiqh

(Principles of Jurisprudence)

Teaches the methods of extracting rules (Istinbat al-ahkam) from the texts, the evidence over which the jurists differed, and conflicts of evidence and methods of resolving them. The course is designed to discuss related issues on basic level covering

the chapter of Book, the chapter of Sunnah, the chapter of consensus and the chapter of analogy in contemporary format.

Book:

“الموجز في أصول الفقه”

Al Mujaz fi Usul Al Fiqh

TFS 302: Tafsīr (Qur'ānic Exegesis)

Continuation of the exegesis.

Chapters:

Surah Al Araaf – Surah Taubah

YEAR 4



Semester 1

TFS 401: Tafsīr (Qur'ānic Exegesis)

A balance of exegetical interpretations, comprising of various modes of recitation and case endings. It includes examples of rhetorical pieces and artistic compositions, as well as incorporating mainstream views. This *tafsir* is free from unaccepted and innovational views. This course of study encapsulates the ideal balance of depth and brevity.

Book:

“تفسير الجلالين” *Jalalayn* Vol 1.

FQH 401: Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence)

Continuation of the Islamic Jurisprudence.

Book:

“هداية” Part 1. (الصوم , الزكاة , الحج)

USF 401: Usūl al-Fiqh

(Principles of Exegesis)

Teaches the advanced parameters of Usūl al-Fiqh. The goal is to sharpen students' intellect to distinguish between correct and

false formulation of legal arguments. The book is divided in four main sources of jurisprudence: Qura'an, Sunnah, Ijma', and Qiyas.

Book:

“أصول الشاشي” *Usūl Ash Shashi*

Semester 2

TFS 402: Tafsīr (Qur'ānic Exegesis)

Continuation of TFS 401.

Book:

“تفسير الجلالين” *Jalalayn* Vol 1.

FQH 402: Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence)

Continuation of the Islamic Jurisprudence.

Book:

“الهداية” Part 3 & 4

Transactions and Preemptions (البيوع و الشفعة)

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MER 402: Meerāth (Inheritance Laws)

A study of the Islamic laws of inheritance. Teaches distribution of wealth upon the death of a family member.

Book:

“السراجي في الميراث” *As Siraji fil Meerāth*

**ULH 402: Uluḡ al-Hadīth
(Principles of Hadith))**

Students will study the many sciences of

hadith literature, including hadith nomenclature, chain and text criticism, accreditation of hadith narrators, the history of hadith compilation, etc.

Book:

“نخبة الفكر” و “مقدمة مشكاة المصابيح”

*Muqaddimah Mishkat Al Masawbih
Nukhbat Al Fikar*

YEAR 5

Semester 1

TFS 501: Tafsīr (Qur'ānic Exegesis)

Continuation of exegetical interpretations.

Book:

“تفسير الجالين” *Jalalayn Vol 2.*

HAD 501: Hadith (Prophetic Traditions)

Prepares students for their final *dawrah* hadith year. The course introduces hadiths from *Siha Sitta, Sunan Baihaqi, Sunan Daarmi, Musnad Ahmed etc.* This course enables students to grasp the material more easily in their final year.

Book:

“مشكاة المصابيح” *Mishkat Al Masawbih*

Semester 2

TFS 502: Tafsīr (Qur'ānic Exegesis)

Continuation of TFS 501.

Book:

“تفسير الجالين” *Jalalayn Vol 2.*

HAD 502: Hadith (Prophetic Traditions)

Continuation of HAD 501.

Book:

“مشكاة المصابيح” *Mishkat Al Masawbih*



YEAR 6 - DAWRAH

Students will be admitted to the *Dawrah* year after passing all the requirements listed on page 2.

HAD 610: Hadith (Prophetic Traditions)

Begins with an introduction to the study of Imam Muhammad ibn Isma'il al-Bukhari's famed "*Al-Jami' Al-Musnad As-Sahih Al-Mukhtasar min Umur Rasul Allah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam wa Sunanihi wa Ayyamihi*". This class has 2 sessions. In the first session, students will cover a detailed explanation and commentary of the entire book, from the Chapter of Revelation (bad'i al-wahi) to the Chapter of Praiseworthy Qualities (manaqib). Lectures will focus on understanding the meanings of the hadiths as well as all related legal commentary. In the second session, Students will begin the course with the Chapter on the Prophet's Campaigns (maghazi) and continue until the entire book and its related commentary is completed. In both Bukhari classes, special emphasis is placed on understanding Imam Bukhari's choice of chapter headings and his oft-repeated statement, "Some people said...".

Book: *Sahih Bukhari*

HAD 620: Hadith (Prophetic Traditions)

The study of Imam Muslim's *Sahih* focuses on the commentary of the chapters on faith (*iman*) and selected chapters on business and civil law. The introduction of the *Sahih*, in which Imam Muslim discusses some fundamental principles of hadith criticism, begins the course and discussion of the differences between Imam Muslim's principles and his contemporaries in the field of hadith is especially emphasized.

Book: *Sahih Muslim*

HAD 630: Hadith (Prophetic Traditions)

The study of Imam Tirmidhi's famous hadith collection will focus on the jurisprudence of the prophetic narrations. In this course, students will analyze the hadiths to gain a greater understanding of the legal evidences employed by the great jurists of Islam. A comparative study of the opinions of each school of jurisprudence will be accompanied by an in-depth analysis of their evidences and reasons why certain opinions were given preference over others.

Book: *Jami' al-Tirmidhi*

HAD 640: Hadith (Prophetic Traditions)

Imam Abu Dawud's book is unique amongst the large collections of hadith due to its excellent organizational scheme and presentation of juristic evidences. Students will study selected chapters of this book, beginning with the Chapter of Purity, and focus on understanding the method of legal derivation as employed by the jurists to the prophetic narrations.

Book: *Sunan Abi Dawud*

HAD 650: Hadith (Prophetic Traditions)

The study of Imam Nasa'i's *Sunan* emphasizes recognizing the subtle details of hadith chains. While much discussion will include the meanings of the traditions and the legal implications of each hadith, more focus will be given to the nuances of the study of hadith chains and recognizing mistakes in historical transmission as expounded upon by Imam Nasa'i himself.

Book: *Sunan an-Nisa'i*

HAD 660: Hadith (Prophetic Traditions)

This course will cover three books of hadith, namely two editions of Imam Malik's renowned Muwatta and Imam Ibn Majah's Sunan. The editions of both Muhammad ibn al-Hasan al-Shaybani and Yahya ibn Yahya al-Laythi of Malik's Muwatta will be covered and a comparative study of both editions will be included. In Ibn Majah's Sunan, students will cover the chapters on faith, knowledge, and the virtues of the Companions.

Book: *Sunan Ibn Mājah Muwatta Malik, Muwatta Muhammad*

HAD 660: Hadith (Prophetic Traditions)

Considered the best book in the field of mukhtalaf al-hadith (reconciling apparently contradictory narrations), Imam Tahawi's Sharh Ma'ani al-Athar is an essential study for every student of fiqh and hadith.

Book: *Sharh Ma'ani al-Athar*