

ALIPH COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - WEEKEND

2024-2025 (Courses given over three terms)

All courses are taught in Arabic, unless otherwise indicated. All course times are listed in Eastern Standard Time

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WEEKEND COURSES

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/ TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/ WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
As-Sirat al-Mustaqim: Introduction/PART ONE	NA	\$300	2	6	Sun: 9:00am-11:00am

Description: Among the richest books authored in the creed of Ahlussunnah wal-jama^{ah}, this book addresses the vital matters needed for the student of Islamic knowledge to protect his faith and to establish the foundation to convey the authentic Islamic creed to others in a time of widespread corruption and turbulence. In part one of this three-part series, students are fortified by memorizing religious proofs from the Qur'an, prophetic hadiths, citing the scholarly consensus, and becoming fluent in the mental justifications. Students learn how to use the accurate religious terminology adopted by the scholars, and relay the correct explanations pertaining to:

- The essentials of the Islamic belief
- Defining belief and blasphemy, and differentiating between the two
- Categorizing the types of blasphemy and what is exempted from it
- The attributes of Allah

*Students in this course memorize the text of as-Sirat al-Mustaqim, up to the 13 attributes.

Course Prerequisites: ALIPH Al-Qawl al-Jaliyy 201 OR:

- Students must have taken the book of al-Qawl al-Jaliyy thoroughly. They must be able to read, write, and express themselves in formal Arabic at an intermediate level.

*Students must pass a written test in al-Qawl al-Jaliyy, section on the essentials of belief.

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Abi Shuja^: Explanation of al-Ghazziyy/PART TWO	NA	\$300	2	6	Sat: 9:00am-11:00am
<p><i>Description:</i> Building upon the basics taken in (al-Qawl al-Jaliyy), students in this class gain a broader understanding of the chapters of fiqh (jurisprudence), as outlined by the great Shafi^iyy scholar, Abu Shuja^ al Asfahaniyy, in his famous text, al-Ghayah wat-Taqrub. Widely acknowledged and adopted by students of knowledge for centuries, this text has been explained by many scholars; among the most famous explanations is that of Ibn Qasim al-Ghazziyy, which is the book studied in this course. In part two of this two-part series, students study an overview of the chapters of fiqh systematically, gaining fluency in the expressions and terminology adopted by the scholars, and developing the skills to relay the basic judgments with precision, pertaining to acts of worship: dealings, inheritance, marriage, crimes, penalties, judiciary matters, and other Fiqh topics in the Shafi^iyy madhhab.</p> <p>Students in this course gain the necessary base to apply fiqh judgments in their daily lives, as well as the foundation needed to correct the misconceptions widespread in opposition to the Islamic Shari^ah (laws and judgments). Upon completion of this course, students will be equipped to study more advanced books in fiqh, such as Tuhfatut-Talib.</p> <p><i>Course Prerequisites:</i> ALIPH Al-Qawl al-Jaliyy 201 or:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Students must have taken the book of al-Qawl al-Jaliyy thoroughly. They must be able to read, write, and express themselves in formal Arabic with ease. *Students must pass a written test in al-Qawl al-Jaliyy, section on dealings. 					