

ALIPH COURSE CATALOGUE

2024-2025



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LEVEL 1 COURSES

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
101 Ta [^] bjir (Expression)	10	\$1,400	10	15	M-F 10:15am-12:00pm

Description: An introductory course in formal Arabic conversation. Students learn vocabulary and basic phrases used in everyday situations, building a foundation to be able to hold a basic conversation in correct, formal Arabic by the end of the course. Basic applications of Arabic grammar (*nahu*) and morphology (*sarf*) are also introduced, including:

- identifying different types of sentences (*al-jumal alismiyyah* and *al jumal al fi[^]liyyah*)
- identifying the grammatical components of a sentence and applying the appropriate diatrical marks (*h arak a t*) to them
- identifying different types of *h ur u f* and how they are applied (*h ur u f al-jarr*, *h ur u f an-na s b*, *h ur u f al-jazm*)
- identifying the Arabic pronouns and conjugating the surrounding words in a sentence appropriately.

Course Prerequisites:

- Reading: students must be able to read and write basic Arabic words with ease.
- sarf*: students must be proficient in the 14 Arabic pronouns and be able to conjugate verbs correctly in the past tense (*al-m adi*) and in the present/future tense (*al-mu da ri[^]*).

*Students must pass a reading & sarf entry exam

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
101 Qira'ah (Reading)	3	\$450	3	6	MWF 8:00am-8:50am
<p><i>Description</i>: students learn the Arabic letters in their varying states of connection, developing the skill to read short words and progressing to reading short passages by the end of the course. The course covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -proper pronunciation of the letters from their exits -applying the <i>h arak a t</i>, <i>madd</i> letters, <i>tanw i n</i>, and <i>shaddah</i> rules when reading -applying the rules of sun & moon letters (<i>al h ur u f ash-shamsiyyah wal q amariyyah</i>) -applying the rules of <i>hamzah</i> -joining words correctly within a sentence -applying the rules of stopping <p><i>Course prerequisites</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reading requirements: students must be fluent in the Arabic letters, being able to identify the 28 letters proficiently. *Students must pass a reading entry exam 					
101 Sarf (Morphology)	3	\$450	3	6	MWF 8:55am-9:45am
<p><i>Description</i>: An introductory course in <i>Sarf</i>, an essential knowledge for understanding the language of the <i>Qur'a n</i> and the <i>h ad i th</i>. Students learn how to conjugate words in Arabic in order to express themselves with precision. This course covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -the 14 Arabic pronouns -conjugating verbs in the past, present/future, and command forms -conjugating verbs in the affirmative and negative -differentiating between singular/dual/and plural tenses for masculine and feminine subjects -applying the different plural forms <p><i>Course prerequisites</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reading requirements: students must be able to read and write short Arabic words with ease. *Students must pass a reading & writing entry exam 					

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
101 Imla' (Dictation)	2	\$300	2	4	TR 8:55am-9:45am

Description: Students learn the scripting of the Arabic alphabet in its single and combined forms, and progress to writing short words. By the end of the course, students are able to listen to short Arabic passages and transcribe them with precision. Students learn how to apply the rules pertaining to:

- ا in the beginning of the word, how other letters connect to them, and how to identify them when they are joined with sun/moon letters.
- ا in its different forms, and when it is pronounced or not pronounced
- *al-Asma' al-mawsulah*
- Joined pronouns
- ت in its different forms and variations
- Eliminating letters from words when it is required grammatically
- *Hamzah* in its different forms and placements

Students who take this course progress to the next level of dictation, where they focus on applying these principles to the written word with more precision and speed.

Course Prerequisites:

- Reading requirements: students must be able to identify the Arabic alphabet with ease.
- *Students must pass a reading entry exam

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
101 Mukhtasar (Summary)	2	\$300	2	6	TR 8:00am-8:50am

Description : This course covers a light explanation of the summary of ^Abdullah al Harariyy, authored in the basic Islamic knowledge that is a personal obligation on every accountable Muslim to acquire, including:

- the essentials of Islamic belief
- basic judgments in Fiqh (Jurisprudence) according to the school of Imam ash-Shafi^iyy:
 - purification and prayer
 - fasting
 - pilgrimage
 - an overview of religious dealings
- obligations and sins

*The main objective of this course is for the students to memorize the text of the summary, until the end of the chapter of pilgrimage.

Course prerequisites :

- Reading requirements: students must be able to read short Arabic words with ease.
- *Students must pass a reading entry exam

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
101 <u>Qur'an & Tajwid</u>	2	\$300	2	4	TR 12:30pm-1:20pm
<p><u>Description</u> : In this course, students read and memorize the chapters of <i>Juz' ^Amma</i> with proper <i>Tajw i d</i> . Students begin with the short chapters, fine-tuning their pronunciation and reading skills, and progress throughout the <i>Juz'</i> , ending with the chapter of <i>an-Naba'</i> . The basic rules of <i>Tajw i d</i> are also introduced, including the proper application of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>L a m ash-shamsiyyah</i> and <i>L a m al- q amairyyah</i> -<i>Hamaztul wa s l</i> and <i>Hamzatul Q a t ^</i> -<i>Mud u d</i> (extensions) -Stopping within a verse and stopping at its end -The judgments of <i>n u n s a kinah</i> and <i>tanw i n</i> -The judgments of <i>m i m s a kinah</i> <p><u>Course Prerequisites</u> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reading requirements: students must be able to read short Arabic words with ease. *Students must pass a reading entry exam 					

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LEVEL 2 COURSES

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
201 Ta [^] bjir	7	\$1,050	7	9	M-F 11:10am-12:00pm TR 12:30pm-1:20pm

Description: An intermediate course in formal Arabic expression, students refine their language skills and express their thoughts and ideas on an array of topics, including:

-family dynamics

-daily life and occurrences

-student life and experiences

-correspondence

-depictions of people, places, seasons, natural environments, events, and personal experiences

-feelings and emotions

Students in this course learn to overcome the linguistic hurdles that non-native Arabic speakers typically face, choosing apt terminology to express themselves clearly, accurately, and easily. Based heavily on reading comprehension, self-expression, and dialogue, this course requires students to articulate their thoughts and ideas daily in Arabic. Through teacher-led discussions and group activities, students apply the linguistic fundamentals they are learning day by day in their full-time program of study, gaining the conversational fluency needed to interact meaningfully with native Arabic speakers, and paving the way for in-depth study of classical Arabic literature.

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CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
<p><i>201 Ta^bir Continued</i></p> <p><u>Course Prerequisites:</u> ALIPH Ta^bir 101 OR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reading & Writing: Students must be able to read and compose short Arabic passages with ease. -Sarf: Students must be proficient in the Arabic pronouns, conjugating verbs in the past tense (al madi), present/future tense (al-mudari^), command form, and in the affirmative and negative (al muthbat wal manfiyy). -Nahu: Students must be familiar with the basic rules of raf^, nasb, jarr, and jazm. <p>*Students must pass a reading/writing entry exam.</p>					
201 Qira'ah	2	\$300	2	4.5	TR 10:15am-11:05am
<p><u>Description</u> : In this course, students strengthen their Arabic reading skills—further refining their fluency, speed, and accuracy. Students begin by reading short Arabic literary passages and progress to reading religious texts by the end of the course. A strong emphasis is placed on reading comprehension and verbal expression of the main ideas presented in the selected literature. An essential for students who will continue their learning path in Arabic or Islamic studies, this course equips students to read and understand large passages of Arabic text with ease.</p> <p><u>Course prerequisites</u> : ALIPH Qira'ah 101</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reading: students must be able to read individual Arabic sentences with ease. <p>*Students must pass a reading entry exam</p>					

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
201 <u>Ṣarf</u>	3	\$450	3	4.5	MWF 8:00am-8:50am

Description: Students in this course study one of the most famous introductory books in ṣarf, *al-Kiṭāb al-ḥamīd*'s explanation of the *Matn of al-ʿIzzīy*. This book delves into the origin and composition of Arabic words and covers:

- al-m i z a n a ṣ - ṣ arfiyy* (morphological meters and scales)
- analysis of verbs: their roots, origins, meters, modifications, and types
- identification, classification, and conjugation of verbs in:
 - al-mujarrad & al-maz i d*
 - al-l a zim & al-muta^add i*
 - al mu^tall & a ṣ - ṣ a hih*
 - ism al-f a ^il & lism al-maf^ u l*
 - ism al-mak a n & az-zam a n*
 - ism al-marrah & al- a lah*
 - n u n at-tawk i d* and its applications

Students learn to use these foundational skills in ṣarf to improve their speech and to gain a deeper understanding of the religious texts. In this course, selected verses from the Q ur' a n and prophetic h ad i ths are examined, drawing upon the knowledge of ṣarf to understand their meanings.

Course prerequisites: ALIPH Ṣarf 101 OR:

- Reading: students must be able to read and write Arabic sentences with ease.
- Ṣarf : students must be proficient in the Arabic pronouns, conjugating verbs in the past, present/future, and command forms, in the affirmative and negative, and in singular/dual/plural tenses for masculine and feminine subjects.
- *Students must pass a ṣarf entry exam

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
201 Imla'	2	\$300	2	2	TR 8:00am-8:50am

Description: In this course, students refine their dictation skills, focusing on writing complete passages with accuracy and speed. Students further develop their skills in applying the rules pertaining to:

- ال in the beginning of the word, connecting them to other letters, and their rules pertaining to sun/moon letters
- ا in its different forms, and when it is pronounced or not pronounced
- *al-Asma' al-mawsulah*
- Joined pronouns
- ت in its different forms and variations
- eliminating letters from words when required grammatically
- hamzah in its different forms and placements
- stopping at the end of a phrase
- وا at the end of a word
- ا at the end of verbs, nouns, and preposition letters
- the feminine ت article
- ا and و : when they are added and when they are eliminated
- adding preposition letters to (ما)
- words that have special spellings
- الافتعال of ت

Students who take this course are able to progress to higher-level Arabic and religion courses, comfortably writing the material they hear with precision and speed.

Course Prerequisites: ALIPH Imla' 101 OR:

- Reading/writing: students must be able to read and write short Arabic sentences with ease.
- *Students must pass a dictation entry exam

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
201 Nahu	3	\$450	3	4.5	TR 8:55am-9:45am F 12:10pm-1:00pm

Description : This course covers the explanation of *al- Ajrumiyyah* , the famous text in Arabic grammar, widely embraced among the scholars as a basis for students seeking to become proficient in the Arabic language. Students in this course advance their formal Arabic speech by identifying word types and their roles within a sentence and applying their correct endings for accuracy and fluency.

Additionally, they learn to:

- identify and categorize parts of speech within a sentence
- apply the rules of inflection (*i^rab*) -grammatical changes to the endings of words
- apply the rules of verbs in the past, present/future, and imperative tenses as related to varying subjects
- define and apply the basic rules of *raf^*, *na s b*, *khaf d* , and *jazm*
- identify nominal subjects and predicates (*al-mubtada'* & *al-khabar*), and their roles within a sentence
- identify *al-marfu ^ a t* and apply their rules
- identify *al-man su bat* and apply their rules
- identify *al-majr u r a t* and apply their rules.
- identify and apply the rules of *al-bin a'*

Students who have established a solid base in *al- Ajrumiyyah* are prepared to pursue higher-level Arabic subjects in *na h u*, *bal a ghah* (eloquence), and *adab* (literature). Additionally, they gain a deeper understanding of the *Q ur' a n* and prophetic *h ad i ths* , and are equipped to pursue the Islamic areas of knowledge which are taught purely in Arabic.

*Students in this course memorize the text of *al- Ajr u miyyah* .

Course prerequisites :

Reading & Writing: Students must be able to read and compose short Arabic passages with ease.

Sarf: Students must be proficient in the Arabic pronouns, conjugating verbs in the past tense (*al m adi*), present/future tense (*al-mu da ri^*), command form, and in the affirmative and negative (*al-muthbat wal-manfiyy*).

*Students must pass a reading and sarf entry exam.

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
201 <i>Al- Q awl Al Jaliyy: Creed, Obligations, and Sins</i>	3	\$450	3	6	MWF 10:15am-11:05am

Description : This course serves as the foundation for all *^a qi dah* (creed) courses taught at ALIPH. Authored as an explanation of the *Mukhtaṣar* of *^Abdull a h al Harariyy*, this book breaks down the text and elucidates its meanings, phrase by phrase. Students in this course focus on memorizing and become fluent in expressing:

- The essentials of the creed of *Ahlussannah wal-Jam a ^ah*
- The meanings of the two Islamic testifications of faith
- The attributes of Allah and the attributes of the prophets
- Blasphemy and its judgments
- Obligations of the heart
- Sins of the Body
- Repentance

Students who have established a solid foundation in the book of *al- Q awl al Jaliyy* are equipped to study more advanced books in Islamic creed, including *Bughyatu t- Ta lib*, *A ṣ- S ir at al-Musta qim*, and *A t- T a ha wiyyah*.

*Students in this course memorize the text of the *Mukhtaṣar* : Introduction, Essentials of Belief and Rules of Apostasy, Obligations and Sins, and Repentance.

Course Prerequisites : ALIPH Mukhtaṣar 101 OR:

- Students must be able to read, write, and understand the text of the *Mukhtaṣar*: Introduction and chapter of The Essentials of Belief.
- *Students must pass a written test in the above mentioned sections.

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
201 Al- Qawl Al Jaliyy: Fi q h	3	\$450	3	6	MWF 8:55am-9:45am

Description: This course serves as the foundation for all *Fi q h* (jurisprudence) courses taught at ALIPH. Authored as an explanation of the *Mukhta s ar* of ^*Abdull a h al-Harariyy*, this book breaks down the text and elucidates its meanings, phrase by phrase. Students in this course focus on memorizing and becoming fluent in expressing the basic *Fi q h* judgments according to the school of Imam ash- Shafi^iyy, using the precise terminology adopted by the Islamic scholars to relay judgments pertaining to:

- purification & prayer
- zakah
- fasting
- pilgrimage
- transactions, marriage, and dealings

Students in this course gain the necessary foundation to apply the *fi q h* judgments in their daily lives, and are equipped to study more advanced books, including *Bughyatut- Ta lib*, *al-Ghazziyy's* explanation of the text of *Ab i Shuj a ^*, and *Tu h fatu t - Ta lib*.

Students in this course memorize the text of *al-Mukhta s ar*: the introduction and the chapters of purification and prayer, zakah, fasting, pilgrimage, transactions, marriage, and dealings.

Course Prerequisites: ALIPH *Mukhta s ar* 101 OR:

-Students must be able to read, write, and understand the text of the *Mukhtasar*: the Introduction and the chapter of purification and prayer.

*Students must pass a written test in the above mentioned section.

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
201 <u>Qur'an</u>	2	\$300	2	4	MW 12:30pm-1:20pm
<p><i>Description</i>: Students in this course read and memorize the chapters of <i>Juz' 29 (Juz' Tab a rak)</i> of the <i>Qur'a n</i>, while learning to apply the correct <i>Tajw i d</i>. Additionally, the book of '<i>Fat h al-A q f a l'</i>', is covered, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The rules of <i>n u n s a kinah</i> -The rules of <i>m i m s a kinah</i> -<i>Idgh a m</i> and its applications -<i>Madd</i> and its applications <p><i>Course prerequisites</i> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Students must be able to read short <i>Qur'anic</i> words with ease, and they must understand Arabic at an intermediate level. (<i>Tajwid material is taught in Arabic</i>). *Students must pass a reading entry exam 					

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LEVEL 3 COURSES

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/ TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/ WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
301 Comprehensive Ta[^]bir (Expression), Balaghah & Literature 301	10	\$1,400	10	10	M-F: 11:00pm-1:00pm

Description: After having established the foundation needed to aptly express themselves in Arabic, students in this course learn the art of eloquent articulation. Delving into advanced-level literary passages, students widen their vocabulary base and gain exposure to poignant Arabic expressions pertaining to:

- Artful descriptions of the natural world, notable people, and memorable experiences
- Sentimentality and reminiscence
- Inspirational narratives
- Islamic literature

Students are further enriched by memorizing and analyzing selected literature of the classical Arabic masters from the pre-Islamic, Islamic, Umayyad, and Abbasid Eras, and are introduced to the literary sciences of al-bayan, al badi[^], and al-ma[^]ani, drawing upon them to strengthen, sharpen, and beautify their own rhetoric.

Students who finish this course are prepared to more fully understand the highest eloquence found in the verses of the Qur'an, and to gain a deeper knowledge of the profound meanings of the prophetic hadiths.

Course Prerequisites: ALIPH Ta[^]bir 201 OR:

- Students must be able to write and express themselves with ease in formal Arabic about a wide range of topics, while applying the rules of nahu and sarf within their speech.
- *Students must pass a reading/writing entry exam.

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/ TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/ WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
301 Nahu: Mutammimat al-Ajirrumiyyah	5	\$750	5	10	M-F: 8:00am-8:50am

Description: After having established a strong base in al-Ajirrumiyyah, students in this course delve further into the essential chapters of nahu, studying the the famed linguist al-Hattab al- Malikiyy's al-Fawakih al-Janiyyah. Students learn more detailed rules and applications pertaining to:

- I^rab: linguistic inflection (raf^, nasb, khafd, jazm) of words within a sentence to reflect the intended meaning.
- Identifying the grammatical components of a sentence, their linguistic impact, and the meanings they convey.
- Proper categorization of words and sentence components
- Identifying irregular nouns and verbs and applying their rules of i^rab.
- Identifying the morphological origin and structure of words, rationalizing their variations, and selecting them appropriately to communicate the intended meaning.

By the end of the course, students are skilled at applying Arabic linguistic principles to their own speech and writing with speed and accuracy, and are prepared to understand Arabic literature at a deeper level. Additionally, students are equipped to take higher-level religion courses in creed and jurisprudence, such as the explanations of as-Sirat al-Mustaqim and Matn Abi Shuja^, in their original Arabic publications.

*Students in this course memorize the text of al-Fawakih al-Janiyyah

Course prerequisites: ALIPH Nahu 201 and SARF 201 OR:

- Reading & Writing: Students must be able to read, write, and understand Arabic proficiently.
 - Nahu: Students must have taken al-Ajirrumiyyah thoroughly
 - Sarf: Students must have taken the explanation of al-^Izziyy thoroughly
- *Students must pass a Nahu and Sarf entry exam.

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/ TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/ WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
301 ^Umdatur-Raghib	5	\$750	5	10	M-F: 9:00am-9:50am
<p><i>Description:</i> Authored as deeper explanation of the Mukhtasar of ^Abdullah al Harariyy, this book breaks down the text and elucidates its meanings, phrase by phrase, and substantiates its judgments with clear proofs from the Qur'an and hadith. Students in this course memorize the widely accepted terminology of the scholars, properly expressing the judgments pertaining to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The essentials of the creed of Ahlussannah wal-Jama^h and the meanings of the two Islamic testifications of faith -The attributes of Allah and the attributes of the prophets -Blasphemy and its judgments -Purification & prayer -Zakah, fasting, pilgrimage -Transactions, marriage, and dealings -Obligations of the heart and sins of the body -Repentance <p><i>Course Prerequisites:</i> _ ALIPH Al Qawl Al Jaliyy 201-Creed & Fiqh 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, sections on the essentials of belief and purification & prayer.</p>					

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/ TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/ WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
301 <u>Qur'an</u>	2	\$300	2	4	MR 1:30pm-2:20pm
<p><i>Description:</i> Students in this course read and memorize the chapters of Juz' 28 (<i>Juz' Qad Sami^a</i>) of the <u>Qur'an</u>, while delving further into the judgments of Tajwid. Additionally, students learn the meanings and interpretations of selected short chapters of the <u>Qur'an</u>.</p> <p><i>Course prerequisites:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Students must be able to read short Qur'anic words with ease, and they must understand Arabic at an intermediate level. *Students must pass a reading entry exam 					

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ADVANCED 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	2	\$300	2	6	Sun: 9:00am-11:00am

Description: Among the richest books authored in the creed of Ahlussunnah wal-jamā'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 Allāh

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

Course Prerequisites: ALIPH ^Umdatur-Raghib 301 OR:

-Students must have taken the book of ^Umdatur-Raghib 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 ^Umdatur-Raghib, section on the essentials of belief.

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
Abi Shuja[^]: Explanation of al-Ghazziyy/PART TWO	2	\$300	2	6	Sat: 9:00am-11:00am
<p><i>Description:</i> Building upon the basics taken in [^]Umdatur-Raghib, students in this class gain a broader understanding of the chapters of fiqh (jurisprudence), as outlined by the great Shafi[^]iy 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[^]iy 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 [^]Umdatur-Raghib 301 or: -Students must have taken the book of [^]Umdatur-Raghib 301 thoroughly. They must be able to read, write, and express themselves in formal Arabic with ease. *Students must pass a written test in [^]Umdatur-Raghib 301, section on dealings.</p>					

CLASS NAME	CREDITS	PRICE/TERM	IN-CLASS HOURS/WEEK	OUT-OF CLASS STUDY HOURS/WEEK (APPROX)	CLASS MEETING TIMES
Explanation of At-Tahawiyah	3	\$450	3	9	Mon/Wed/Fri: 9:00am-10:00am

Description: After students have taken the explanation of ^Umdatur-Raghib, students are are poised to embark upon “Ad-Durratul-Bahiyah”, the profound exploration of "Al-^Aqidah at-Tahawiyah. Renowned as one of the most concise treaties dedicated to expounding upon the creed of Ahlus-Sunnah wal-Jama'ah, this invaluable work serves to elucidate the creed of those who were praised Prophet Muḥammad; ie, the pious companions and the righteous scholars who succeeded them. Penned by the esteemed scholar Abu Ja^far at-Tahawiy, and in compliance with the methodology of Imām Abu Hanīfah and his illustrious companions, Abu Yusuf al-Qadi and Muḥammad Ibnul-Hasan ash-Shaybaniyy, this influential work has captivated the attention of scholars across the ages, who recognized it as an essential resource for fortifying the creed of Islām and safeguarding it from the deviations of the misguided factions.

The creed of At-Tahawiy encompasses the proper belief in Allāh and His perfect attributes, establishing beyond a doubt that He is the Creator of everything that exists, including entities and deeds, good and evil. It affirms faith in the message of the final Prophet Muḥammad, and the unequivocal belief in what he informed about the past and the Hereafter. It also affirms faith in the noble messengers, the angels, the holy books, the Day of Judgment, Paradise, Hellfire, reward, and punishment, and sheds light on the debate that surrounds the supplications and charities of the living, affirming that they benefit the deceased, and finally, emphasizes the obligation of acknowledging the caliphate of the rightly guided caliphs.

Through this profound immersion into the creed of Ahlus-Sunnah wal-Jama^ah, students are guided towards religious betterment, steadfastness in the face of deviance, and ensuring the preservation of the true path of Islām for generations to come.

Course Prerequisites: ALIPH ^Umdatur-Raghib 301 OR:

-Students must have taken the book of ^Umdatur-Raghib 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 ^Umdatur-Raghib, section on the essentials of belief.

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Nukhbatul Fikar: Explanation of Mustalah of Hadith	2	\$300	2	6	Tues/Thurs: 9:00am-10:00am

Description : After fortifying their understanding of Islamic creed and jurisprudential principles, and establishing the foundations for the religious defenses against those who erroneously spread misguidance, students embark on the study of Mustalahul-Hadith: the explanation of Nuzhatun-Nadhar biSharhi Nukhbatil-Fikar. Authored by the renowned scholar and hafidh of hadith, Imam Ibn Hajar al-^Asgalaniyy, this book serves as an introduction to the knowledge of hadith, a knowledge essential to preserving the religion of Islam from any form of distortion. This discipline scrutinizes the transmission of authentic hadiths, ensuring adherence to the genuine teachings of Prophet Muhammad and safeguarding Islamic beliefs and doctrines through reliable sources and interpretations.

The explanation of Nukhbatul Fikar elucidates the nature and significance of Mutawatir hadiths, defining their conditions, and contrasting them with Ahad hadiths in their various categories. It also highlights the pivotal role of the Prophet's companions in transmitting his teachings, and provides the criteria for evaluating the reliability of individual narrators in the chain of transmission, leading back to the Prophet.

Renowned for its concise yet comprehensive approach, wealth of insight, and rigorous methodology, this esteemed text has garnered acclaim from the Islamic scholars, who strongly advocated for its study and preservation. It stands as an indispensable resource for both specialists and enthusiasts of hadith scholarship, owing to its invaluable contributions to the preservation and elucidation of prophetic traditions.

Course Prerequisites : ALIPH ^Umdatur-Raghib 301 OR students must have taken the book of ^Umdatur-Raghib thoroughly. They must be able to read, write, and express themselves in formal Arabic at an intermediate level.

ALIPH Nahu 201 OR students must have taken the book of al-^Ajirrumyyah thoroughly.

*Students must pass a written test in ^Umdatur-Raghib, section on the essentials of belief, as well as a written entrance exam in NaHu.