

Toronto Shariah – Two-Year ‘Foundations Program’
Semester 1: March 22, 2008-June 22, 2008

Course information:

This ‘Foundations Program’ in Classical Arabic Grammar, is designed to provide sufficient skills and base to pursue full-time studies or additional courses in the Arabic language with scholars locally or abroad. The first semester is focused on providing a foundation in Arabic grammar and morphology. Concepts in grammar and morphology will be taught each week and reinforced through memorizing tables and reading, analyzing and translating texts.

Prerequisites:

Ability to read Arabic

Class hours:

Saturday and Sunday 9:00am – 12:00pm (40-minute sessions with a 20 minute break after the first two classes)

Location:

York University, Keele Campus,
North York, Ontario

Text books:

Fundamentals of Classical Arabic by Hussain Abdul Sattar
Qasasu Nabiyeen by Abu Hasan Ali AlHani AnNadwi
Ta’leem al muta’alim by Imam Zarnuji

Course materials:

Slides, tables, recorded lectures and other support information is available in the student section of the course website www.shariahprogram.ca. The user name and password for the student section will be given in class.

Evaluation:

Students will be evaluated on their completion of homework assignments, class participation in reciting tables and translating passages, two written tests and a final exam.

Homework 15%

Class Participation 15%

Test 1 20%

Test 2 20%

Final exam 30%

Course schedule:

The following is an outline of the topics that will be covered each week. Every four weekends of class have been followed by a single weekend break during this initial phase of the course. Review work will be assigned during these weeks when there are no classes in session. The pace of the teaching may be adjusted to suit the level of the students.

Week 1: March 22, 23	Map of Arabic language Intro to Nahw and Sarf
Week 2: March 29, 30	Words, sentences and phrases The past tense verb
Week 3: April 5,6	The Noun/Adjective Possessive Phrases Other forms of the past tense verb
Week 4: April 12, 13	Phrases, The Grammatical States The imperfect verb
Week 5: April 26, 27	The Declinable and the Indeclinable Negation of the Imperfect verb via Lam and Lan TEST
Week 6: May 3, 4	The Grammatical States, The Declinable and the Indeclinable Emphatic Future Tense
Week 7: May 10, 11	The Grammatical States, The Declinable and the Indeclinable The Command Verb, the Negative Command
Week 8: May 17, 18	The Grammatical States, The Declinable and the Indeclinable Baabs and Weak letters
Week 9: May 24, 25	The Grammatical States, The Declinable and the Indeclinable First five advanced verb groupings TEST
Week 10: June 7, 8	The Grammatical States, The Declinable and the Indeclinable Final three advanced verb groupings
Week 11: June 14, 15	The Grammatical States, The Declinable and the Indeclinable Review
Week 12: June 21, 22	FINAL EXAM