

Shariah Program – Two-Year ‘Foundations Program’
Semester 1: March 21, 2009-June 21, 2009

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:

Basic recognition of the Arabic alphabet and the ability to read Arabic script

Textbooks:

Fundamentals of Classical Arabic by Sh. Husain Abdul Sattar

Qasas an-Nabiyyin by Abul Hasan Ali al-Hasani An Nadwi

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 username 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. After four weekends of class, there will be a single weekend break during the 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 21, 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Map of Arabic language• Introduction to Nahw (Grammar) and Sarf (Morphology)• Introduction Grammatical States and Past Tense
Week 2: March 28, 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Parts of Speech• Introduction to Sentences• Mawsoof and Mudhaaf• Sub-Classifying the Kalimah
Week 3: April 4, 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Imperfect Verb & I'raab• More Grammatical States• Mudhaari Verb: Present, Present Continuous, and Future Tense• Introduction to Qasas
Week 4: April 11, 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading from Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 1.1-1.5• Middle Letter Variations• Nasb and Jazm Givers (lan / lam)• Emphatic Verbs
BREAK	
Week 5: April 25, 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading from Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 1.6-1.7• Introduction to Murab and Mabni• Review of Nahw• Khafeefah• The Declinable and Indeclinable• Negation of the Imperfect Verb via 'lan' and 'lam'• TEST
Week 6: May 2, 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarf Recap• Reading from Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 1.9-1.10• Fi'l Amr (Command Tense Verb)• The Declinable and Indeclinable• Emphatic Future Tense
Week 7: May 9, 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Command Verb• Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 1.1-1.14

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Negative Command
Week 8: May 16, 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 1.14-1.16 • Introduction to Baabs • Introduction to Irregularities • Introduction to Tarkeeb
BREAK	
Week 9: May 30, 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 2.1-2.3 • Further discussion on Murab and Mabni • The Declinable and Indeclinable • First Five advanced groupings • TEST
Week 10: June 6, 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Second Tarkeeb • Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 2.4-2.5 • Mushtaq Isms • Mabni Isms and New Baabs • Final three advanced verb groupings
Week 11: June 13, 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 2.6-2.9 • Hafte Aqsam • Second Tarkeeb Practice and Introduction to Mustathna • The Declinable and Indeclinable Review
Week 12: June 20, 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 2.10-2.14 • Pronoun Review • Jaar/Majroor • Re-translating • Masdar Patterns • FINAL EXAM