

**Shariah Program – Two-Year ‘Foundations Program’**  
**Semester 1: October 3<sup>rd</sup> - January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**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

**Course Materials:**

Slides, tables, recorded lectures and other support information is available in the student section of the course website [www.shariahprogram.ca](http://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, one written test and a final exam.

Homework 20%  
Class Participation 25%  
Test 1 25%  
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: October 3-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Map of Arabic language</li> <li>▪ Introduction to Nahw (Grammar) and Sarf (Morphology)</li> <li>▪ Introduction Grammatical States and Past Tense</li> </ul>
Week 2: October 10-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Parts of Speech</li> <li>▪ Introduction to Sentences</li> <li>▪ Mawsoof and Mudhaaf</li> <li>▪ Sub-Classifying the Kalimah</li> </ul>
Week 3: October 17-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Imperfect Verb &amp; I'raab</li> <li>▪ More Grammatical States</li> <li>▪ Mudhaari Verb: Present, Present Continuous, and Future Tense</li> <li>▪ Introduction to Qasas</li> </ul>
Week 4: October 24-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reading from Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 1.1-1.5</li> <li>▪ Middle Letter Variations</li> <li>▪ Nasb and Jazm Givers (lan / lam)</li> <li>▪ Emphatic Verbs</li> </ul>
<b>BREAK</b>	
Week 5: November 7-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reading from Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 1.6-1.7</li> <li>▪ Introduction to Murab and Mabni</li> <li>▪ Review of Nahw</li> <li>▪ Khafeefah</li> <li>▪ The Declinable and Indeclinable</li> <li>▪ Negation of the Imperfect Verb via 'lan' and 'lam'</li> <li>▪ TEST</li> </ul>
Week 6: November 14-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sarf Recap</li> <li>▪ Reading from Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 1.9-1.10</li> <li>▪ Fi'l Amr (Command Tense Verb)</li> <li>▪ The Declinable and Indeclinable</li> <li>▪ Emphatic Future Tense</li> </ul>
Week 7: November 21-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Command Verb</li> <li>▪ Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 1.1-1.14</li> <li>▪ The Negative Command</li> </ul>
<b>EID BREAK</b>	
Week 8: December 5-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 1.14-1.16</li> <li>▪ Introduction to Baabs</li> <li>▪ Introduction to Irregularities</li> <li>▪ Introduction to Tarkeeb</li> </ul>
Week 9: December 12-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 2.1-2.3</li> <li>▪ Further discussion on Murab and Mabni</li> <li>▪ The Declinable and Indeclinable</li> <li>▪ First Five advanced groupings</li> </ul>
Week 10: December 19-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction to Second Tarkeeb</li> <li>▪ Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 2.4-2.5</li> <li>▪ Mushtaq Isms</li> <li>▪ Mabni Isms and New Baabs</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Final three advanced verb groupings</li> </ul>
Week 11: December 26-January 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 2.6-2.9</li> <li>▪ Hafte Aqsam</li> <li>▪ Second Tarkeeb Practice and Introduction to Mustathna</li> <li>▪ The Declinable and Indeclinable Review</li> </ul>
Week 12: January 2-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Qasas an-Nabiyyin Chapter 2.10-2.14</li> <li>▪ Pronoun Review</li> <li>▪ Jaar/Majroor</li> <li>▪ Re-translating</li> <li>▪ Masdar Patterns</li> <li>▪ FINAL EXAM</li> </ul>