



FIQH COURSE: 'UMDAT AL FIQH عمدة الفقه

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Location: Hybrid (Zoom & In-person)

Class Time/Day: TBD

Commitment: 3-4 hrs per week (2 hrs class + reading/assignments)

Attendance: Mandatory (absence must be notified)

Cost: \$40 per month (textbook separate)

Language: English



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Description & Outcomes

- **Foundations:** 'Umdah al Fiqh is a foundational text in Hanbali Islamic Jurisprudence (Fiqh) that provides an introductory framework for understanding and practicing Islamic law. This course is designed to introduce students to the principles, methodologies, and most importantly, applied Islamic rulings in all facets from acts of worship to mutual interactions that guide our daily life.
- **Comparative Focus:** Although the primary focus will be on elucidating the legal positions of the Hanbali school of law, students will be exposed to comparative Fiqh rulings in many legal matters to appreciate the diversity within Islamic legal thought.
- **Contemporary Relevance:** This course will highly emphasize the contemporary relevance of classical fiqh in addressing modern, social, legal, and ethical challenges faced by Muslims worldwide.

Course Topics

Introduction to Fiqh and Usūl

Terms and Definitions

Sources of Shari'ah

Foundational Fiqh/Usūl al Fiqh Concepts

Module 1 – Acts of Worship

Part 1 - Purification → see details to the right

Part 2 - Prayer

Part 3 - Funeral

Part 4 - Zakāh

Part 5 - Fasting

Part 6 - Hajj & 'Umrah

Module 2 – Family Law

Module 3 – Financial Transactions

Module 4 – Penalties / Hudood

Module 5 – Military/Jihad

Module 6 – Judiciary

Session*

Module 1: Part 1 Topics

1

Introduction to Fiqh

2

Types of Water | Removal of Impurities

3

Vessels & Utensils | Use of Lavatory

4

Minor Ablution

5

Wiping over Socks and Other Materials

6

Nullifiers of Minor Ablution

7

Major Ablution

8

Tayammum

9

Menstruation

10

Post-Partem Bleeding

**End of 'Book of Purification'
& Beginning of 'Book of Prayer'**

**Note - one session may take more than a week to complete*

Textbooks

- **Required:** 'Umdat al Fiqh Explained by Dr. Hatem al Haj (Published by IIPH), (ISBN: 978-6035013789)
 - Original *Matn* by Imam ibn Qudāmah [d. 620AH]
- **Supplementary 1:** al-Hawāshī al-Sābiġāt (الحواشي السابغات على أخصر المختصرات) by Ahmed al Qu'aymi
- **Supplementary 2:** The Distinguished Jurist's Primer (بداية المجتهد ونهاية المقتصد) by ibn Rushd (Garnet Publishing, 1999), (ISBN: 978-1873938133)
- **Supplementary 3:** Fiqh-us-Sunnah by Al Sayyid Sābiq (American Trust Publications, 1986), (ISBN: 978-0892590605)

Homework / Readings

- Students must complete the weekly readings assigned **prior** to the live session to ensure that the weekly content is understood, and any relevant questions can be asked

Exams

- Exams will be administered at the end of each part/module (i.e. one test each for Purification, Prayer, etc.)
- Marks and feedback will be provided