



Al Quds
Academy

ISLAMIC FOUNDATIONS COURSE (8 MODULES)

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Location: Online (Zoom)

Class Time/Day: See timing details per Module

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

Attendance: Mandatory (absence must be notified)

Cost: See pricing details per Module

Language: English



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Description & Outcomes

- This course aims to provide a structured and comprehensive introduction to the foundational sciences of Islam, covering core topics such as 'Aqīdah, Tazkiyah, Uṣūl al-Fiqh, 'Ulūm al-Ḥadīth, 'Ulūm al-Qur'ān, and Islamic Apologetics. By studying classical texts and scholarly insights, students will gain a deeper understanding of the principles that shape Islamic belief, practice, and scholarship.
- By the end of this course, students will be equipped with essential Islamic knowledge that strengthens their faith, deepens their understanding of Dīn, and enhances their ability to practice Islam with awareness and certainty in the modern world.

Course Topics & Textbooks

Introduction to Islamic Knowledge

Covers definition, classification, role, and goal of divine knowledge

Year 1: Modules 1 to 4

1. 'Aqīdah – Creed & Faith	Qalā'id Al 'Iqyān by ibn Balbān al-Ḥanbalī (d. 1083 AH) Islamic Creed Series (8 Vol) by Dr Umar al-Ashqar (d. 1433 AH)
2. Tazkiyah – Purification & Spirituality	Iḥyā' 'Ulūm al-Dīn by Abū Ḥāmid al-Ghazālī (d. 505 AH) Manāzil al-Sā'irīn by Abū Ismā'īl al-Harawī (d. 481 AH)
3. Uṣūl al-Fiqh – Fundamentals of Fiqh	Understanding Uṣūl al-Fiqh by Abū Ṭāriq Hilāl/Abū Ismā'īl al Beirawi Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence by Mohammad Hashim Kamali
4. 'Ulūm al-Ḥadīth – Ḥadīth Sciences	Nukhbat al-Fikr by Ibn Ḥajar al-'Asqalānī (d. 852 AH)

Year 2 – Modules 5 to 8

5. Analysis of Imām al-Nawawī's 40 Ḥadīth	Jāmi' al-'Ulūm wa-I-Ḥikam by Ibn Rajab al-Ḥanbalī (d. 795 AH) Commentary on the 40 Ḥadīth by Jamāl al-Dīn Zarabozo
6. 'Ulūm al-Qur'ān – Qur'ānic Sciences	An Approach to Qur'ānic Sciences by Muftī Taqī Usmani
7. Islamic Apologetics - Refuting Misconceptions	Topics Covered: Slavery, Jihad, Age of Aisha RA's Marriage, Apostasy, Gender Roles, etc.
8. Analysis of Sūrat al-Ḥujurāt	Tafhīm al-Qur'ān by Abū al-'Alā' al-Mawdūdī (d. 1399 AH)

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 for each part/module (one exam each for 'Aqīdah, Tazkiyah, Usul, etc.) and marks and feedback will be provided