



## GENERAL COURSE SYLLABUS

**Course Description:** The Islamic Studies certification program is a newly designed course for Muslims who desire a firm foundation in Sacred Knowledge yet cannot attend full-time courses.

In these weekly classes, we will be covering Beginner texts of each science of Islam. Classes will be taught by Shaykh Saifullah and other imams and visiting scholars. There is a possibility that weekend intensives will be held, If Arkan Academy is planning an intensive session, we will communicate the dates and times with our students prior to the class.

### OPTIONS FOR STUDY:

- **Attend on-site classes** at Northwest Islamic Community Center

### ATTENDANCE POLICY:

- Students are expected to attend each class session, though they are allowed 1 excused absence (Orientation is mandatory). If a student misses class due to a legitimate excuse, video recordings will be made available (if possible) and they have up to 1 month to catch up with the material they missed on that weekend.

### CLASS SCHEDULE

Once every weekend, on Sundays:  
2 pm – 5 pm CST (over 10 months of classes)

### PREREQUISITES

- Must be age 15+
- A passion for seeking knowledge for self-improvement, teaching and spreading the authentic teachings of Islam

*Disclaimer: If students would like to record lectures in-class for personal use, so they can review the class material at home, they may use a phone or other audio recorder to do so, but copying and sharing of ANY recordings (video or audio) is prohibited.*

*Please understand that NWICC relies on registered, paying students in order to financially sustain our operations, Scholarships are available for students who cannot afford to pay for classes. If one signs up for these courses, they are accepting an Amana (sacred trust) to not distribute any recordings outside of the class.*

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completing this course, we aim for students to -

1. Gain a comprehensive understanding of the basic principles of the faith
2. Be able to apply the acquired knowledge in case studies/relevant situations
3. Live more confident Islamic lifestyles and be able to deal with contemporary issues with clear guidance
4. Upon completing the final assessment for each module, students will receive a certificate of completion from Northwest Islamic Community Center.

### COURSE WORK

- Students will have reading assignments, along with some quizzes and exams. More information on this TBD.
- Students will receive a one-pager for each module prior to class, laying out the module and outcomes for that subject.

### YEAR 1 SCHEDULE (\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF THE TEACHERS)

<b>Module 1</b>	Aqidah	The Creed of Imam Al-Tahawi by Imam Al-Tahawi D.279H
<b>Module 2</b>	Aqidah Part 2	The Attributes of Allah by Imam Ibn Al-Jawzi D.597H
<b>Module 3</b>	Usul al-Fiqh (Shafi & Hanafi)	Al-Waraqat by Imam al-Juwayni D. 487H & Usul Al-Shashi by Imam As-Shashi
<b>Module 4</b>	Hanafi, Shafi or Maliki Fiqh	Mukhtasar Al Quduri by Imam Quduri D.428H or Similar Text
<b>Module 5</b>	Tazkiyah (Science of Ihsan/Spirituality)	Purification of the Heart: Signs, Symptoms, and Cures of the Spiritual Diseases of the Heart by Shaykh Hamza Yusuf
<b>Module 6</b>	Hadith Classification	Nukhbat al-Fikar by Imam Ibn Hajar D.852H
<b>Module 7</b>	Sirah	REVELATION: The Story Of Muhammad by Meraj Mohiuddin
<b>Module 8</b>	Quranic Sciences	An Approach to the Quranic Sciences by Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani
<b>Module 9</b>	Hadith	The 40 Hadith Nawawi by Imam An-Nawawi D.676H
<b>Module 10</b>	Islamic History	Tareekh Ul Khulafa by Imam Jalaluddin Al-Suyuti D.911H

## COURSE POLICIES

- **Required Materials:** Texts will be provided for most of the modules unless communicated prior to class by the administration, Students should bring a laptop or tablet to class in order to read/go through the PDF texts in class. Notebooks are highly recommended in order to get the blessings of writing down sacred knowledge.
- **Build Rapport**
  - If you find that you have trouble keeping up with assignments or other aspects of the course, be sure to let the instructor know as early as possible. Make sure you are proactive in telling your teacher when difficulties arise so that they can help you find a solution.
- **Commit to Integrity**
  - As a student in this course, you are expected to maintain a high degree of professionalism, commitment to learning and participation in the class, as well as integrity in & out of the classroom.
- **Class Conduct**
  - Class conduct includes things such as cheating, inventing false information or citations, plagiarism, and helping someone else commit an act of academic dishonesty.
  - Course instructors have the initial responsibility of detecting and dealing with academic dishonesty. In such an instance, the instructor will discuss the matter with the student(s) involved and should have reasonable evidence of academic dishonesty. However, if circumstances prevent consultation with the student(s), instructors may take whatever action they deem appropriate (subject to student appeal).
  - Instructors who are convinced by the evidence that a student is guilty of academic dishonesty shall assign an appropriate academic penalty. If the instructors believe the dishonesty reflects on the student's academic performance or the academic integrity of the course, the student's grade may be adversely affected.
  - The administrator shall maintain an Academic Dishonesty File of all cases of dishonesty with the appropriate documentation.