

BACHELOR OF ISLAMIC REVEALED KNOWLEDGE & HERITAGE

USUL AD-DIN & COMPARATIVE RELIGION



Core Courses

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(75 CREDIT HOURS)

Islamic Revealed Knowledge Introductory Courses (24 Credit Hours)

1. RKQS 1046 (STUDY OF QUR'AN)

This course deals ideas about the basic information of the Quranic text. It will provide the meaning, reason of revelation, and the explanation of Quranic verses. It will also discuss the application of the Quranic teaching in the contemporary world especially in daily life of human being.

2. RKQS 1151 (REFLECTIONS ON THE LIFE OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD)

This course deals with some of the important dimensions of the Prophet's biography, prophethood, mission, and struggle. Certain major events and concepts shall be highlighted such as Da'wah, Jahiliyyah, Jihad, Hijrah, and his farewell address. Orientalists' approach towards the Prophet (s.a.w.) shall also be discussed.

3. RKQS 2011 (SCIENCES OF QUR'AN)

This course deals with the basic issues and principles which lead to the true understanding of the Qur'ān. The main issues to be focused on in this course include historical background of Sciences of the Qur'ān,

wahy, revelation of the Qur'ān, the compilation of the Qur'ān, Makkī and Madanī Revelations, Background of Revelation, Āyāt Muhkamāt and Āyāt Mutashābihāt, Amthāl and Aqsām in the Qur'ān, Naskh in the Qur'ān, inimitability of the Qur'ān, commentary of the Qur'ān and the schools of tafsīr in different ages, and co-relationship between āyāt.

4. RKQS 2021 (SCIENCES OF HADITH)

The course focuses on the basic and preliminary terms in hadīth, its historical background, classification of ahadith and some fundamental issues related to hadith.

5. RKFQ 2062 (INTRODUCTION TO FIQH)

The content of this course is divided into two major parts: the concept of fiqh and the history of fiqh. The first part deals with some key concepts, such as the meaning of fiqh and SharĒÑah, their characteristics, objectives, sources and general rules. The second part deals with the main features of the historical development of Islamic Legal Thought from the period of RisĒlah until our present time. The primary focus in the first part is on the meaning and concept of fiqh, while the second part emphasizes its dynamism.

6. RKFQ 2161 (INTRODUCTION TO USUL AL-FIQH)

This course concentrates on the history, indicators and methodological principles of Islamic jurisprudence (fiqh). It describes the origin and development of Islamic legal theory. It traces the efforts made by the leading Muslim legal theorists in explaining the ways that human mind can interact with the revelation. Likewise, it focuses on the methods of

reasoning adopted by various schools of jurisprudence to expound the Islamic law. The course also discusses theories on the objectives of Shari`ah (Maqâ'id al- Shari'ah) and emphasizes the need for ijtihâd and its role in harmonizing the requirements of the Muslim's contemporary life with the imperatives of the Qur`ân and Sunnah.

7. RKUD 3010 (ISLAMIC AQIDAH)

This course deals with the basic foundation of the Islamic 'aqâdah within the context of a holistic view of the universe, from the perspective of tawâd. The course also stresses on the sources of 'aqâdah and its objectives. Within this framework, students are expected to learn the methodology of reasoning in dealing with issues concerning 'aqâdah. This course also aims at guiding students to grasp certain religious key-concepts such as dîn, Êmân, îsân, fiïrah, truth, ikhtiyâr and amânah.

8. RKUD 3020 (ISLAMIC ETHICS)

This Course discusses Ethics from the Qur`ânic and Sunnah perspectives where such notions as Íusn al-khuluq, khuluqin 'aÐÊm and makârim al-akhlâq will be studied. Muslim scholars' works on Ethics will be discussed. Western theories will also be highlighted as comparatives. Contemporary ethical issues will be analyzed too.

Core Courses (51 Credit Hours)

1. RKUD 2999 (RESEARCH METHODOLOGY)

The course surveys major works on Usul al-Din classifying them according to different schools of thought. Covers historical developments of the methods in Usul al-Din: the early scholars (at-Mutaqaddimun) and later scholars (at- Muta'akhirun) methodological premises for the reconstruction of religious thought, and application of different methodological approaches and techniques to the study of Usul al-Din issues today.

2. RKUD 3030 (METHODS OF DA'WAH)

This course deals with da'wah as a "science" which comprises of subject matter, methods and objectives. It will study the da'wah methodologies of the prophets as well as other methodologies that developed in history. It also introduces the integrated approaches of Revealed Knowledge and Social Sciences for contemporary application of da'wah within the context of different ethnicities and belief systems.

3. RKUD 3040 (CONTEMPORARY ISLAMIC MOVEMENTS)

This course deals with modern and contemporary Islamic socio-political, cultural and religious movements such as Mahdi movement of Sudan, SanĒsĒ movement of North Africa, al-Ikhwān al-MuslimĒn of Egypt, Jamā ° at al-TablĒgh and Jama ° at Islami of the Subcontinent, Nahdat al-Ulamā' and the Muhammadiyyah movements of the Malay archipelago.

4. RKUD 3070 (ISLAMIC SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS)

This course deals with the concept of Islamic Social Institution and its peculiar characteristics. Selected institutions will be studied such as; Islamic Family Institutions, Financial Institutions, Educational Institutions, Political and Legal Institutions. The external and internal challenges encountered by Islamic Social Institution in the global era will also be dealt with.

5. RKUD 3131 (ISSUES IN TASAWWUF)

The course introduces to students the general aspects of Tasawwuf. It also examines topics such as definition, origin and scope of Tasawwuf; development of Tasawwuf; Sufi schools; Sufi theory of knowledge; zuhd, 'uzlah, ahwal, haqiqah and shari'ah, karamah and wilayah. The Sufi Orders will be looked into and deviationist tendencies in Tasawwuf will be examined.

6. RKUD 3141 (USUL AI-DIN)

The course is centralized around the two fundamentals of Islam al-UlĤhiyyah and al-Nubuwwah via the major views of Muslim scholars and Islamic Sects on them. Regarding the UlĤhiyyah, the course centers its discussion on the proofs for the existence of God and the Unity of God. It also discusses the attributes of God, the relation of God to the universe (creation ex-nihilo), the relation between God and Human being (the concept of worship, the Islamic Law and God's divine will on His creation). Concerning the Nubuwwah, the course is focused on the meanings of al-Nubuwwah (Prophethood) and al-RisĤlah (Messengership), the need for Prophethood, the scriptural and logical proofs for the occurrence of

Prophethood, the characteristics of Prophet Muhammad pbuh's message, the finality of Prophethood in Muhammad pbuh, and Islam as the religion of all prophets.

7. RKUD 3180 (ISLAM AND MODERN IDEOLOGIES)

This course is designed at a general exposure of modern ideologies, such as Humanism, Nationalism, Marxism, Secularism, and Globalism, from Islamic perspective. The topics dealt with include definition of ideology, historical origins of the concept of ideology, anatomy of modern ideologies and Islamic principles of approaching the competing ideological claims.

8. RKUD 3190 (ISLAM AND RELIGIOUS PLURALISM)

This course is a critical survey of religious diversity in general and religious pluralism in particular. The topics dealt with include the definition of religious pluralism; its rise and development; its major trends and their representatives; its implications and the Islamic assessment of the others.

9. RKUD 3320 (HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY)

This course surveys Western philosophy from the time of the early Greek thinkers to the present day. It traces and explains the principal philosophical concepts and theories in the order in which they were developed in history through the studies of selected philosophers.

10. RKUD 3331 (LOGICS FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES)

This course expounds the two important divisions of Islamic Logic, conception (ta'awwur) and assent (ta'd'eq). In the first division, it discusses

such subject as words, signification and definition. In the second division, it examines different kinds of arguments such as inductions and syllogisms. It also identifies some forms of fallacies in reasoning.

11. RKUD 3230 (WESTERN METHODOLOGIES OF COMPARATIVE RELIGION)

This course introduces students to the development of Comparative Religion in the West. Historical factors that influence the growth of the discipline will be looked into. The various terminologies used for the discipline will be highlighted. The methodologies will be examined, i.e., Philosophy of Religion, Anthropology of Religion, Sociology of Religion, Psychology of Religion, History of Religion and Phenomenology of Religion. An Islamic trans-valuation of the methodologies will be attempted.

12. RKUD 3240 (STUDY OF RELIGIONS 1)

This course is designed at a general exposure of Zoroastrianism, Judaism and Christianity as living religions. Topics that will be covered in this course will include background, scriptures, basic theologies and doctrines, rites and rituals, denominations and sects, and contemporary issues and developments.

13. RKUD 3251 (QURANIC PERSPECTIVE OF OTHER RELIGIONS)

This course exposes students to the Qur'anic verses and stance regarding other religions and beliefs. It will cover all those religions and religious communities explicated in the Qur'án including Judaism and Jews, Christianity and Christians, Ahl al-Kitáb, Ban'É Isra'Él, Majūsī, pagans and idolatry. The course will differentiate the truth as revealed by the Qur'an

to those as claimed by the other religions and their scriptures. Items such as truth-claims, theology, doctrines, scriptures, rites and rituals will be discussed.

14. RKUD 3910 (STATISTICS FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES)

This course aims to equip students with basic tools and techniques deemed essential for the purpose of analyzing and interpreting quantitative data. This course emphasizes conceptual understanding underlying the use of statistical tests rather than the mathematical skills required for the computation of complex formulae.

15. RKUD 4121 (CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN USUL AL-DIN)

The course gives a survey of the situation regarding contemporary Islamic Thought. It covers such topics as modernity and religion, social justice, gender issues, religious plurality, post-modernism, reason and revelation, and globalization. Thoughts of prominent contemporary Muslim scholars on the issues will be examined.

16. RKUD 4212 (MUSLIM LEGACY ON OTHER RELIGION)

This course will view Muslim legacy in comparative religion. The history and development of the discipline will be looked into. The various genres of the scholarship will be discussed. Selected works of Muslim scholars in comparative religion will be studied.

17. RKUD 4350 (HISTORY OF ISLAMIC PHILOSOPHY)

This course explicates in general the fundamental ideas of major Muslim

philosophers beginning from the advent of philosophy in Islam. The philosophers' views on such aspects as epistemology, metaphysics, cosmology and ethics will be discussed. The relation between philosophy and theology as well as Sufism especially in the ideas of later Muslim philosophers will also be examined.