Islamic Studies Department
Curriculum and Course Description, Bachelor of Theology in Islamic Studies

1- (111) The Islamic creed (3 Cr. Hrs)
This course aims to give the students a general introduction to the foundations and pillars of Islamic Faith, it covers the following topics: the concept of the creed, its characteristics and fundamentals; the meaning of faith, its ranks, essence, and monotheism, a brief study to fate, faith evidence, prophets, Messengers, holy Books; the Hereafter, revelation, miracles, infallibility of prophets, belief in the holy Books, signs of the Hereafter, and scenes of the Hereafter; the evidences of the resurrection and refuting accusations on it.

2- (212) Comparative Religion (3 Cr. Hrs)
The object of this course is to provide a comparative study for the revealed religions, al-Adyan al-Samawiyyah, i.e. Christianity and Judaism) and for some other religions, such as Hinduism and Buddhism). This course aims also to enable the student to know the most important issues which relate to the creed and to the private legislation of these religions in comparison with Islam. Moreover, it aims to give the student an ability to compare between the main issues of these religions.

3- (313) Modern Movements (3 Cr. Hrs)
Analysis of the different groups and their fundamental differences that exist under the umbrella of Islam. An analytical and historical approach is taken discussing various groups such as the Kharajites, the Shi’a, etc

4- (121) Qur'anic Sciences (3 Cr. Hrs)
The course aims at familiarizing the student with various aspects pertaining to Qur'anic studies such as: revelation, history of revelation reasons of revelation, translation, inimitability of the Qur'an, manuscripts, abrogation, recitations, refuting accusations against the Qur'an, and exegesis bases.

5- (122) Qur'anic Recitation (3 Cr. Hrs)
This course aims to enable the student to recite the Qur'an according to the recitation rules; development of recitation of the Qur'an; its importance in some assimilation rules, to gain and practice reciting; emphasis; lengthening of vowels; rules of "h" and "r"; qualities of sounds; names of sounds; sun letters and moon letters, the recitation rules so that they become skill; rules of the glottal stop; conjunctions and disjunction in words; lowering of vowels.

6- (223) Analytic Exegesis (3 Cr. Hrs)
This course trains the student on the art of exegesis and its books, it also teaches how to analyze Qur'anic texts from a linguistic and rhetorical point of view. The exegesis of Surat al-Nisa' is a requirement of the course in addition to the meaning of certain vocabularies of the first half of the Qur'an.

7- (324) **Exegesis of the Legislation verses (3 Cr. Hrs)**
This course discusses the explanation of the Qur'anic verses of legislation and regulation; survey of evidence provided by scholars; lawful and unlawful matters; verses from chapters: al- Baqara, al-Nisa; al-Ma'ida, al-Nur; al-Ahzab will be discussed. There are three main points to be taken into consideration, those include: the explanation of these verses, the way of producing rules from these verses and the reasons of Scholars' differences (if found) and how to deal with them.

8- (325) **Exegetes’ Manners (3 Cr. Hrs)**
This course aims to give a general introduction to the sources of exegesis, methods and styles of exegetes in their books of exegesis, difference between exegesis and interpretation; types of exegesis, characteristics of every school of exegesis, the best way of explaining the Qur'an, the development of exegesis in recent time.

9- (426) **The Thematic Exegesis of the Qur’an (3 Cr. Hrs)**
This course includes the definition of thematic Qur'anic exegesis and its importance in the context of other types of exegesis of the Qur'an. It highlights the most important efforts that have been paid in this field and the methodologies of scholars in these efforts. It goes further to highlight what is believed to be the best methodology in approaching this sort or type of Tafsir (exegesis / interpretation). Finally it deals with some chosen themes as mentioned in the Qur'an.

10- (427) **Inimitability of the Qur'an (3 Cr. Hrs)**
This course actually discusses the concept of inimitability; morale, magic challenge and its stages in Qur'an, linguistic and literary inimitability of the Qur'an; the choice of the Qur'anic words; cohesion; coherence; scientific inimitability; difference between theories and facts properties of legislation in the Qur'an, principles of ethics.

11- (131) **Hadith Sciences (3 Cr. Hrs)**
The course includes an introduction to Hadith; efforts of Hadith Scholars; development of Hadith studies; types of Hadith; Scholarship of Hadith; scholarly works in Hadith, chain studies, the bases of accepting and refusing.
12- (232) Analytic Hadith (3 Cr. Hrs)
This course aims to discuss certain accounts of the Prophet from different aspects such as: their meanings, ascriptions (chain), and words from the following books: - Sahih al-Bukhari with Fath al-Bari, 15 accounts from the following chapters: (Bad' al-Wahy, al-'Ilm, al-'Umrah and Khabar al-'Ahad). - Sahih Muslim with Sharh al-Nawawi, 15 accounts from the following chapters: (al-Iman, al-Jihad wa al-Imarah, al-Libas wa al-Zinah and Sifat al-Munafiqin). - Al-Sunan al-Arba'ah and Musnad al-Imam Ahmad, 20 selected accounts.

13- (333) Hadiths of Legislation (3 Cr. Hrs)
This course includes an Introduction to deductive methods; studying and memorizing 30 Hadiths from the book of Subol Al-Salam and Nayl al-Awtar. The course also aims to train the student in using Hadiths in arguments in Fiqh.

14- (334) Hadith Authentication & the Study of Chains (3 Cr. Hrs)
This course includes the concept of Al-Jarh wal-Ta'dil, its legitimacy, importance and the most eminent and distinguished scholars in this field. It includes the basis of rejecting and accepting the narrators in addition to studying the special terms used in this field and their influence on the final judgment on the prophetic saying whether to be accepted or not. And how to find Hadiths in these classified books; evaluating the hadiths, books of narrative, and books of Hadith; the course also deals with the definition of scientific research, its bases and procedures, and how to edit manuscripts of Hadiths.

15- (435) Hadith Scholars’ Manners (3 Cr. Hrs)
The course includes a study of the concept of methodology: its importance and history of writing the books of Hadith; methodology of certain Scholars of Hadith, such as: al-Bukhari, Muslim, al-Tirmidhi, al-Nasa’i, Ibn Majah, Abu Dawud, al-Darimi and Malik; to know and, discuss the conditions of every one of them in his book; this includes an applied and comparative study to these books.

16- (141) Jurisprudence of Purification, Prayer and Fasting (3 Cr. Hrs.)
Introduction to jurisprudence doctrines; their founders and their methods of deduction; definition of Fiqh; purity; ablution; washing; types of water; menses; prayers; prayer of travelers, Friday prayer, prayers of feasts; prayer of the sick; funeral prayer. Jurisprudence of Fasting; definition; pillars of fasting; its time; I'tikaf, definition and conditions.

17- (142) Introduction to Islamic Legislation (3 Cr. Hrs.)
Introduction to Islamic Fiqh; defining Islam; sources of legislation; properties of Islamic legislation; relationships between Islam and other religions; features and history of Islamic Fiqh; schools of Fiqh; introduction to some Scholars.

18- (243) Jurisprudence of Alms and Pilgrimage (3 Cr. Hrs.)
The jurisprudence of Alms; its concept, legislation, conditions, the kinds of wealth which apply to alms, the relationship between alms, tax and ways of spending alms. The course also discusses the Jurisprudence of Hajj (pilgrimage): its concept, legislation and rules. This covers its time, kinds of Hajj, to do hajj instead of others, and the rules of Umrah.

19- (244) Jurisprudence of the Family (3 Cr. Hrs.)
This course includes the definition of personal status rules, the marriage contract (its concept, importance, effects), and the methods of canceling the marriage contract (divorce, khul', separating by judgment because of apostasy or breastfeeding or disagreement between husbands... etc. The course also includes the influences of canceling the marriage contract, such as: 'iddah, descent, breastfeeding, nursing and payment.

20- (345) Jurisprudence of Inheritance (3 Cr. Hrs.)
The course discusses the rules of Wills: their conditions, cancellation, different Kinds; inheritance: its kinds and distribution according to Islamic legislation.

21- (346) The Islamic foundations of jurisprudence 1 (3 Cr. H.)
This course discusses the concept of the foundations of jurisprudence, the jurisprudence bases, the differences between jurisprudence and its foundations, and the linguistic fundamental bases of jurists. And the rules of Fiqh; the effects of the legal rules, the indications (their obvious or obscure words, the implicit and explicit indications, the text and the concept, the general and special indications).

22- Jurisdiction and Arbitration in Islam (3 Cr. Hrs.)
This module deals with the definition of Arbitration, the difference between it and adjudication and reconciliation, its legitimacy, its legal position and its principles which include: arbitration contract formula, parties, their capacity, contract conditions, the implications of the decline of some conditions, subjects of the arbitration; arbitration in financial deals, arbitration in civil issues, arbitration in criminal and penal cases, the arbitrator, his capacity and qualities, his authority and
limitations and the expiry of his governance, the proof value of the verdict towards the dispute parties and in the eyes of the judge and the authority of the arbitrator in implementing the verdict.

23- The Islamic foundations of jurisprudence 2 (3 Cr. H.)
This course discusses the linguistic fundamental bases of jurists. And the rules of Fiqh; the effects of the legal rules, the indications (their obvious or obscure words, the implicit and explicit indications, the text and the concept, the general and special indications).

24- (448) Jurisprudence of Transactions and Participations (3 Cr. Hrs.)
This course aims to give the student an introduction to transaction (mu'amalat or mu'awadat) in Islam; selling and its regulations and conditions; choices and their conditions; illegal selling; profit making; usury and its conditions; renting; mortgage bails. It is also discusses companies and participations in Islam, kinds of companies, contracts of irrigation and agriculture.

25- (449) Contemporary Jurisprudence issues (3 Cr. Hrs.)
The course discusses the perception of Islamic methodology in handling contemporary issues, knowledge of legal judgment of contemporary financial treatments forms such as insurance and profitability, linking the Juristic discretion with our contemporary economic issues, supporting the Islamic economic theory in face of others, characteristics of treatment system in Islam, Islamic methodology in treating new issues, study of certain contemporary problems in the financial treatments, i.e.: moral rights such as: copyright and goodwill, commercial insurance and its Islamic alternative, profitability for purchasing commander, partnership ending possession, letters of deposits and financial papers

26- (151) Arabic Syntax (Grammar) (3 Cr. H.)
In this course students will study the parts of speech including: the mabni, muarab, marfooat alasma’ such as almubtada’ walkhabar, the subject and substitute of the subject, the rules of nawasikh (superseding), conditions which cause the name to be mansoob, kinds of almafa’eel, exceptions, adverbs, distinguished, kinds of almafa’eel, exceptions, adverbs, distinguished, kinds of jar by addition or by jarr letters which will be identified, as well as the different uses of these letters. Also, this course teaches the scale of sarf, almujarad and almazeed, almuta’adi wallazim, the two kinds of verbs that reflect known and unknown subjects, tasgheer, nasab (lineage), ali’lal (verbs that contain vowels), and ibdal (replacement). And the students will be trained in i’rab, the rhyme of Arabic words, and will be trained in tracing the origins of Arabic words through I’rab of selected suras form the Holy Quran, prophetic hadiths, and literary texts. In order
for this course to be a practical application of what has been studied in the course on Arabic Grammar, students will engage in a comprehensive study of i’rab, based on the modern method of i’rab that is currently used.

27- (252) Rhetoric and statement Methods (3 Cr. H.)
This course includes an extensive study of rhetoric, and its three divisions: the bayan (explanation), ma’ani (the meanings), and the badi’ (magnificent). Students will study comparison, borrowing, aliases and related issues, and will focus on the characteristics of styles, the secrets of original Arabic expression, and knowledge of the systems and regulations that are applicable to speech in the present time. Finally, students will study badi’ enhancers such as: saja’ (assonance), jinas (alliteration), tawria, and more.

28- (161) Legacy of the Prophet (3 Cr. H.)
This course includes an introduction to the study of the Prophet's biography: the sources and characteristics of the Prophet's biography. The events and episodes of the Prophet's biography from birth to death. An attempt will be made to link these events to the current reality of Muslims, so that our journey through life may be safer, as we live in the shadows of his biography (pbuh); and work to achieve our goal of being true followers of the Prophet (pbuh).

29- (262) The Islamic History (3 Cr. H.)
This course encompasses the study of the biographies of the Caliphs (may Allah be pleased with them), and their role in the sustaining the pillars of the Islamic state after the death of The Prophet (pbuh). This will include a study of: the most important conquests of their era, and their method in organizing the state’s affairs, including the administrative, financial, and military branches. This course also deals with the trials and tribulations (fitna) and events of their time; and the resulting impact on the Muslim community (ummah), as well as the effects that have lived on to this today.

30- (271) The Foundations of Oration & Guidance (3 Cr. H.)
This course discusses the main issues of Islamic Call, such as: The meaning of Islamic Call, its characteristics, rules and importance. How to guide the people, the etikates of enjoining the doing of all that right, and forbidding the doing of all that is wrong.

31- (372) Teaching Methods of Islamic Studies (3 Cr. H.)
Training the students the ways to teach the main sources of Islam (Qur’an, Sunnah, the Creed, the prophet legacy) for the Islamic schools students.
32- (491) The Research methods in the Islamic field (3 Cr. H.)
This course aims to introduce students to scientific research, including: its features, divisions and types, methodology of research, and characteristics of the researcher. This course will also illustrate the most important scientific steps involved in the preparation of scientific research, including: the selection of a topic, creation of a research plan, collection of material, effective articulation, how to write the introduction and conclusion, as well as the correct usage of sources and references, and creation of the indexes.

33- (273) Managing the Islamic institution in the west (3 Cr. Hrs.)
Introduction to the principle of management, how to manage the Islamic institutions; like schools, Masajed, community centers, and others.

34- (273) The arts of public speech (3 Cr. Hrs.)
This includes: The Caller and his role, the rights of those whom are called, how to assure their faith and morals, an applied study to the main styles of the Call, such as delivering the speech of Jumu’ah, and other circles and lectures which eventually form the best preachers and callers

35- (273) Raising Children in the American Society (3 Cr. Hrs.)
The ways to raise the children in the American society and the challenges facing the parents and how to solve it.

36- (274) Islamic Morals and Decorum (3 Cr. Hrs.)
The course aims to teach the student the Islamic manners and decorum.

37- (347) Islamic Economy (3 Cr. Hrs.)
Definition of Islamic economics; significance, objectives, sources, characteristics of Islamic economy, economic problem and how to be handled, economic doctrine in Islam, possession in Islam (types, system), possession restriction, possession duties, financial system and sources, protection of Islamic economy and protection of Islamic economy systems (hiba, weights and measures control judiciary and police).

38- (363) Islam in USA (History and present) (3 Cr. Hrs.)
Including the history of the Islam in USA, and the current situation of them, their institutions and organizations, their duties, the challenges facing them and the future of them.

39- (381) The Islamic Government System (3 Cr. H.)
This course explains the concept of state, its modern pillars, people who are liable to be consulted, loyalty, election, constitution reforming, loyal state, political liability, legislative policy, the supremacy of Islamic legislation, the styles of authority, the restrictions on the state, the constitutional punishment regarding those who rule the state.

40- (482) **International Relations in Islam (3 Cr. H.)**
This course shows the development of the political society from past to present, the schools of understanding international relations, the aims of war, the different jurist schools regarding how to deal with state authority, the division of the world into Islam home and call home or Islam home and war home, rules of killing and fighting, civilians’ rules and rights, war effects, withdraw rules and conditions, contracts in Islam and their kinds and influences.

41- (228) **Quranic Narratives (3 Cr. Hrs.)**
The course discusses the concept of the (story) in Qur'an; the characteristics and goals of Qur'anic narratives; methods of research in Qur'anic stories; al- Isra'iliyat (The accounts narrated by Israelites).
The course also concentrates on how the Qur'anic Story assists in understanding the Divine bases of change, in life, soul and society. An applied discussion is required on some narratives of certain Prophets.