

Qur'an Memorization & Islamic Studies

At Islamic Institute of Alberta

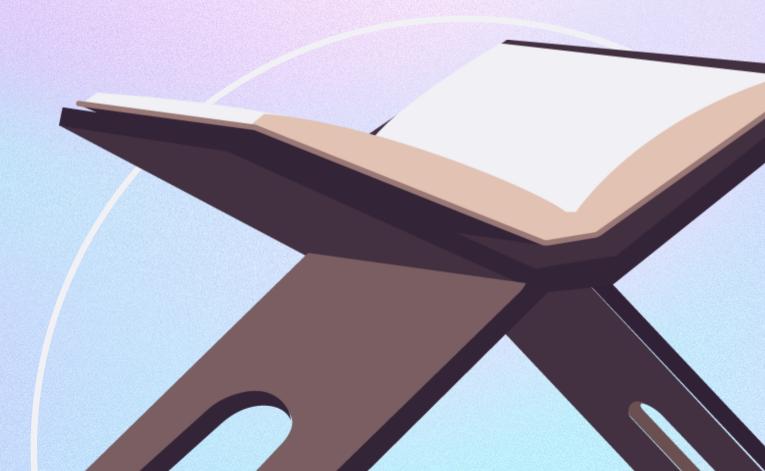


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Preface

At Al-Ansaar, we believe every young person deserves a robust Islamic education, where sufficient knowledge is thoughtfully provided regarding every facet of Islam pertaining to our lives. In addition to having a strong foundation in the basics of belief and worship, they should also gain a deep familiarity with the Qur'ān, the prophetic tradition and biography, history, and Islamic etiquette.

Our objective is to provide our children with enough valuable knowledge and profound insight so that they acquire the ability to navigate through all aspects of life in light of these teachings.

With these goals in mind, Al-Ansaar offers various programs which take our youngsters along the journey of knowledge, wisdom and Islamic tarbiyah (training). Along the way, they will develop into devout Muslims, firmly equipped with the tools to become strong ambassadors of Islam, by the will of Allāh.



Beginner Evening Qur'ān & Islamic School



We have endeavored to carefully formulate a system of learning that caters to the diverse student population we hope to serve, while also encouraging educational progression at a communal class pace.

There are three principal methods we employ by which we aspire to achieve this, all under the overarching goal of tarbiyah. They are: communal progression via class instruction, relationship building between teachers and students, and a strong curriculum addressing the unique needs of the students in a way that allows for progression term after term. Al-Hamdulillāh, we implement these methods in a number of ways within our various programs.

Communal learning is a tried and tested method with firm results; the teacher will deliver the material to the entire class collectively and move forward once everyone demonstrates understanding. To facilitate this, classes will initially be divided based on age or background knowledge to ensure that everyone is approximately at the same level of understanding. This methodology is also utilized in the public school system.

We present to you our Evening Qur'ān & Islamic School which aims to instill the foundations of Islam within our children.

Beginner Evening Qur'ān & Islamic School

What will students learn?

- Mastery of Qur'ānic recitation
 - Learning and applying basic concepts of recitation
 - To gain competence and proficiency in recitation
 - Build up to a level of expertise in the art of Qur'ānic recitation
- Islamic Studies
 - Students progress through an 8-level curriculum
 - Qur'ān translation and explanation
 - Hadith memorization and explanation
 - Detailed explanation of salah (prayer) and cleanses

- Memorization of Qur'an & Dua Texts
 - Begin with the memorization of prophetic supplications
 - Reciting the entire Qur'ān
 - Memorizing chapters from the 30th juz (para) while completing the recitation of the Qur'ān
 - Memorizing commonly recited sūras including sūrah Yasīn, al-Mulk, as-Sajdah, al-Wāqi'a, and more
 - Continuous and thorough revision to ensure retention

Prerequisites:

Ages 4-15

Class Schedule:

- Option 1 4:30 PM-6:00 PM Mon-Thurs
- Option 2 6:00 PM-7:30 PM Mon-Thurs

Classes will be divided based on age groups with separate classes for older boys and girls (9+).



Our Qur'ān Memorization Programs

The Qur'ān memorization program's goal is to produce qualified huffāz and protectors of the Qur'ān by means of memorization of the Holy Qur'ān. The complete memorization of the Qur'ān is a noble method of the miraculous preservation of the Islamic religion. Al-Ansaar Islamic Institute employs an effective method of memorization that focuses on tajweed rules and retention. Students get the opportunity to connect frequently with reputable scholars in and out of the classroom setting, allowing them to have a strong relationships.

Evening Taḥfīz al-Qur'ān

Students who have completed the beginner levels of Qur'ān recitation and memorization will be enrolled into a specialized hifz program in which they will be able to complete the memorization of the Qur'ān at a specific pace, over a period of a few years, while maintaining their school studies.

In these programs, teachers will recite the verses with students altogether or have the students follow their recitation. Students then may take turns reciting the verses. This continues until the desired portion for that day is complete. Students would also revise as a class and go in circles revising one by one, perhaps 'āyah-by-'āyah or page-by-page, etc. all under the supervision and discretion of the teacher. Such a method requires much effort and patience from both the teacher and student, but the result is a strong hifz foundation 'in shā' Allāh from the constant recitation and listening of the same portion for the class. Our own hifz programs and students have demonstrated strength in the juz they have memorized this term Al-Hamdulillāh.

Prerequisites:

Student must be able to recite Qur'ān semi-fluently

Class Schedule:

- 6:00 PM-8:15 PM Mon-Fri
- 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Sundays

Separate classes for boys & girls.

Full-Time Taḥfīz al-Qur'ān

The full-time Taḥfīz al-Qur'ān program provides a rare opportunity to diligently study Islam, and become a ḥāfiz, without compromising on secular education. The ḥifz program is carefully designed to focus on individual capabilities and potentials. Students of this course will be traditionally taught the method of memorization of the Holy Qur'ān with proper tajwīd. The syllabus has been meticulously prepared in a manner that enables each student to memorize the entire Qur'ān and retain it through consistent revisions and testing.

Academic education is vital to a truly successful student, not only to prepare them to think analytically and grasp complex subjects but also to present and solve problems in an effective way. We believe a successful educational program plays a significant role in providing availability of greater career prospects and comfortable lifestyles available for the student. Alongside an Islamic education, a comprehensive secular education broadens access to a successful life now and in the hereafter.

Prerequisites:

Student must be able to recite Qur'ān semi-fluently

Class Schedule:

The student's daily schedule consists of classes Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM year-round.



Tarbiyah

Teacher-student relationships are crucial in fostering long-term love of Islamic Studies as well as an appreciation for the social dimension of Islamic education. As such, we encourage frequent events and activities for youth such as Story Hours or pizza parties and the like to ensure that students are enjoying their experience. We also encourage discussions in class amid a relaxed environment whilst maintaining behavioural boundaries in-line with Islamic ethics.

We constantly plan fun events with youth and the community at large to ensure that the atmosphere is relaxed while educational goals are being met at the same time. The community reception to these programs has been exceptionally positive with impressive turnouts Al-Ḥamdulillāh.

All of this would occur under the overarching goal of putting our youth through a system of tarbiyah by which they develop the tools and desire for further Islamic education and navigate themselves through the challenges encountered by Muslims, particularly youth, in the West and to develop a strong love of Allāh and His Dīn.

Activities for our programs:

- Indoor
 - Table tennis
 - Foosball
 - Giant Jenga
 - Bean Bag Toss & more!
- Outdoor
 - The playground and field next to Al-Ansaar
 - Field Trips

Occasionally, we take all the children on field trips to various locations. Field trips in the past have been to bowling, Callaway Park, and bouncy arenas.



Part-time 'Ālimiyyah Program

To fulfill the objective of disseminating Islamic knowledge, Al-Ansaar Institute offers a part-time 'Alimiyyah program for members of the community who are passionate about developing their Islamic education and spirituality. The students in this program traverse a carefully curated curriculum encompassing the various Islamic sciences. This comprehensive curriculum includes the various sciences associated with The Holy Qur'an, the Prophetic narrations (Hadīth), Islamic Jurisprudence (Figh), and the Arabic language. Certified instructors meticulously aid the students throughout their journey of absorbing and internalizing classical texts while demonstrating how to correctly apply this knowledge to the students' lives. The style adopted in this program is that of traditional Islamic education. Upon the successful completion of this program, the students become certified in the Islamic sciences ('ijāza) and are also granted a chain of learning ('isnād) which connects them, teacher by teacher, to our beloved prophet Muhammad, the peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him. The curriculum also focuses on effective communication and outstanding leadership skills, ensuring that the students are capable of aiding the community by utilizing what they have learnt. We ask Allāh to make us a means of beneficial knowledge and comprehension for our community.

Curriculum:

- Arabic reading, writing, and speaking
- Arabic grammar (nahw)
- Arabic morphology (şarf)
- Eloquence (balāgah)
- Qur'ān recitation (tajwīd)
- Qur'ān translation
- Qur'ān explanation (tafsīr)
- Sciences of the Qur'ān ('ulūm al-Qur'ān)

- Hadīth translation
- Hadīth explanation
- Sciences of Ḥadīth ('ulūm al-Hadīth)
- Jurisprudence (figh)
- Principles of Jurisprudence (uṣūl al-figh)
- Belief ('aqīdah)
- Public speaking

Class Schedule:

The classes for the part-time 'ālimiyyah program occur from Friday to Sunday. Breaks are during and after Ramadān, before exams, and in the winter.

Friday: 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday: 8:00 am to 12:15 pm

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