



The Islamic Scholarship (‘Alimiyyah) Program

At Islamic Institute of Alberta



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Our Story

The Al-Ansaar Islamic Foundation was started by a group of highly dedicated and passionate Muslim scholars, including graduates from Islamic institutions, with formal grounding in the various Islamic sciences with the aim of spreading practical knowledge and sound scholarship. Our ambition centers around the idea of contributing to communities by creating leaders, educators, and confident Muslims. We are ultimately concerned with building strong communities that impact the lives of others and motivate, inspire, and contribute to the good of humanity.

Who We Are

Islamic Institute of Alberta is an Islamic organization intent on disseminating knowledge and character development grounded in the numerous Islamic sciences. While conceptually mastering these sciences, our students are taught how to bring what they learn to fruition, thus refining their discipline and moral character. The curriculum incorporates effective communication and leadership skills, ensuring that students are capable of aiding the community using what they have learnt. These educational programs are available to all people, starting with programs suitable for children and beginner students of knowledge to advanced Islamic studies. Al-Ansaar also hosts a multitude of community events focused on increasing the cohesion, education, and enjoyment of our community. Some of these events are focused on specific sections of our society such as men, women, children, scholars, and new reverts. We ask Allah ﷻ to make us a means of education and unity for the Muslim community and to accept from us our efforts.

Our Mission

Our mission is to develop an organization which creates opportunities for individuals of all walks of life irrespective of their color, race, or gender by creating identity awareness within community members by way of rigorous educational programs mixed with community involvement in order to make an impact. We aim to create an environment wherein the sacred Islamic sciences are studied in a traditional manner with a curriculum in the language of the sources themselves, as has been the standard of Muslim scholarship for centuries.

What Sets Us Apart



- Traditional Islamic Studies Curriculum Covering the Various Islamic Sciences
- Emphasis on Purification of the Soul and Conduct
- Emphasis on Mastering Arabic Grammar, Morphology and Rhetoric
- Frequent Opportunities to Meet and Study with Various Scholars
- Frequent Community Involvement and Service
- And More...!

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The Cause

Today, amidst trying times and new challenges, the need for authentic scholars possessing sound, comprehensive knowledge of Islam, as well as profound understanding of modern Muslim societies is apparent. It is high time that we formally train and nurture talented individuals from our communities to stand up to the challenges and needs of Muslims in North America by playing the crucial roles of guides, mentors and educators.

What is this Degree?

The Bachelors in Islamic Sciences is commonly known as the 'Alim course'. It is a course that has been implemented worldwide and proves to be immensely beneficial in preserving and spreading the *sacred sciences of Islam*. It is designed to successfully educate and empower students to reach a high academic understanding of *Arabic, Jurisprudence, Hadith, Creed, recitation of the Qur'an and exegesis* as well as maintaining close connections with authorized Islamic scholars.

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What is achieved by the Bachelors?

The License in Islamic Scholarship is the most distinguished degree awarded and can be likened to post-graduate degrees awarded in the Canadian education system. After successfully completing the final exams, students will graduate from the Institute as an 'Alim or 'Alimah in full, with a portfolio of *asanid* (chains of transmission) and *ijazat* collected over the years studying with the institute and meeting scholars. Thereby obtaining the *Shahadah Aalamiyyah* (proof of Islamic scholarship).

Is this an Accredited Program?

The Shahadah Alamiyyah is a program implemented globally. Graduates from this program will be eligible to continue their Islamic studies in one of many Islamic institutes and universities throughout the world. Graduates will also receive transcripts and testimony on behalf of the institute to aid in their future pursuits for knowledge.

Requirements for enrollment

- Desire to learn the sacred sciences of Islam
- Basic ability to read the Arabic language
- Strong work ethic
- Punctuality and Seriousness

Program Structure

'Alimiyyah program consists of 3 levels, which can be completed in a period of 6 years.

Level 1 focuses on granting the foundational language tools for success in future studies while covering the fundamental aspects of Fiqh and Beliefs.

Level 2 builds on the theological foundations established in Level 1 and introduces students to the sciences of Quranic Exegesis and Prophetic Discourse (Hadith).

Level 3 delves further into the study of Prophetic Discourses whilst providing a greater understanding of everyday applications.

Completion of each level will be achieved after 2 years of study.

Year 1

The first year is preparatory with an emphasis on the basics of Arabic grammar, speech, and reading as well as tajwid and the basics of Islamic beliefs and practices. The first level is taught in English, with the course material gradually shifting to Arabic from the second level onwards.

Subjects

- Syntax 1
- Linguistics 1
- Jurisprudence 1
- Vocalization 1
- Foundations 1
- Literature 1
- Morphology 1

Students will practice

Syntax and grammar of the Arabic language, language exercises, vocabulary. Beginner Arabic conversation skills, practice in implementing learnt rules. Basic Islamic rulings and jurisprudence such as purity, prayers, alms, fasting, pilgrimage, and answers to common issues. Correcting pronunciation of the Arabic letters, leading into the correct recitation of the Noble Qur'an.

Year 2

The second year involves delving deeper into subjects pertaining to traditional Arabic language arts with the aim of developing mastery in reading, writing, composition and speaking pure Arabic, as well in the various aspects of Arabic grammar such as syntax, etymology, conjugation, and inflection.

Subjects

- Syntax 2
- Linguistics 2
- Jurisprudence 2
- Literature 2
- Morphology 2
- Hadith 1
- Analytical Studies 1

Students will practice

Arabic literature, reading Arabic texts and learning the art of translating from Arabic to English, intermediate Arabic conversation skills. Practice conjugating verbs, essential principles for verbal sentences. Studying Prophetic traditions, covering a wide range of topics including beliefs, worships, and more. Studying the analytic breakdown (tarkib) of the nominal and verbal sentences and the reality behind the many misconceptions which exist about Islam.

Year 3

The third year includes an introduction to the art of translating the Quran as well as various texts of fiqh and uṣul of fiqh.

Subjects

- Jurisprudence 3
- Literature 3
- Translation of Quran 1
- Hadith 2
- Analytical Studies 2
- Principles of Fiqh 1
- Biography of Prophet ﷺ

Students will practice

Intermediate Islamic rulings and jurisprudence studied through classical Arabic texts. Intermediate Arabic literature. A study of Prophetic traditions, covering a wide range of topics including beliefs, worships, and more. Learning the principles of jurisprudence, and understanding the methodology of the jurists. Learning about the life and the challenges of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Year 4

The fourth year includes a continuation of Qur'an translation. The uṣul governing Tafsir as well as fiqh are studied in great depth. Concepts in 'Aqidah are also taught.

Subjects

- Jurisprudence 4
- Literature 4
- Translation of Quran 2
- Islamic Creed
- Principles of Tafsir 1

Students will practice

Advanced Islamic rulings and jurisprudence studied through classical Arabic texts. Advanced Arabic literature, reading Arabic texts and learning the art of translating from Arabic to English. Learning the principles of jurisprudence, and understanding the methodology of the jurists. Studying the fundamental beliefs of Islam, an in depth look into the Islamic creed.

Year 5

The fifth year deals with the higher texts of Hadith, Fiqh and Tafseer. The famous hadith compilation of Khatib al-Tabrizi, Mishkāt al-maṣābiḥ along with Tahawī is studied in great depth, along with essential usul al-ḥadīth works such as the Mukhtaṣar of Sharif al-Jurjānī and Sharh Nukhbat al-fikar of Ibn Hajar. In tafsir, the renown Jalalayn, as well as the Tafsirs of Ibn Kathir and Baydawī are taught.

Subjects

- Jurisprudence 5
- Hadith 3, 4
- Principles of Fiqh 2
- Principles of Tafsir 2
- Principles of Hadith Sciences

Students will practice

Comparative methodologies. Deep study of the principles and necessary knowledge required to study exegesis of the Noble Qur'an. Quranic Exegesis Studying the meaning and interpretation of the Noble Qur'an. Study of advanced text regarding the principles and rulings of Hadith and their applications. Advance study of different of schools of thought in Islam.

Year 6

The sixth year deals exclusively with the major hadith works. The iconic compilations of Imams al-Bukhārī, Muslim, at-Tirmidhi, Abu Dawud, an-Nasā'ī, Ibn Majah and the Muwatta' of Imam Malik and Imam Muhammad ibn al-Hasan are studied.

Subjects

- Hadith 501
- Hadith 502
- Hadith 503
- Hadith 504
- Hadith 505
- Hadith 506
- Hadith 507
- Hadith 508

Students will practice

Advanced analysis of the chains (asnād), historical background, and context of each narration, as well as the related and extrapolated aḥkām of Bukhārī, Muslim, Tirmidhi, Abū Dawud, Nasā'ī, Muwatta' Imam Malik, Muwatta' Imam Muhammad, and Ibn Majah.

Program Details

Our part-time 'Alimiyyah course offers a rich and immersive learning experience for all Muslim brothers and sisters. The program is intended for individuals who wish to become more engaged in Islamic learning at a higher level than would otherwise be available.

Classes take place through –

Fridays, 8:00 PM–10:30 PM / Saturdays & Sundays, 7:45 AM–12:30 PM

Ages 14 & up / \$150 per month

*Additional financial assistance may be available for all programs. Please contact us for more information

*All classes take place at the Al- Ansaar Islamic Centre located at #120 3670 63 Ave NE, Calgary, AB T3J 0G7

Student Testimonials

"Alhamdulillah. It is a tremendous blessing of Allah ﷻ that He has allowed me to join the Al-Ansaar Islamic Foundation and seek knowledge. Prior to joining the Islamic Scholarship Program ('Alimiyyah), I was a completely different person who was unaware of the commandments of Allah ﷻ and His Prophet ﷺ but after just a few weeks of studying my family and I have benefited from knowledge that we were unaware of for generations. The daily journey of learning the Speech of Allah ﷻ and the words of His Messenger ﷺ inspire me become a sincere Muslim and shed old habits. I felt myself leaving sins whose abandonment I thought impossible and negative traits like laziness and procrastination I thought unconquerable. But above all, I felt my connection with Allah ﷻ deepen. I earnestly recommend Muslims to seek knowledge in this capacity, the first of its kind in our city, and you will see spiritual improvement and wellbeing in your life as well as your family's just as I have in'shaa'Allah."

– S. Khan (2nd Year Student)

"As a participant in the 'Alimiyyah program, I continue to study the intricacies and meanings of the Arabic language, Fiqh, Usul al-Fiqh, Tafsir, and Hadith. All of this has helped me immensely in understanding Islam and drawing nearer to Allah ﷻ. By the grace of Allah ﷻ, I have been of more benefit to our Muslim community due to having greater access to the teachings of Islam through primary Arabic sources, and I'm able to confidently interpret their texts and accurately convey their meanings and wisdom to the community."

– A. Al-Wadeah (4th Year Student)



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