

A Comprehensive Islamic Studies Curriculum Guide from Beginner to Advanced Levels

This curriculum is designed to provide a structured, transformative journey into Islamic knowledge. We emphasize understanding over memorization, spiritual connection alongside academic learning, and practical application in modern life.

PHASE 1: THE FOUNDATION (Beginner Level & Essentials of Faith)

Level 1.1: Purification of Heart: Introduction to Character

Topics Covered:

- Islamic manners and etiquettes before seeking knowledge
- Importance of intention (Niyah) when seeking knowledge
- Cleansing the Heart before seeking knowledge
- Fruits of Seeking Islamic Knowledge

Level 1.2: Who is Allah? An Islamic Perspective

Topics Covered:

- Understanding who Allah is in General
- Introduction to Tawheed (Oneness of God)
- Introduction To Shirk (associating partners with Allah) & Its Types
- Purpose of creation and human existence

Level 1.3: The Final Guide: Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)

Topics Covered:

- Life, character & mission of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)
- Concept of prophethood in Islam & Proofs
- Core Message of Prophet Muhammads (ﷺ) Dawah
- Ways to Love & follow the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) in all your acts

Level 1.4: The Pillars of Islam: First Steps

Topics Covered:

- Shahadah: Meaning & Significance
 - What is Salah in general, how and why was it legislated
 - Step-by-step Wudu & Salah
 - Introduction to Zakat, Fasting & Hajj
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PHASE 2: BUILDING UPON BASICS (Understanding)

Level 2.1: Articles of Faith

Topics Covered:

- Detailed study of 6 Articles of Faith
- How this impacts your daily life
- Understanding divine decree (Qadr)

Level 2.2: Deepening Your Prayer

Topics Covered:

- Refining Your Salah
- How to correct a mistake you make in Salah the sunnah way by doing prostration of forgetfulness (Sujood As-Sahw)
- Common mistakes & invalidators in Salah and ways to avoid them

Level 2.3: Tafsir Of Short Surahs & Memorization of Short Dua

Topics Covered:

- How to approach Tafsir of Quran in General
- Tafsir of Surah Fatiha & Last 5 Surahs (An-Nas to Al-Kafiroon)
- Few Practical Short Dua You Need In Daily Life, must memorize them

Level 2.4: Perfect Example: Seerah for Life

Topics Covered:

- Prophet's life in Makkah and Madinah
 - Leadership, resilience and compassion
 - Lessons from Seerah in dealing with modern challenges
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PHASE 3: INTERMEDIATE LEVEL (Integration & Application)

Level 3.1: Islamic Law for Daily Life

Topics Covered:

- Advanced purification rules
- Fasting in Ramadan: rules & spirituality
- Zakat calculation & philosophy
- Fiqh of Female Issues such as (Menstruation, Child Birth) & etc
- Fiqh of Family such as Marriage/Divorce/Khulaa and etc
- Fiqh of Food & Dress for Men & Women

Level 3.2: In Depth Dive Into Disease of the Heart & Types of Hearts/Nafs

Topics Covered:

- Diseases of the Heart in Depth
- Types of Hearts (3 types)
- Types of Nafs (Soul) & How to purify it

Level 3.3: Hadith Sciences and Islamic History

Topics Covered:

- Preservation of Hadith
- Major Hadith collections
- Muslim history after Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) & Various Kalifayts

Level 3.4: Development of a Muslim Male

Topics Covered:

- Characteristics of a Upright Man Upon Deen
- Role/Responsibilities of a Muslim Man in the society
- Weak men a cause for societal issues; breakdown
- Examples derived from Quran & authentic Sunnah
- Examples derived from the lives of the companions

Level 3.4: Development of a Muslim Female

- Characteristics of a Righteous Muslim Women upon Deen
- Role/Responsibilities of a Muslim Female in the society
- Women a reason for a strong household; breakdown
- Examples derived from Quran & authentic Sunnah
- Examples derived from the lives of the companions

PHASE 4: ADVANCED LEVEL (Mastery)

Level 4.1: Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence

Topics Covered:

- Deriving laws from Quran and Sunnah
- Schools of Islamic law
- Navigating scholarly differences

Level 4.2: Advanced Tafsir and Quranic Sciences

Topics Covered:

- In-depth study of a selected Juz of Quran
- Reasons for revelation (Sabab an-Nuzul)
- Miraculous nature of Quran

Level 4.3: Contemporary Challenges in 21st Century

Topics Covered:

- History of Secularism, Liberalism, Atheism and all 'isms
- Practical examples how this has plagued our societies
- Refutation of this from the Quran & authentic sunnah

Level 4.4: Dawah & Its Principles

Topics Covered:

- Conditions Before Giving Dawah (Calling Others to Islam)
- Principles Of Dawah
- Things A Daee (one calling to Islam) has to adorn him/herself with
- How to Give Dawah & Various Techniques (social media and etc)

PHASE 5: DISTINGUISHED LEVEL

Level 5.1: Advanced Theology

Topics Covered:

- Classical creedal text such as Aqeedah At-Tahawiyyah
- Refuting deviant beliefs/ideologies & its methodologies
- Balanced understanding of Allah's attributes according to Ahlus-Sunnah

Level 5.2: Applied Islamic Jurisprudence

Topics Covered:

- Advanced legal theory (Usool al-Fiqh) and examples
- Legal Maxims of Jurisprudence (Qawaid al-Fiqiyyah) with various examples to understand principles, with modern day examples
- Analyzing other modern issues within Fiqh, one needs on a daily basis

Level 5.3: Quranic Sciences Deep Dive

Topics Covered:

- Quran compilation history
- Sciences of revelation & Tafsir in Depth
- Variant recitations of the Quran; history and etc
- Inimitability studies

Level 5.4: Hadith Sciences and Criticism

Topics Covered:

- Advanced Hadith classification
- Narrator authentication
- Practical authenticity analysis

Level 5.5: Soul Purification (Takziyyah an-Nafs)

Topics Covered:

- Science of soul purification
- Stations of spiritual path
- Authentic vs innovative practices within spirituality
- Things that will help you achieve Tazkiyyahtu nafs

Level 5.6: Contemporary Fiqh Issues

Topics Covered:

- Fiqh of minorities (aqiliyyat) – Buying meat from non-muslims (what constitutes people of the book meat?) is it Zabihah? Islamic Mortgages really halal – what are the stipulations, non-muslim holidays – taking their gifts, saying Merry Christmas and etc
- Family Issues – Domestic abuse, Parenting and Custody of Children – who has the right? Polygyny is it sunnah? – what is the correct understanding?,
- Modern Ethics & Bioethics such as Abortion, IVF, Gender Reassignment Surgery, Cosmetic Surgery,
- Advanced Islamic finance – Cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin, ForEx, Insurance, Stocks, Bonds, NFTs, Islamic Banking
- Technology & Digital Life – Artificial Intelligence Issuing Fatwa & how to use it correctly, social media & its Uses – do's and don'ts.

Please Note: This is a general overview of what will be studied at Bukhari Academy. This curriculum may be changed by Ustadh Abu Uthman as he sees fit for the development of the students at the Academy. There may be extra additions to this & some topics may need in-depth analysis. A Sixth level will be added at a later stage. Certificate will be issued to those who complete the tests and examinations.