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Vision & Overview

The Madina Institute is an academic center of higher learning offering programs to deepen our understanding of Islam in a comprehensive way, leading to the transformation of our hearts, lives and societies.

We aim to revive Sacred Knowledge & the Prophetic Middle Path through the core Islamic sciences, to prioritize the Quran and authentic Sunnah above all else, and to rise above the petty peripheral issues that divide Muslims. By propounding the open-minded understanding of Islam as articulated by the great scholars of Ahl al-Sunnah wal-Jama'ah, we hope to foster communal unity and love for all humanity insha'Allah.

The revolutionary one-year Usul-ud-Din Intensive program founded by Shaykh Muhammad bin Yahya al-Ninowy and other 'ulema is an accelerated program giving Muslim men and women a strong grounding in the basic sciences of Islam - Quran, Hadith, History, Fiqh, Tazkiyah, 'Aqidah, and Arabic.

Whether you seek a solid basis in Sacred Knowledge before training as a scholar, teacher or Imam, or you simply seek personal enrichment, spiritual elevation and direction for conscientious living, the Usul-ud-Din Intensive offers the guidance and illumination for whichever path you pursue in life.



رسالة التأسيس

A Message from our Founding Scholar



In the name of Allah, we seek His Blessing and Assistance. All praise and gratitude is due to Allah alone. Salutations and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah and upon his companions.

The distinction of the Madina Institute for Islamic Studies and Research emanates from contemplation of the *Din*, and its aim: to empower its students with a balanced understanding and realization of the Book of Allah and the authentic Sunnah.

Furthermore, it seeks to formulate intellectual paradigms and to develop a curriculum characterized by a balanced and moderate approach to religion. It aims to link the past with the present and endeavors to purify the nafs (the Lower Self) during the course of a program in the Foundational Scholarship of Islamic Sciences. In this way, the Institute strives to fulfill the demands of Islamic societies in countries such as America, Canada, Europe and South Africa, wherein the Muslim population is considered a minority.

The ground-breaking one-year Intensive in Usul-ud-Din, a traditional program, is designed to produce leaders who are schooled in the six foundational sciences of our Din:

- Quranic Sciences
- Sunnah Sciences
- Jurisprudential Sciences and their foundation in the Four Madhahib
- Islamic Creed, Philosophy and Logic
- Spiritual Sciences and the Purification of the Heart
- Intensive Arabic Language - to negotiate classical texts

These areas of study will prepare the student to master the Shari'ah Sciences and will provide opportunities for employment in various fields of teaching, Shari'ah consultation, Islamic centers, educational gatherings and da'wah (calling people to Allah with insight and knowledge), if Allah wills.

- Shaykh Muhammad bin Yahya al-Minawi

Why Madina?

Insha'Allah you will find that this program is:

✓ Authentic

Based on the Quran and the authentic Sunnah, i.e. based on the non-dogmatic methods of the Salaf, using modern technology and offering an academic atmosphere open to questions and critique

✓ Academic

Experienced faculty from Al-Azhar, Syria, Madina and beyond, teaching you skills in critical study and academic research, to actively engage and develop student-scholars

✓ Accessible

These courses give you access to extensive time in the company of scholars, and to knowledge that many travel the whole world to seek.

✓ Applicable

Provides opportunities for holistic (ritual & spiritual) and functional education premised on Islamic leadership coupled with intensive Arabic studies so one can engage the classical texts

✓ Approved

Madina is currently seeking religious exemption to become an independent Islamic seminary, and is also negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding & Student Exchange with Al-Qarawiyyin University and the Islamic University of Sudan whereby, in the future, a Madina Institute degree will be recognized.



Successful students will

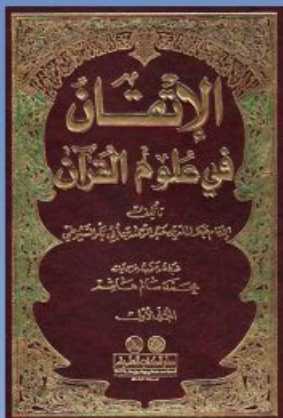
receive a certificate in the Foundational Sciences of Islam & a traditional Ijaza from Shaykh Muhammad bin Yahya al-Husayni al-Ninowy.

Available to students, we also have

- Financial Aid for those who qualify
- Arrangement for Student Housing
- Extra-curricular activities to refresh your mind, body and soul such as picnics, sports, hiking, Dhikr gatherings and more
- Opportunities to give back to the local community - outreach, volunteering, charity drives, leading halaqas, giving Friday sermons and more

Curriculum of Core Subjects

Quran Sciences - 'Ulum al-Quran



This introduction is designed to lay the foundation of knowledge in Quranic sciences and the principles and all that have bearing on the recitation, history, understanding and implementation of the Quran.

The student will embark on a vast field of Islamic scholarship that will lead them to the Study of the History of the Quran and focusing on the historical beginning and finality of Revelation.

The module will furthermore identify the various types of verses (Makkan, Madinite, Muhkam and Mutashabih, etc.) and enumerate the techniques and approaches adopted by various Islamic scholars. In particular, learners will negotiate the following classical works that will ultimately consolidate their foundational knowledge in 'Ulum al-Quran.

PRIMERS:

Al-Itqan by Imam al-Suyuti

Al-Itqan fi 'Ulum al-Quran gives an elaborate and detailed exposition of the contextual understanding of the Quran. This includes not only the disciplines derived from the Holy Quran but also the principles which

facilitate this derivation. The text will be negotiated into English during the first term followed by detailed renegotiation of the text in Arabic.

Tafsir al-Jalalayn

Tafsir al-Jalalayn has been considered the essential first step in the study of the meanings of the Quran by teachers and students throughout the Islamic world. Although it is among the shortest and simplest of the complete commentaries, it has both depth and breadth.

Originally authored by the great scholar Shaykh Jalal al-Din Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Mahalli (791-864/1389-1459), *Tafsir al-Jalalayn*, which he began halfway through the text covering Surat al-Kahf, ending with Surat al-Nas and al-Fatiha, the work was completed by his student, Shaykh Jalal al-Din al-Suyuti as al-Mahalli died before completing the other half. This classical work has been translated by the renowned translator Hajjah Aisha Abdurrahman Bewley, and will act as a supplementary reader to the Arabic text.

Other texts:

-**Al-Manahil* by Imam al-Zurqani

-*Al-Alaa'* by Shaykh Muhammad bin Yahya al-Ninowy

-*Tafsir Makh'luf*

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-**Tafsir al-Qurtubi*

-*Al-Manzumah al-Jazriyyah*

Hadith Sciences - 'Ulum al-Hadith

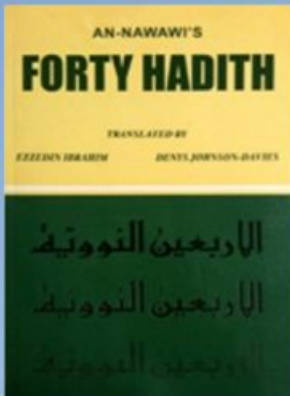


The Hadith classes are intended to lead students towards a high level Islamic academia that results in a comprehensive knowledge of Hadith sciences, which in turn guides students to emulate the noble character of the Prophet ﷺ. They will prepare students for research in the sciences, its sources, methods, transmission and text of hadiths, etc. These classes are also designed to endow students with practical and behavioral skills in communicating with society in order to properly and peacefully educate others on the teachings of Islam .

PRIMERS:

Nukhbat al-Fikar by Imam Hafiz Ibn Hajar al-'Asqalani

This text will introduce the sciences of Hadith as a seminal work on the nomenclature of the Hadith scholars. *Nukhbat al-Fikar* is considered a masterpiece in this field, as it summarizes larger works of scholars before him such as Al-Hakim al-Naisaburi, Al-Khatib al-Baghdadi and Ibn al-Salah.



Al-Arba'in al-Nawawiyah

The resplendent book of 40 hadith was compiled by the eminent scholar of many sciences, Imam Yahya ibn Sharaf al-Nawawi (may Allah be pleased with him). He was born in 1233 AD in Nawa, Syria but spent the majority of his short and simple life in Damascus studying and teaching. Alongside being the Jurist of Damascus, he spent his entire time in complete devotion to Allah, with this world having very very little, if any, bearing on his life to the point that he did not even marry.

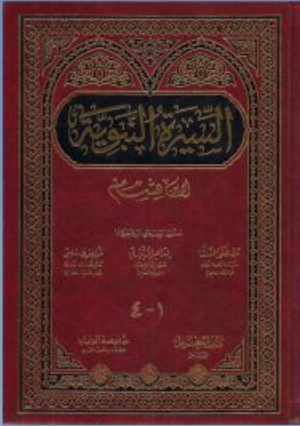
He died at the young age of 45 years, leaving behind numerous works of great significance, the most famous of them being *Al-Arba'in al-Nawawiyah* (Forty Prophetic Traditions).

Other texts:

- *Nuzhat al-Nazar* by Ibn Hajar al-'Asqalani
- *Al-Talkhis fi 'Ulum al-Hadith* by Shaykh Muhammad bin Yahya al-Ninowy
- *Al-Mukhtasar* by Shaykh Muhammad bin Yahya al-Ninowy
- **Al-Nukat ala Ibn Salah* by Ibn Hajar al-'Asqalani
- **Sharh al-Ilal al-Hadith* by Imam al-Tirmidhi

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Prophetic History - Sirah al-Nabawiyah



This course has been designed to acquaint students with the noble life and teachings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, within the primary and secondary sources. Thereby, the course attempts to guide learners in understanding the mission and vision of the Prophet ﷺ, fostering an understanding of his role in the everyday life of Muslims everywhere.

This course endeavors to go beyond mere narration of events of the Prophet's ﷺ life by focusing on the lessons and 'religious understanding' that can be derived from it, not withstanding a brief focus on source methodology.

Specifically the class will focus on:

- the nature, need, and purpose of Revelation and Prophethood
- Arabia and the world before the birth of the Prophet ﷺ
- the life of the Prophet ﷺ up to the beginning of Revelation
- the Revelation and the period of 'Secret Calling'
- the life of the Prophet ﷺ from the time of 'Public Calling' up to the migration to Madinah
- the Prophetic legacy and key lessons from his life in Makkah ﷺ

PRIMER:

Sirah of Ibn Ishaq by Ibn Hisham

Early historical writing was primarily concerned with the biography of the Prophet ﷺ, and the first wars of Islam (Al-Mughazi). Muhammad Ibn Ishaq related the first known biography of the Prophet ﷺ.

This work no longer exists in its original form but has been preserved in at least two versions, one such version is that authored by Ibn Hisham. To date, Ibn Hisham's work remains one of the most respected authorities of the biography of the beloved Prophet ﷺ, of Almighty Allah.

Other texts:

- Fiqh al-Sirah* by Dr. Muhammad Sa'id Ramadan al-Buti
- Tarikh al-Khulafa* by Imam al-Suyuti
- Riwayat Sahihah fi Sirah* by Shaykh Muhammad bin Yahya al-Ninowy

Legal Jurisprudence - Fiqh wal-Usul



The Usul al-Fiqh program developed for students enrolled at Madina Institute will allow them to embark on a legacy of scholarship and a study held in high esteem by both ancient and modern authorities. In principle, students shall deal with the primary sources of Islamic law: the Quran and the Sunnah. The study will advocate the methods of deduction from the legal verses of the Quran and Hadith. Study will also explore secondary sources of Islamic law: the Ijma' (consensus), Qiyas (analogical deduction), Istihsan (Juristic preference) and other methods of Ijtihad (reasoning and investigation).

Fiqh (Jurisprudence) studies will focus mainly on the legal schools (madhahib) of Imam Abu Hanifa & Imam al-Shafi'i with some comparative studies as well. Students will go through the rulings regarding matters such as purification, worship, fasting, and personal transactions.

PRIMER:

Al-Waraqat al-Haramain by Imam al-Haramain al-Juwayni

Using the Waraqat of Imam al-Juwayni, the classical primer on Usul al-Fiqh, this course will introduce Islamic legal methodology, i.e. the rules of textual interpretation. Legal methodology is most directly applicable from the primary texts, but it has more general applicability to interpreting any text. Understanding legal methodology is thus a requirement for commenting on the Quran and Hadith, even when there is no legal ruling involved.

This course will explore a number of topics, misunderstandings, and commonly asked questions related to deriving legal rulings, including: literal and figurative expressions in language; superficial understandings of general expressions; dealing with conflicting texts; properly interpreting the Sunnah; scholarly consensus; analyzing rulings for real-life circumstances not explicitly described in the Quran and Sunnah.

Other texts (Usul):

- **Al-Mustafa min 'Ilm al-Usul* by Imam al-Ghazzali
- **Usul al-Tashri'* by Ali Hasaballah
- Taysir-ul-Wusul ila 'ilm-il-Usul* by Shaykh Muhammad bin Yahya al-Ninowy

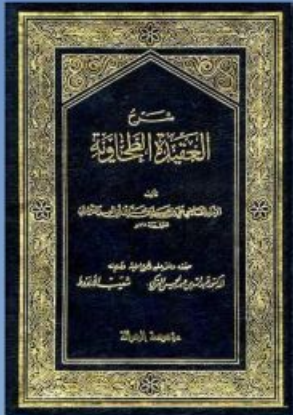
Guided reading:

- Idhhar al-Surur li Mawlid al-Nur* by Shaykh Muhammad bin Yahya al-Ninowy
 - Al-Risalah* of Imam al-Shafi'i
 - Muwafaqat* of Imam al-Shatibi
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Other texts (Fiqh):

- Al-Mukhtasar al-Quduri* by Imam al-Quduri
- **Al-Hidayah Sharh al-Bidayah* by Marghayanani
- Ghayat al-Taqrif* by Abu Shuja'
- **Kifayat al-Akhyar* by Taqi al-Din Abi Bakr
- **Bidayat al-Mujtahid* by Ibn Rushd

Islamic Creed & Logic - 'Aqidah wal-Mantiq



This program provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the Creed of Ahl al-Sunnah wal-Jama'ah. The study of 'Aqidah at the Madina Institute aims to provide candidates with an informed and coherent representation of the tenets of Islamic faith, based on a proper framework for understanding God, Revelation and the purpose of the Cosmos, as well as our place within it.

Close readings and explanations based on authentic and mainstream sources such as Al-'Aqidah al-Tahawiyyah and Fiqh al-Akbar will shed light on the timeless principles that embrace our faith and ethos.

PRIMER:

Al-'Aqidah al-Tahawiyyah by Imam al-Tahawi

This short primer on Islamic beliefs is arguably the most reliable and relied-upon text for Sunnis across the globe to this day. Though brief, it contains the most fundamental and indispensable tenets of faith described, and countless commentaries have been written on it. Imam al-Tahawi, a classical Egyptian scholar, discusses the most essential things that a Muslim must understand in order to keep their faith intact, and also avoids speculative and polemic issues, making it the perfect text to start with in theological studies.

Other texts:

-*Fiqh al-Akbar* by Imam Abu Hanifa

-*Al-'Aqidah al-Nasafiyyah* by Imam al-Nasafi

-*Al-Sullam fi 'Ulum al-Mantiq* (Logic) by Imam al-Akhdari

-*Al-Farqu bain al-Firaq* (Sects) by Abdul-Qahir al-Baghdadi

-**Sharh al-Maqasid* by Imam al-Taftazani

GUIDED READING:

The Sanusi Creed by Shaykh Sa'id 'Abd al-Latif Foudah

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Arabic Intensive - Al-Lughat al-'Arabiyyah



The Usul-ud-Din Intensive Arabic program consists of a series of courses designed to grant access to the best Arabic Islamic legacy. Accordingly, the Arabic material covers all study areas within the Intensive Program. The essential aim of this is for students to understand Islam and its disciplines in Arabic, so that one can read, research and understand the textbooks directly, and by the end of the program, students should be able to read the Arabic without the help of an expert, and with some use of a dictionary.

Specifically, it will offer the student the core components and learning areas of Arabic, i.e. Grammar, Morphology, and Rhetoric. A step-by-step program will be implemented during the initial phase to facilitate Reading, Writing Dialogue and Listening. Strong emphasis will further be placed on acquiring vocabulary and contextual usage, which will enable students to negotiate religious texts with a fair amount of confidence.

PRIMERS:

Lisan al-Umm (The Mother Tongue Series)

The Mother Tongue series and Arabic program is one of the foremost Arabic educational systems for non-native speakers today. The Madina Institute will be using this series as a cornerstone to building all the fundamental skills from which the students draw skills to access classical religious texts. More detailed information on this series can be found at <http://mothertongue.ae/en/>

Other texts:

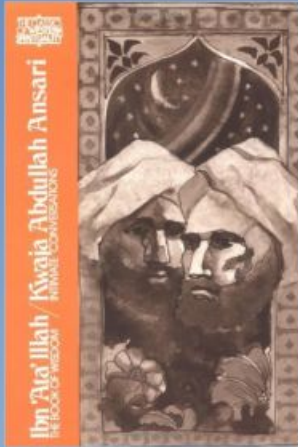
-*Nahw in a Nutshell; Sarf in Short; Balagha in Brief; and Basic Introduction to Nahw* by Shaykh Amienoallah Abderoef

-*Al-Ajurrumiyyah* by Ibn Ajrum

-**Al-Tuhfat al-Saniyyah* by Muhyiddin Abdul Hamid

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Spiritual Purification - Tazkiyah



At the center of these religious sciences is a science connected to the heart and inward character. The study of 'Ilm al-Tazkiyah wal-Ihsan (Spiritual Purification and Excellence) aims at reconciling the sciences related to the external (Zahir) with the sciences of the Inner realm (Batin), the heart, for the heart is the core of the human being, the seat of all divine inspiration, and origin of all our actions and motives.

Together these sciences, external and internal, if perfected and actualized, will confer a noble and exalted gnosis known as Al-'Ilm al-Ladunni from Allah, the Most Exalted. Ultimately, this subject matter is meant to transform the Nafs (Lower Self), instilling within candidates the core values of Makarim al-Akhlak (Perfect Prophetic character). Close readings of works of monumental figures such as Ibn 'Ata'illah will provide the edifice to this invaluable course component.

PRIMER:

Al-Hikam by Ibn 'Ata'illah

The Book of Wisdom (Kitab al-hikam) is a masterpiece of Islamic spiritual literature by the renowned Sufi saint and sage of the 13th century AD, Ahmed Ibn Ata Allah Al-Iskandari (d. 1309), third master of the tariqa Shadhiliyya. Victor Danner, one of its foremost translators into English, observed: "the internal structure of the Hikam is such that it can be likened to a necklace of precious jewels." It is a brief yet pithy compilation of Ibn 'Ata'illah's spiritual insights and advice, that transport its reader to a new level of understanding of themselves and Allah, Glorious and Sublime is He.

Other texts:

- Bidayat al-Hidayah* by Imam al-Ghazzali
- **Ihya 'Ulum al-Din* by Imam al-Ghazzali
- **Al-Risalah al-Mustarshidin* by Imam al-Muhasibi

GUIDED READING:

The Realities of Sufism by Shaykh 'Abd al-Qadir 'Isa

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Our Instructors*



Shaykh Muhammad bin Yahya al-Ninowy
- Founding Scholar -
Hadith, 'Aqidah & Tazkiyah



Shaykh Majed Sabke al-Azhari
Tafsir al-Quran



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Arabic & Tajwid



Shaykh Fakhruddin Owaisi al-Madani
Tarikh & Hadith



Shaykh Issa bin Yahya al-Ninowy
Sirah al-Nabawiyyah



Shaykh Mukhtar Ahmed
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Shaykh Isa Husayn
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Karla Evans, M.A.



Dr. Abbas Barzegar



Al-Qari Imam Muhammad Nawaz
Tajwid

Full biographical info on our teachers available at: www.madinainstituteUSA.org/about-us/staff/

* Additional visiting scholars TBA

Academic Calendar

The following is the projected 2016 Academic Calendar. Please note that dates are tentative, though we will adhere to these as much as possible; exact timing may shift with visiting scholars' availability. Islamic holidays are subject to moon sightings. The Madina Institute campus does not close on Public holidays, but does for Islamic holidays. Classes are generally held Mondays - Thursdays 9:30am - 5:30pm, & Fridays 10am - 1pm.

Date	Description	Date	Islamic Event
Sep 19	Orientation Day		
Sep 20	Quarter 1 Begins		
Oct 31 - Nov 3	Quarter 1 Exams		
Nov 7	Quarter 2 Begins		
Dec 19 - 22	Quarter 2 Exams		
Dec 23 - Jan 6	Winter Break		
Jan 9	Quarter 3 Begins		
Mar 13 - 16	Quarter 3 Exams		
Mar 20 - 24	Spring Break		
Mar 27	Quarter 4 Begins		
May 26	Last Day of Classes	May 27	Ramadan Begins
Jun 5 - 8	Quarter 4 Exams	Jun 26	Eid al-Fitr
Jun 30	Graduation		





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Hear what our students have to say...



"This program is like a force of nature -- each day is filled with so much effort that it, due to its very essence, is impossible for us students to not grow (and insha'Allah all growth is to Allah SWT). The environment engulfs us day in and day out so deeply and so richly in Islamic academia that from one week to the next we can see and feel such a drastic change within ourselves."
- Sara A.

"The reason I chose to attend Madina Institute, rather than any other, is because I knew Shaykh Dr. Muhammad al-Ninowy and his meticulous academic integrity... I love this program because the more I study here, the more I feel I am understanding Islam by means of a holistic, authentic, and beautiful method, which is efficient and effective."
- Dhakir B.



"I love this program so much because of the amazing community and the loving staff. Everyone is open to help and willing to do whatever it takes for the students to thrive."
- Maleeha D.

"I love it because it has strengthened my deen to learn more about the Holy Quran and the Authentic Sunnah while meeting new people from different backgrounds. It is hard to do it as a high school student, but it is worth it. I am really glad to be doing this before going off to college."
- Ilyas E., age 16



"[With three hours] of face-to-face instruction in Arabic every day your grasp of the language will improve and your reading ability and comprehension will deepen in ways you never thought possible. Alhamdulillah after only two months in this program, I am beginning to read the Noble Quran in Arabic, which is something I never thought I would be able to do."
- Karla E.

"I chose Madina because it was the only accessible program that had everything I was looking for in the right time frame. This program is extremely special because it allows you to learn your Deen in a traditional setting and it challenges you to be the best you. Alhamdulillah, I am so grateful that I was given this opportunity to be a part of this life-changing program with passionate teachers who sincerely want to see us succeed."
- Sumaiya T.



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