

(AM-551) Qur'ān Recitation/Tajwīd

Online Course with Synchronous Sessions Wednesday or Thursday 4:00 – 6:00

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed for Muslim leaders, chaplains, and others interested in learning/improving the Qur'ānic recitation. Students will continue to gain essential knowledge on the recitation of the Qur'ān. In this course, the instructor will focus on the correct pronunciation of Arabic letters and words in accordance with tajwīd rules.

The class sessions will mainly consist of two parts: a) theory and b) practice. In the first part of the sessions, the teacher will cover tajwīd rules, and in the second part of the sessions, the students will practice these rules by reciting the Qur'an individually and collectively. We will read the first chapter of the Qur'an, al-Fatiha, and the last short seven chapters of the Qur'an as well as 20 pages of the second chapter, al-Baqarah. Once students understand and are comfortable with applying the tajwīd rules, they can complete recitation of the entire mushaf at a better and faster pace more independently, in sha Allah.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This course will fulfill the following objectives of the Islamic Chaplaincy Program.

1. Demonstrate a foundational and critical knowledge of the Islamic tradition as relevant to Muslim chaplains.
 2. Enhance abilities related to spiritual/pastoral care and community service.
 3. Recite Sūrat Al-Fatiha accurately.
 4. Learn fundamental tajwīd rules
 5. Quality lessons in tajwīd - theory and application
 6. Pronunciation and origins of letters
 7. Characteristics of letters (heavy, light, soft, etc.,)
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Overall structure of the class:

- The goal of this course is to recite 15 sūrahs (93 - 107) along with Al-Fatiha and maintain tajwīd. (memorizing is optional)
 - Tilāwah sūrah Al-Baqarah
 - The student is responsible for daily practices including weekends and showing consistent progress.
 - The teacher will set one on one meetings with students to maintain accuracy in the recitation or pronunciation or application of tajwīd rules.
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REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Tajwīd Qur'ān (color coded) http://quran.ksu.edu.sa/index.php#aya=78_1
- Google Drive

Recommended Texts:

- Jazariyyah book for the Imams
- Qur'ān Translations - at least one of the following translations of the Qur'ān
 - M. A. S. Abdel Haleem, (translator), Qur'an, Oxford University Press, 2008, ISBN-10: 0199535957, USD 7.
- Online Resources Quran.com for multiple translations.

ASSESSMENT:

Grading

- Attendance / Participation (20%)
- Tajweed test / presentation (10%)
- Timesheet / daily work (40%)
- Quran Recitation performance (30%)

Attendance / Participation (20%)

Active attendance in class is required. If you know you will be unable to attend a class session please inform the instructor in advance. Missing two sessions will result in an automatic lowering of your final grade by 10%. Missing three or more sessions will result in automatic failure of the course. 3 - 4 or more absences --- without a serious reason should be an automatic failure.

Tajweed Assessment / Presentation (10%)

There will be an oral assessment in every class. Each student will present one tajweed lesson chosen by the instructor at the end of the course.

Daily Practice (40%)

You will do yourself great service if you spend 60 minutes listening/reading the chapter of Al-Fatiha and other chapters, so you do not fall behind your progress. It is extremely important to be patient and stay connected with the teacher. You must use the study timesheet during this important phase. Your grade will be affected if you do not do the work daily. We will have a clear explanation in our first-class regarding this matter.

NOTE: YOU WILL CREATE YOUR OWN TIMESHEET AND SHARE IT WITH ME ON GOOGLE DRIVE.

An example will be provided on Canvas

- The teacher will keep track of students' hours of practicing weekly (VERY IMPORTANT)
- The teacher will evaluate how well the student understands the particular tajwīd rules, whether he/she is applying it correctly, whether it is being done consistently, and if the student is reciting the words correctly.

Quran Recitation performance (30%)

Students have to send a video recording of the sura/Aya that was assigned by the instructor before the class. Students also have to be ready to recite during the class with the instructor.

Other policy

Appropriate Classroom Etiquette and Use of Technology: In order to respect the community within the classroom: 1) Mute all cell phones during class; 2) Utilize laptops for the sole purpose of taking class notes. Please do not surf the web, email, or other programs during class time. Such use of the computer during class is disrespectful of the class and instructor, and may result in lowering your participation grade.

Auditors are welcome to participate in discussions and assignments to the degree they wish and should clarify their intent with the instructor, but their work will not be graded.

If you are interested in memorizing, these are important tips for you or you might have your own techniques:

Read, Understand, Recite, Memorize, and Review

1. Read the Āyah word by word repeatedly till perfecting the word
 2. Understand each word of the verse then the entire verse
 3. Read the entire Āyah and repeat it for 5 times
 4. Add the next Āyah, and go through the same process
 5. Recite both Āyāt together
 6. Repeat the process till the last lines in the muṣḥāf are perfected
 7. Read the entire portion memorized so far from the sūrah
 8. Recite the Āyāt in your 5 daily prayers :)
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We will have 14 weeks, every Wednesday to study together Qur'ānic recitation and having fun applying and practicing tajwīd rules.

Feb. 3, 2021

- Introduction

- Review the syllabus / expectations
- History of al-Muṣḥaf / Pronunciation marks in the muṣḥāf / علامات ضبط المصحف
- Evaluation of students' recitation

Feb. 10, 2021

- Tajwīd lesson, Al- Mudud #1
- Listen to the students' recitations from Al-Baqarah
- Sūrah 93 along with Sūrat al-Fatiha

Feb. 17, 2021

- Tajwīd lesson, Al- Mudud #2
- Listen to the students' recitations from Al-Baqarah
- Sūrah 94 along with Sūrat al-Fatiha

Feb 24, 2021

- Tajwīd lesson, Al- Mudud #3
- Listen to the students' recitations from Al-Baqarah
- Sūrah 95 along with Sūrat al-Fatiha

Mar. 2, 2021

- Tajwīd lesson, The rules of Laam Al-Qamariyyah and Laam Al-Shamsiyyah #1
- Listen to the students' recitations from Al-Baqarah
- Sūrah 96 along with Sūrat al-Fatiha

Mar. 9, 2021

- Tajwīd lesson, The rules of Laam Al-Qamariyyah and Laam Al-Shamsiyyah #2
- Listen to the students' recitations from Al-Baqarah
- Sūrah 97 along with Sūrat al-Fatiha

Mar. 16, 2021

- Tajwīd lesson, Naber
- Listen to the students' recitations from Al-Baqarah
- Sūrah 98 along with Sūrat al-Fatiha

Mar. 23, 2021

- Tajwīd lesson, Hamza al-Wasl and Hamza Al-Qat'a #1
- Listen to the students' recitations from Al-Baqarah
- Sūrah 99 along with Sūrat al-Fatiha

Mar. 30, 2021

- Tajwīd lesson, Hamza al-Wasl and Hamza Al-Qat'a #2

- Listen to the students' recitations from Al-Baqarah
- Sūrah 100 along with Sūrat al-Fatiha

Apr. 6, 2021

- No - class -- SEMINARY CLOSED

Apr. 13, 2021

- Tajwīd lesson, tasheel - imala - Taqleel - Ishmam - Sakt
- Listen to the students' recitations from Al-Baqarah
- Sūrah 101 along with Sūrat al-Fatiha

Apr. 20, 2021

- Tajwīd lesson, Imam Hafs's recitation in some specific words
- Listen to the students' recitations from Al-Baqarah
- Sūrah 102 - 103 along with Sūrat al-Fatiha

Apr. 27, 2021

- Tajwīd lesson, Waqf rules
- Listen to the students' recitations from Al-Baqarah
- Sūrah 104 - 105 along with Sūrat al-Fatiha

May. 4, 2021

- Review Tajwīd lessons and Questions
- Listen to the students' recitations from Al-Baqarah - Test Random pages
- Sūrah 106 - 107 along with Sūrat al-Fatiha