

DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC REVEALED KNOWLEDGE
COURSE SYNOPSIS

Understanding Islam 1 (RKFF 0413)

This course explores the concept of Islam and its characteristics. It later discusses elementary understanding of the three components of Islam. The discussion on *al-'Aqīdah* encompasses its characteristics and invalidations. The discourse on *al-Sharī'ah* covers its *Maqāṣid* (objectives) and the concept of *'Ibādah* in Islam. Finally, the discussion on *al-Akhlāq* highlights its principles, emphasising on understanding its virtues and vices. By the end of the course, students will have a thorough understanding of Islam and its key components as well as synthesising the understanding of Islam in order to comprehend and adequately describe Islam as *al-Dīn*.

Understanding Islam 2 (RKFF 0423)

This course covers general discussions on the concepts of knowledge, vicegerency, and civilisation in Islam. It also highlights the relationship between Qur'ān and science and arts. It also exposes to the students the belief systems and ideologies, along with religious tolerance.

Madkhal ilā al-'Aqīdah al-Islāmiyyah (RKFF 0414)

This course covers the foundation and the pillars of Islamic faith derived from the Qur'ān and the Sunnah. It also provides an explanation of deviant teachings and a comparison between Islamic faith and other beliefs including polytheistic religion, Judaism, and Christianity. Within this framework, students are expected to understand how to reason about matters pertaining to *'Aqīdah*.

Madkhal ilā al-Qur'ān wa al-Sunnah (RKFF 0424)

This course covers the introduction, scope, and development of Sciences of Qur'ān which lead to the true understanding of the Qur'ān. Among the main issues to be focused on this course include the causes of the Qur'ānic revelation, the stages of the Qur'ānic compilation and other significant topics. Additionally, the course covers the introduction and evolution of Sciences of *Ḥadīth*, in particular those aspects relating to *sanad* and *matan*, the categories of accepted and rejected *Ḥadīth*, as well as introducing the well-known works by scholars in their respective domains. At the end of the course, students will develop an in-depth understanding of basic principles and issues related to Sciences of Qur'ān and *Ḥadīth* as well as realising the contribution of scholars towards the preservation of the authenticity of *Ḥadīth* literature.

Madkhal ilā al-Fiqh wa Uṣūlihi (RKFF 0434)

This course introduces Science of Islamic jurisprudence and its principles from basic, namely definition, sources, their learning legitimacy, importance, so as relation and difference between the two. The course highlights formation of this science during the period of the Prophet S.A.W. and its development throughout various periods, by knowing methodologies practiced by four prominent schools of thought in deriving and interpreting legal opinion from Islamic legal sources. This course also covers discussions on divine discourse from Islamic legal texts. At the end of the course, students are expected to be able to understand and appreciate the relationship between revelation and reason. Additionally, they are anticipated to understand the relation of Islamic law to the demands of modern Muslim societies.

Madkhal ilā Ma'ārif al-Wahy wa al-Turāth al-Islāmī (AISF 0434)

The course explores the meanings, nature and main features of *al-Wahy* namely *al-Qur'ān*, and *al-Ḥadīth* and its authority. The course also covers discussions on *al-Tawḥīd*, Islamic legislation and Islamic heritage, and its significance, and the necessity to adhere to its principles. At the end of the course, students are expected to familiarise on the notion that the Qur'ān and the Sunnah are two complementary revelations that serve as unbreakable sources of knowledge, thought, and civilisation.