

(AM-550) Qur'ān Recitation/Tajwīd

Online Course with Synchronous Sessions Wednesday or Thursday

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed for Muslim leaders, chaplains, and others interested in learning/improving the Qur'ānic recitation. It is intended to be the introductory course for the spring semester AM-551. Students will 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 tajwid rules, and in the second part of the sessions, the students will practice these rules by reciting the Qur'an individually and collectively. In this course, 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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The overall structure of the class:

- The goal of this class is to recite 7 surahs (108 - 114) along with Al-Fatiha and maintain tajwīd.
 - 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:

- 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 (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.

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 50-70 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 :)

We will have 15 weeks, every Thursday, to study together Qur'ānic recitation and have fun applying and practicing tajwīd rules.

Sep. 9, 2021

- Introduction
- Review the syllabus/expectations
- History of al-Muṣḥaf and 'Ilm al-Dabt & Al-Isti'aathah & Al-Basmalah
- Evaluation of students' recitation

Sep. 16, 2021

- Pronunciation marks in the muṣḥāf / علامات ضبط المصحف
- Tajwīd lesson, Taḥqīq al-Ḥarakāt/Vowel Letters
- Sūrat al-Fatiha
- Tilāwah - al-Baqara

Sep.23, 2021

- Listen to the students' recitations
- Tajwīd lesson, Sukūn
- Sūrah 112 - 113 along with Surat al-Fatiha

Sep. 30, 2021

- **NO CLASS -- Seminary closed**

Oct. 7, 2021

- Listen to the students' recitations (Surah 112- 113)
- Tajwīd lesson, the pronunciation of each letter/Makhraj al-Ḥurūf # 1
- Surah 111 - Surat al-Fatiha

Oct. 14, 2021

- Listen to the students' recitations (Surah 111)
- Tajwīd lesson, the pronunciation of each letter/Makhraj al-Hurūf # 2
- Surah 110 - Surat al-Fatiha

Oct. 21, 2021

- Listen to the students' recitations (Surah 110)
- Tajwīd lesson, Mr. Noonī #1
- Surah 109 - Surat al-Fatiha

Oct. 28, 2021

- Listen to the students' recitations (Surah 109)
- tajwīd lesson, Mr. Noonī #2
- Surah 108 - Surat Al-Fatiha

Nov. 4, 2021

- Listen to the students' recitations (Surah 108)
- Tajwīd lesson, Miss. Meemi #1
- Surah 114 - Surat Al-Fatiha

Nov. 11, 2021

- Listen to the students' recitations (Surah 114)
- Tajwīd lesson, Miss. Meemi #2
- Surah 113 - Surat Al-Fatiha

Nov. 18, 2021

- Listen to the students' recitations (Surah 113)
- Tajwīd lesson, characteristic of the letters #1
- Surah 112 - Surat Al-Fatiha

Nov. 25, 2021

- NO CLASS

Dec. 2, 2021

- Listen to the students' recitations (Surah 112)
- Tajwīd lesson, characteristic of the letters #2
- Surah 111 - Surat Al-Fatiha

Dec. 9, 2021

- Listen to the students' recitations (Surah 111)
- Tajwīd lesson, characteristic of the letters #3
- Surah 110 - Surat al-Fatiha

Dec. 16, 2021

- Listen to the students' recitations (Surah 110)
- Tajwīd lesson, Review all lesson/ Questions
- Surah 109 - Surat Al-Fatiha