



In the name of Allāh, Most Merciful, Bestower of Mercy.

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

## 1.0 Course Lecturer

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“A little about myself that you may not know—I am a teacher, father, and grandfather. I care about the Islamic education of our young men and women. I am a graduate and a qualified teacher with over 25 years’ experience in teaching Islam. I wish the best for you, so I expect my students to pay attention, work hard and be sincere in seeking knowledge.”

## 2.0 Course

Cambridge International A-Level Islamic Studies (9488). This is an internationally recognised qualification (for whoever passes the exams).

## 3.0 Start Date

Official start date is September, but you can join at any time. Note: Places are limited.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> A good grasp of English is a requirement for this course.

## 4.0 Duration

Two academic years—two hours per week, loosely following the UK schools term timetable.<sup>2</sup> Each Tuesday 1pm to 3pm (UK time) once a week (inshā-Allāh).<sup>3</sup>

## 5.0 Previous Knowledge

Previous knowledge of Islam is not a requirement to join this course (as stated by Cambridge International in their syllabus).<sup>4</sup>

## 6.0 Course Certification and International Recognition

“UK NARIC, the national agency in the UK for the recognition and comparison of international qualifications and skills, has carried out an independent benchmarking study of Cambridge International AS & A Level and found it to be comparable to the standard of AS & A Level in the UK. This means students can be confident that their Cambridge International AS & A Level qualifications are accepted as equivalent, grade for grade, to UK AS & A Levels by leading universities worldwide.”<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> A month is considered as eight hours of learning. Extra hours of tuition may be required for some candidates before their exams.

<sup>3</sup> Open to change based upon student feedback.

<sup>4</sup> Please download and read the complete syllabus here:

[www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/636058-2024-2026-syllabus.pdf](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/636058-2024-2026-syllabus.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> Source: Cambridge International Islamic Studies course syllabus. ‘We think the Cambridge curriculum is superb preparation for university.’ (p. 2), Duke University, USA.

## 7.0 Method of Teaching

Live interactive online video/audio classes with Abu Khadeejah with a classroom format.<sup>6</sup>

## 8.0 Stay in Touch

You can stay in touch with Abu Khadeejah via WhatsApp, and we've set up a dedicated Telegram group for all those registered for the A Level Islamic Studies course so you can communicate with us, ask questions, seek clarification, interact with other students, and share notes.

## 10.0 Syllabus Overview

The Islamic Studies syllabus enables learners to gain a better understanding of the religious writings, history, and current affairs of Islam. As a result, they are able to think and argue intelligently about the subject.

The syllabus is broad and ranges from the beginnings of Islam to the variety of beliefs and practices of Islam and the basis of Islamic law. Learners develop knowledge about aspects of the rich Islamic heritage and reflect on the role played by Islam today.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Conducted via Google Classroom or a similar platform.

<sup>7</sup> As stated by Cambridge University Press & Assessment 2022.

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## 2 Syllabus overview

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### Aims

The aims describe the purposes of a course based on this syllabus.

The aims are to enable students to:

- develop knowledge and understanding appropriate to a specialist study of Islam
- develop an understanding and appreciation of Islamic thought and practice and its contribution to individuals, communities and societies
- develop an interest in a rigorous study of Islam and relate it to the wider world and their own experiences
- reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their study of Islam
- engage with scholarly debate about Islam and develop an ability to express and justify their own opinions
- adopt an enquiring and reflective approach to the study of Islamic religion which will form a solid foundation for further study.

Image: Cambridge Islamic Studies, page 8.

We intend to teach this course from the perspective of Ahlus-Sunnah wal-Jamā‘ah<sup>8</sup> following in that the methodology and traditions of the early Ahlul-Ḥadīth<sup>9</sup> scholars. We intend to take nothing for granted—every aspect of the syllabus will be studied critically. Students will be taught to analyse texts, theories and assumptions of various Islamic orientations and compare them to the Creed, Methodology and Fiqh (Jurisprudence) of the early scholars of Ahlus-Sunnah, Ahlul-Ḥadīth and the Salaf As-Ṣāliḥ<sup>10</sup>—then draw conclusions and formulate views.

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<sup>8</sup> The People of Sunnah and the Main Body, i.e., those who follow the Prophet (ﷺ) and cling to the path of his noble Companions (رضي الله عنهم).

<sup>9</sup> The People of Ḥadīth adhere to the narrations authentically reported from the Prophet (ﷺ) and his Companions—and regard that to be more important than the individual opinions of those who came in later times.

<sup>10</sup> The Righteous Predecessors are the Companions of the Prophet (ﷺ) and the three generations of Muslims who came after them.

## Content overview

This table gives an overview of the syllabus content for Cambridge International AS & A Level Islamic Studies.

### Paper 1 – Islamic beliefs and practices

The Qur'an and Sunnah

- The life of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)
- A study of set texts from the Qur'an
- A study of set Hadith texts

Islamic beliefs, practices and ceremonies

- Main beliefs
- Purification and intention
- Acts of devotion and commitment
- Putting faith into action

### Paper 2 – Islamic law (*shariah*) and its application

Schools of Islamic jurisprudence (*fiqh*)

- Worship
- Family life
- Finance and employment
- Application of Islamic law (*shariah*)
- Sources of Islamic law (*shariah*)

Diversity of schools of thought

- The oneness of God (*tawhid*)
- The role of religious leaders
- Judgement and the afterlife (*akhirah*)
- Distinctive positions of Islamic schools of thought

### Paper 3 – Heritage of Islam

The Umayyads and the 'Abbasids

- The Heritage of the Umayyads
- The Heritage of the 'Abbasids

Islamic world heritage

- Literature and philosophy
- Architecture and design

### Paper 4 – Islam in the modern world

Women in Islam

Islam and pluralism

Leadership of the Muslims

Image shows the content overview as it will appear in the exam papers.

We will be teaching these subjects in a format that will enable students to pass the A-Level Islamic Studies (*inshā'-Allāh*). This is an A-Level course, and therefore requires students to read around topics and not just rely on the two hours a week from the lessons. Having said that, Abu Khadeejah will teach the students well (*inshā'-Allāh*), explain things thoroughly, interact with them, and answer their questions.

## 11.0 Teaching Approach

Abu Khadeejah's teaching approach is informal because it is more engaging (especially for younger people), nevertheless, the body of knowledge that he'll be covering over these two years will build a solid foundation of Islām for the rest of their lives (*inshā'-Allāh*).

Abu Khadeejah is a lecturer and facilitator—so, effort and hard work will have to come from you. If you have a very busy life and schedule and cannot spare about two hours each week independently researching, reading, and listening, you need to reconsider before you enrol.<sup>11</sup> Having said that, if you just want to learn and benefit without taking exams at the end of the two years, you are welcome to join us!

## 12.0 Exam Entry

Candidates will be responsible for submitting entry for exams at the relevant [exam centres](#) locally or internationally. You should research whether you are able to reach an examination centre before enrolling on this course.<sup>12</sup>

If you're still interested in studying and taking the exam, then please read the Cambridge [Islamic Studies Syllabus](#) thoroughly as this course will require commitment.

## 13.0 Course fees

The fee will be £40 (GBP)<sup>13</sup> per week per student (based on two hours of direct learning each week), to be paid 3-monthly in advance—**discounts**

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<sup>11</sup> And perform the *istikhārah* prayer before committing yourself.

<sup>12</sup> Visit: [www.cambridgeinternational.org/exam-administration/private-candidates/](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/exam-administration/private-candidates/)

<sup>13</sup> By Debit Card from anywhere in the world or PayPal.

**will be offered for those who pay in advance. Discounts are offered for students who pay 3-months or 6-months in advance.** You can leave the course at any time you choose without penalty (or hard feelings) but let us know at least one week before the next payment is due. Once the 3-monthly fee is paid, no refund will be given, so it would be advisable to complete the lessons of that month.

If you are unwell, busy at work or on holiday, the fees will not be refunded, nor carried over into the next month or months. We will expect students to catch up on any missed work—all the classes are recorded so you can catch up and revise anytime.

You will not be charged during term or half-term holidays or for teacher absences. So, you only pay for the actual lessons.

Please remember throughout, this is A Level, so students must take their studies seriously, it requires commitment.

## 14.0 The Course

Many of you may be wondering what topics will be covered during the course. The link to the syllabus has been added elsewhere in this document, but here is a brief outline:

### **Paper 1 Islamic beliefs and practices:**

Section A: The Qur'an and Sunnah

Section B: Islamic beliefs, practices, and ceremonies

### **Paper 2 Islamic law (Shariah) and its application:**

Section A: Schools of Islamic jurisprudence (fiqh)

Section B: Diversity of schools of thought

### **Paper 3 Heritage of Islam:**

Section A: The Umayyads and ‘Abbasids

Section B: Islamic world heritage

### **Paper 4 Islam in the modern world:**

Women in Islam

Islam and pluralism

Leadership of the Muslims

## **15.0 Online Classroom**

1. You will need a [Gmail](#) (Google email) account. Once you’ve set it up, please email us from the Gmail account, with your full name. Please choose a username that is simple such as an actual name or a *kunyah*, e.g., ‘abdullah.jones’, ‘abu.zainab’, ‘umm.taalibah1999’, etc. This makes it easy for us to recognise individual students.

**Our email is:** [admin.sa@abukhaddeejah.com](mailto:admin.sa@abukhaddeejah.com)

2. Your assignments will be submitted via [“Google Docs”](#) which you’ll have access to through your Gmail account.

3. Lesson Format: We intend to use [“Google Classroom”](#) to conduct the classes. Please take time to familiarise yourselves with both. Don’t worry too much if you cannot grasp it immediately, we will help you along.

4. You will need to have regular access to a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer for use in lessons and for submitting assignments. Smartphones will not be sufficient.



5. A-Level students are adults and used to studying. So, please attend on time, pay attention to the class, and [take notes](#) or make [mind-maps](#). This will form the backbone of your work.

6. We will compile helpful class-notes/study-articles (PDF format) that will aid you in learning the relevant topics that will ensure you'll pass the final exam at the end of the two academic years, *inshā'-Allāh*. All the classes will be recorded for you to revise or catch up in case you miss lessons.

Please make sure that you store all your A-level material in a single easily accessible folder. By the end of the two years, you will have a lot of material, *inshā'-Allāh*.

## 16.0 Fees and How to Pay

You will need to send the 3-monthly payments at least 7 days before the

first lesson for each 3-month period. You will be notified when the payment is due. Any delay in payment will result in denial of access to the classes.

You will not be reinstated into the class until the full monthly payment is received, even if this results in you missing some lessons.

The fee is £160 (GBP) a month per student (8 hours of learning)—to be paid 3-monthly in advance, and that comes to **£480.00** (GBP). Discounts are offered for students who pay 3-months or 6-months in advance: £420.00 (GBP)

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## 17.0 Conclusion

Once again, we welcome you to these A-level courses. Please download and read the complete syllabus here:

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