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Pre-‘Alim (I‘dadiyyah) Course Outline

A student who hopes to pursue the ‘Alim course—or whose parents wish for their child to become an ‘Alim or ‘Alimah—must begin preparing early. The years of youth are precious, and when guided properly, they can be spent building a strong foundation of knowledge, discipline, and character. With sincere intentions and based on our experience, we have designed a structured Pre-‘Alim program to prepare the next generation of scholars in our community in a clear and practical way.

Our Vision

Our goal is for boys to begin the full ‘Alim program after completing high school (12th grade), while girls may begin after completing 8th grade, alongside continuing their general education through online schooling. The ‘Alim course will span six years for boys and five years for girls and will require dedication, focus, and spiritual commitment.

To help students enter this path well prepared, we have developed a four-year Pre-‘Alim course that builds strong study habits, essential Islamic knowledge, and a solid Arabic foundation. Boys are expected to begin the first year in 9th grade, while girls should begin from 5th grade. Boys’ and girls’ classes will be held separately to maintain a comfortable and focused learning environment.

May Allah ﷻ grant ease and success to our future ‘Ulama’ and ‘Alimat and allow them to complete this journey with sincerity and excellence. Ameen.

1st Year (September 2025 – August 2026)

In the first year, students will study Qur’an Nazera from Juz’ 1 to 8. They will begin Arabic grammar using *Miftah us-Şarf* and *Miftah un-Naħw* and start Arabic literature with the first part of *Qaşaş un-Nabiyyin*. Students will also learn the first set of 500–1,000 commonly used Arabic vocabulary words.

Classes will be held once a week for three hours, every Friday evening from ‘Asr to ‘Isha’. The academic year runs from September to August. Completion of a *Maktab* program from any masjid or madrasah is required. A placement test will be conducted for final admission.

2nd Year

In the second year, students will continue Qur’an Nazera from Juz’ 9 to 16. Arabic grammar will advance to ‘*Ilm us-Şarf* and ‘*Ilm un-Naħw*, and students will study the second part of *Qaşaş un-Nabiyyin*. The second set of 500–1,000 Arabic vocabulary words will also be covered. Classes will be held once a week for three hours, from September to August. Successful completion of the first year is required to enroll.

3rd Year

During the third year, students will complete Qur’an Nāzerah from Juz’ 17 to 24. They will study advanced Arabic grammar using *Kitāb us-Şarf* and *Kitāb un-Naħw* and continue Arabic literature with the third part of *Qaşaş un-Nabiyyin*. The third set of 500–1,000 Arabic vocabulary words will also be taught.

Classes will follow the same weekly schedule of three hours, from September to August. Completion of the second year is required for admission.

4th Year

In the fourth and final year, students will complete Qur'an Nazera by covering Juz' 25 to 30. Advanced grammar will be studied through Hidayat un-Nahw, and Arabic literature will continue with the fourth and fifth parts of Qaşaş un-Nabiyyin. The final set of 500–1,000 Arabic vocabulary words will also be completed.

This year will also run from September to August, with one three-hour class per week. Successful completion of the third year is required to enroll.

Note: Holidays will include the entire month of Ramadan, both Eid holidays, all federal holidays, one week at the beginning of summer, one week at the end of summer, and a 10–12-day winter break.