

**MASTER OF SHARIA  
ISLAMIC BELIEF AND CONTEMPORARY  
SCHOOLS OF THOUGHTS**

***INTRODUCTION***

The College of Sharia and Islamic Studies offers a Master of Sharia program in **(Islamic Belief and Contemporary Schools of Thoughts)**. Both part-time and full time students are admitted to this program. Applicants are expected to memorize eight parts from the Holly Quran. Language of instruction is Arabic.

*According to the University Council decision dated 4/2/2007, Thesis students admitted with effect from September 2007 are exempted from the comprehensive examination.*

***PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS***

The Program requirements are:

**33 TOTAL COURSE CREDITS**

**24 COMPULSORY (3 credits each)**

- 0920-501 Themes in Monotheism
- 0920-502 Contemporary Issues in Islamic Belief
- 0920-503 Scholars Methodologies in Studying Heavenly Religions and Non-heavenly Religions
- 0920-504 Theoretical and Practical Research Methods
- 0920-505 Study and Criticism of Sufism and Philosophy
- 0920-506 Study of Dogmatic Texts
- 0920-507 Origins of Contemporary Doctrines
- 2000-504 Computer Skills

**9 COMPULSORY (Thesis) (Thesis Option Only)**

- 0920-597 (0)
- 0920-598 (0)
- 2000-599 (9)

***COURSE DESCRIPTION***

**0920-501: THEMES IN MONOTHEISM  
CR: 3**

Introducing students to the existence of the Creator, his uniqueness, evidence on that and the replies to semi-deniers to the presence of the Creator. To

respond to some manifestations of kinds of polytheism in the Lordship. To identify inference ways in Allah's demands. Clarify the doctrine of the Salaf and the Mutakallimeen of the Elective Attributes of divinity in details. This course also

aims to introduce students to the existence of the Creator and clarifying the evidences on that. In addition to rooting Approach in inference in Allah's demands and clarifying the difference between the salaf and Mutakallimin.

**0920-502: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN ISLAMIC BELIEF**  
**CR: 3**

Some issues related to the Islamic Belief such as the infallibility, its definition, its meaning to Salaf, Mutakallimeen and to the others. Identification of Imamah and related provisions. Intercession and the statement of its divisions. Introducing students to the supplication and asking for blessings in Islam to clarify replies to the misaligned beliefs. Definition of the term Wisdom and Reasoning in Islam.

This course aims to familiarize the students to the most important dogmatic issues and clarify the different Islamic doctrines of them, taking into account showing of the evidence and discussing them in the light of Sunnah and Quran to reach the right.

**0920-503: SCHOLARS METHODOLOGIES IN STUDYING HEAVENLY RELIGIONS AND THE NON-HEAVENLY RELIGIONS**  
**CR: 3**

Scholars Methodologies in studying Judaism, Christianity and non heavenly religions. Clarifying scholars methods in studying non- heavenly religions in the past and recently through studying each of the methodologies of Ibn Hazm, al-Shahristani, Ibn al-Qayyim, and others in the studying Judaism. Identifying Mu'tazilites, Ash'aris and the Salafist School approaches in studying Christianity.

This course is designed to familiarize the student to the scientific efforts of our scholars in the field of Comparative Religions and introducing terms, rules and methodologies for this science to the student so they can understand the scientific literature in this area and the methodologies of scholars in studying creeds which are out of Islam.

**0920-504: THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL RESEARCH METHODS**  
**CR: 3**

Introduction to the science of logic:- Its themes, usefulness, inception and the evolution of modern logic. It also study the Analogy and Induction.

Studying the sections, functions of the Induction and inductive approach phases. The definition, types, and the difference between the Reason, the Law, the Analysis and Synthesis. This section aims to highlight the mental rules that lead to the correct thinking. In addition to enhancement of the mental development and training of the student to the work of those rules in the various aspects of thinking.

This course also includes two sides:-

**1<sup>st</sup> Theoretical Side** which is based on the definition of the elements of the scientific character, determine the rules and regulations of the Islamic Scientific Research, Research Methodology, and rooting search tools as dialogue, discussion and debate in the Islamic heritage.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Practical Side** in which the student learns about the library and how to take advantages of its sections, such as Interpretation, History, Lexicons, Faith Books and ect...He is also introduced to the steps of scientific research starting from topic selection, planning, and ending at installing the sources and references.

**0920-505: STUDY AND CRITICISM OF SUFISM AND PHILOSOPHY**  
**CR: 3**

**First Section issues: Sufism**

Definition of the word (Sufism), its derivatives and discussing more different definitions. The emergence of Sufism and the difference between it and the legitimate asceticism and its relation to other cultures. Studying the most important issues in Sufi thought with discussion such as Tawakol, Divine Love, Maqam and The Conditions according to Sufism. The most famous Sufi ways, its prominent men and their writings.

**First Section issues: Philosophy**

This Section includes:-

Studying the vocabulary of philosophy, such as the definition of the word philosophy, its derivation and identifying the nature of philosophical thinking and the difference between it and superstitious thinking. Introducing the student to the Greek philosophy, its history and the most prominent schools and Philosophers. To discuss about Islamic philosophers and how the philosophy emerged between Muslims and identify the most famous Islamic philosophers like Al-Kindi, Farabi, Ibn Sina and others. Discuss the most important issues addressed by the Islamists philosophers such as the inferred of the existence of Allah and the

world, its relation to the Creator and other issues. Finally, studying the modern Western philosophy, the link between the philosophy of Ibn Rushd and it and also studying the most prominent trends in Western philosophy in the modern era.

**0920-506: STUDY OF DOGMATIC TEXTS  
CR: 3**

In this course texts of the most important dogmatic references of Islamic sects are chosen to be read and studied and to demonstrate the strengths and weaknesses in them. Aims to introduce the student to the efforts of Salafi Ahl Hadith and their compositions in clarifying the Islamic faith and inform the student of Islamic sects' books and references.

**0920-507: ORIGINS OF CONTEMPORARY  
DOCTRINES  
CR: 3**

Studying the roots of the intellectual deviations starting from Jews. Showing deviations in their faith and their laws and the secret societies which established later on. Clarifying Jewish Impact on Europe through those deviations. Studying the deviation of the Christians in the faith and laws and also studying interpolating and fads in Christianity. Clarifying the conflict of the Church and science and the impact of those deviations. Studying The most important deviations in scientific theories such as Darwinism, Freudian, Marxism and others. Roots of Intellectual deviations in Islamic sects. An applied study of intellectual deviations in the difference Islamic and contemporary schools of thought.

This course is designed to introduce the student to the roots of deviations of the followers of heavenly religions and the impact of these deviations on Islamic thought and ways to encountered them.

**0920-597: THESIS  
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**2000-599: THESIS  
CR: 9**