

(AM-550) Qur'ān Recitation/Tajwīd

Meeting Dates and Times: Online Course with Synchronous Sessions Wednesday 7:00pm – 9:00pm (CT)

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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. Each course is three credits. 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, InshāAllah.

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.,)

The overall structure of the class:

- The goal of this class is to recite al-Fatiha and seven additional chapters of the Qur'an in accordance with tajwīd rules. The additional chapters will be assigned at the beginning of the semester according to student levels.

- 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.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Tajwīd Qur’ān (color coded) http://quran.ksu.edu.sa/index.php#aya=78_1
- Google Drive

Recommended Texts:

- Suwayd Ayman Rushdi and Asiya Muhammad Akyurt. 2021. *Illustrated Tajweed* First ed. Damascus: al-Ghūthāni.
- Czerepinski Kareema Carol. 2006. *Tajweed Rules of the Qur'an = Ahkām Tajwīd Al-Qur’ān*. Jeddah: Dar Al-Khair Islamic Books.
- 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,
 - Online Resources Quran.com for multiple translations.

ASSESSMENT:**Grading**

- Attendance / Participation (10%)
- Tajweed tests (25%)
- Presentation (10%)
- Timesheet / daily work (30%)
- Quran Recitation performance (25%)

Attendance / Participation (10%)

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 Tests (25%)

At the end of the semester, students will undergo both a theoretical test and recitation test based on the tajwīd topics covered in this course.

Presentation (10%)

In the first week of December, students will deliver presentations on tajwīd topics chosen and assigned by the instructors.

Daily Practice (30%)

Daily recitation and listening to the assigned chapters are crucial components of this course. It is important to allocate 30 to 60 minutes daily to ensure that you stay on track with your progress. Please record your daily studies on the timesheet and submit it to the instructors every week before class. Failing to adhere to this daily routine will impact your grade. We will provide a detailed explanation about this requirement in our first class.

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)

Qur'an Recitation performance (25%)

Every week, the instructors will provide feedback on students' recitation and the application of tajwīd rules. Should there be any mistakes in their recitation or the application of the tajwīd rules, students must review and rectify these mistakes based on the given feedback. They should then present the studied chapter/verses in the subsequent class.

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 :)
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We will have 13 weeks, every Wednesday, to study together Qur'ānic recitation and have fun applying and practicing tajwīd rules.

Sep. 6, 2023

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

Sep. 13, 2023

- Pronunciation marks in the muṣḥāf / علامات ضبط المصحف
- Tajwīd lesson,
 - Taḥqīq al-Ḥarakāt/Vowel Letters
 - Tajwīd lesson, Sukūn
- Chapter al-Fatiha
- Tilāwah - al-Baqara
- Chapters 112 - 113

Sep. 20, 2023

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

Oct. 4, 2023

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

Oct. 11, 2023

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

Oct. 18, 2023

- Listen to the students' recitations (Chapter 109)
- Tajwīd lesson, Mr. Nūni #2
- Chapter 108 - Chapter al-Fatiha

Oct. 25, 2023

- Listen to the students' recitations (Chapter 108)
- Tajwīd lesson, Miss. Mīmi #1
- Chapter 114 - Chapter al-Fātiḥa

Nov. 1, 2023

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

Nov. 8, 2023

- Listen to the students' recitations (Chapter 113)
- Tajwīd lesson, characteristic of the letters #1
- Chapter 112

Nov. 15, 2023

- Listen to the students' recitations (Chapter 112)
- Tajwīd lesson, characteristic of the letters #2
- Chapter 111

Nov. 22, 2023

- NO CLASS (Reading Days)

Nov. 29, 2023

- Listen to the students' recitations
- Review of the tajwīd lessons

Dec. 6, 2023

- Presentation

Dec. 13, 2023

- Oral Test and Theoretical Test