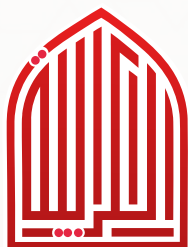




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THE ARABIC
INTENSIVE



Alimiyyah
PROGRAMME



Dawah
Al-Hadith

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The best thing about studying at Ebrahim College is the environment. The teachers as well as my fellow students are very caring and are more than willing to give up there free time to help me.

Imran Khan, Alimiyyah Graduate

Who We Are

Ebrahim College was founded by educationalists and Islamic scholars who believe in the universality of knowledge and that all knowledge is essentially Islamic if it is beneficial.

We are inspired by the fact that our Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), was sent as an educator, and it was through education that he transformed society. His educational philosophy was comprehensive and universal. It is therefore our belief that education is the solution of the problems of the world and this Ummah.

In 2003 a small team of like minded individuals began with a vision to transform Islamic Education by combining the best of the traditional and the modern. The work began with the launch of Ebrahim College as the first institute to run a much improved and revised version of the traditional Islamic Sciences curriculum alongside mainstream subjects and A levels for 6th Formers.

Alhamdulillah, with time, this work has expanded and diversified in to many other areas based on the community's needs and requests.

Leading by Example

- ✓ First traditional seminary to bridge the gap between mainstream education and traditional Islamic sciences.
- ✓ First seminary to introduce structured flexible learning.
- ✓ First institution to give wider community access to traditional Islamic sciences.
- ✓ First to start work on validating the Alim course as a BA in Islamic Sciences.
- ✓ First Islamic seminary to teach men and women to equal standards.

Our Vision for the Curriculum

Values driven

Learner and outcome focused

Transferable skills focused

Develops intellectual, spiritual and activist dimensions

Transformative

Major Programmes

Pre-requisite



Full time: 1 year
Part time: 2 years
Part time: 3 years

Undergraduate level



Full time: 4 years

Postgraduate level



Full time: 1 year

Courses Covered

Core Islamic Sciences

Tafsir (Qur'anic Exegesis)
Hadith (Prophetic Traditions)
Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence)
Aqeedah (Islamic Theology)
Uloomul Qur'an
Ulumul Hadith
Usulul Fiqh
Balagha (Rhetoric)
Arabic Language
Arabic Adab (Literature)
Seerah (Prophetic History)
Islamic History (post-prophetic era)

Contextual Courses

History of Ideas
Modern Islamic Thought
Business and entrepreneurship
Leadership and Imamah
Activism: the art of caring for others
Philosophy: Ethics
Science and Religion
Islamic history - History of Muslim
Dynasties - Khulafah
Islamic history - History of Muslim
Dynasties - Umayyads
Western Thought and Islam World
Religions
Muslim Sects and groups Islam and gender
Islamic Counselling
Philosophy of Mind Modern
Philosophy of Religion Islam in Britain
Academic English and Research skills
Politics and Society

Personal Development (Tarbiyah)

These programmes are dedicated to leadership development. As such, academic studies alone is not sufficient, strong pastoral support, mentoring, and careers guidance, are just as important. To achieve this a comprehensive Personal Development Programme (PDP) is integrated with academic studies.



"...the course has been very challenging but I feel that I have progressed a great deal in my reading, writing and understanding of Arabic.

The teaching styles at the college are very engaging and interactive and we are always encouraged to ask questions so I never leave a class feeling that I haven't understood something."

Sumaya Ahmed, Arabic Intensive student

What is the Arabic Intensive?

The Arabic Intensive is designed for students who are motivated to learn Arabic in order to gain access to the Qur'an in its language, and access to Islamic texts.

The programme incorporates intensive modules in Arabic grammar and literature, along with modules dedicated to the language of the Qur'an and Hadith, as well as spoken and written Arabic. In addition to this, three modules of the science of Tajweed are also taught along with the Arabic language courses. This also contributes to the proficiency of one's pronunciation and phonetics.

A comprehensive set of modules in Jurisprudence (fiqh) covering purification, prayer, fasting, zakah and Hajj are also part of the programme to enrich students further.

The programme is taught in an environment at harmony with the norms of Islamic faith and practice.

Students can also expect inspiring lectures delivered by distinguished visiting scholars from around the world.

This programme is a prerequisite for students who are interested in the Alimiyyah Programme but are not proficient in Arabic.

Duration

Full time: 1 year

Part time: 2 years

Part time: 3 years

Academic equivalence and qualifications

Level of study in the programme is equivalent to level 2 and 3 of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

Course overview

Learning outcomes

By the end of the course all students will be able to:

1. Read general text and understand 50% without a dictionary and most of it with a dictionary.
2. Read Qur'anic text and understand 50% of its literal import without a dictionary, and most of it with a dictionary.
3. Workout un-vowelled text using 'I'rab (grammatical analysis) and read the text with 60% accuracy.
4. Able to follow the gist of a general dialogue in spoken fusha Arabic.
5. Able to compose short essays on general topics.

In addition to the above, most students will be able to:

1. Read general and Qur'anic text and understand 70% without a dictionary and all of it with a Qur'anic dictionary.
2. Workout un-vowelled text using 'I'rab (grammatical analysis) and read the text with 80% accuracy.
3. Able to follow general dialogue in spoken fusha Arabic and contribute to it.
4. Able to compose longer essays with more sophisticated use of language and grammar on general topics.

In addition to the above, some students will be able to:

1. Workout un-vowelled text using 'I'rab (grammatical analysis) and read the text with above 90% accuracy.
2. Able to follow general dialogue in spoken fusha Arabic and actively engage in it.

Benefits of studying the programme at a glance

- Students will read, write, understand, and speak Arabic in just one year (two years for part timers).
- Students will gain the ability to recite the Qur'an with Tajweed.
- Students will be able to access the advanced Alimiyah Programme and study the Islamic Sciences including Tafsir, Hadith, Islamic Law and theology.
- The opportunity for keen students to take A level Arabic.
- Students will gain enough knowledge of the Arabic language and Islam to be able to teach children Islam or support their learning.
- Students will study a comprehensive set of modules in Jurisprudence and Islamic Creed as part of the programme.

Course modules

The Full-time Arabic Intensive covers the following modules over the course of the year long programme. The same modules are taught over two years on the part-time programme.

Nahw (Arabic syntax)

Nahw, together with sarf, is the most important course of the Arabic Intensive as it sets the foundations for understanding the language and engaging further with Arabic texts. The course focuses on ensuring students understand key grammatical concepts and can use them to construct a broad variety of grammatically correct sentences, as well as read the Qur'an and a broad variety of texts. The target is for students to understand 50% of what is read without a dictionary, and this is achieved by reading Arabic texts and applying grammar rules across various subjects. The module is essential for students who want to proceed onto the Alimiyyah programme or continue their Islamic studies elsewhere.

Sarf (Morphology)

Sarf, together with nahw, is the most important course of the Arabic Intensive as it sets the foundations for understanding the language and engaging further with Arabic texts. The course focuses on ensuring students understand key morphology concepts and can use them to conjugate verbs and identify word patterns to assist them in writing, as well as reading the Qur'an and a broad variety of texts. The target is for students to understand 50% of what is read without a dictionary, and this is achieved by reading Arabic texts and applying grammar and morphology rules across various subjects. The module is essential for students who want to proceed onto the Alimiyyah programme or continue their Islamic studies elsewhere.

Arabic Literature & Creative Writing

This course will develop students' reading and writing skills, as well as ingraining an appreciation of Arabic literature through a selection of classical and modern Arabic readings.

Language of the Qur'an

As well as being one of the application modules in the Arabic Intensive, the Language of the Quran is one of the most important modules of the course. It introduces students to the study of the Qur'anic text and exposes them to Qur'anic vocabulary, commentary, themes, background, and structure, providing them insight into the devotional element of selected surahs. The module should help students understand up to 50% of the Qur'anic text without need of a dictionary.

*These are non-core modules and are only taught in the full-time programme.

Language of the Sunnah

This module has been designed to introduce Arabic Intensive students to the genre of prophetic traditions. Using small hadith compilations such as Zād al-Tālibīn and basic Arabic commentaries, students will apply the nahw and sarf theory learnt in the first term to their reading of Arabic texts, and analysing selected traditions both linguistically and grammatically.

Fiqh of Prayer*

This is an introductory course on the fiqh and inner dimensions of purification (tahara) and prayer (salat). It provides practical knowledge that relates to one's obligatory worship as well as being a core module of the Arabic Intensive that provides the prerequisite foundations for further study of the subject in Arabic during the Arabic Intensive course.

Tajweed*

This course develops students' Qur'an recitation according to the rules of recitation of Imam Hafs from Imam 'Asim. While primarily practical, theory is also covered to.

Spoken Arabic*

The core objective of this module is to develop communication skills, and to give students the confidence to have basic discussions in Arabic in some of the other modules during terms 2 and 3.

Sīrah – The Life of the Prophet Muhammad*

This course provides insight into key events of the life of the Prophet Muhammad and some of his unique characteristics using Ibn Sayyid al-Nās' famous biography of the Prophet entitled Nūr al-'Uyūn fī Talkhīs sīrah al-Amīn al-Ma'mūn .

Introductory to Muslim Theology*

This course introduces the basic tenets of normative Muslim creed.

The course briefly deals with sects, classical and contemporary differences of opinion without being polemical, but rather with a view to giving the student a perspective that will enable one to remain strong on faith.

A student of knowledge must have firm knowledge of the fundamentals of Islam, before one can pursue a path to master Arabic language and delve into other detailed issues. Our belief is a critical support upon which our deen stands upright. It is firm belief that everything else develops and grows from.



What is the Alimiyyah Programme?

The Alimiyyah Programme is an undergraduate level programme in Shari'ah (Islamic Law) and Islamic Theology. The programme provides an in-depth study of most of the traditional Islamic sciences such as Tafsir, Hadith, Fiqh and the principles of Tafsir, Hadith and Fiqh, and classical Arabic. Along with that it provides a range of courses on history, leadership, politics and philosophy.

The aim of the Alimiyyah curriculum is to produce Ulama (scholars) and leaders who are competent in the Islamic sciences such as Tafsir and Hadith, possessing the professional skills necessary to serve, guide and lead the Muslim community with excellence. In addition to imparting knowledge and skills, the curriculum, and the environment, within which it is taught, is designed to produce scholars whose scholarship is marked by tradition, intelligence, piety, responsibility and generosity of spirit, ensuring that we are not simply producing academics and professionals who are seeking a career but are also reproducing the selfless spirit that has always been so characteristic of Islamic scholarship.

This curriculum has already produced graduates of the highest calibre whose work is already benefitting the community in different capacities. It is our firm belief that EC and its academic system and curriculum are the future of Islamic education.

Duration

Full time: 4 years

Academic equivalence and qualifications

EC is in the process of seeking validation to become a undergraduate degree from a British university.

Course overview

Learning objectives

1. To provide students with knowledge and understanding of Islam, and the Classical Islamic Sciences that are deemed a necessary prerequisite to the study of the textual sources of Islam, for example, classical Arabic, rhetoric, Uloomul Qur'an, Hadith, and Fiqh.
2. To provide students with a rigorous study of the textual sources of Islam i.e. the Qur'an and the Sunnah with a firm understanding of the context in which they originated.
3. To provide students with a broad knowledge and understanding of the Shari'ah and its objectives based on its textual sources and diverse opinions of jurists and scholars of the past.
4. To develop a deep understanding of the Arabic language, an appreciation for languages in general, as well as the philological tools necessary to study and correctly understand classical Islamic texts and their commentaries.
5. To develop an understanding of the interpretive and analytical techniques and skills necessary to infer from precedent and apply to the unprecedented based on the principles of jurisprudence and objectives (maqasid) of Shari'ah.
6. To develop in students an understanding of Islamic spirituality and Ihsan, a commitment to realising in themselves the fruits of consciousness of God and the requirements of noble character (makarim al-Akhlaq), through on-going personal development.
7. To develop in students an awareness of the needs and problems of the community, and the compassion and emotional intelligence necessary to be able to empathise and be inspired to serve (khidmah).
8. To develop transferable skills of translation, conflict resolution and leadership abilities tempered by responsibility, humility and generosity of spirit.
9. To provide students with culturally and socially relevant knowledge about world religions and the relationships between them, world cultures and ideas such as secularism in the modern world giving them the capacity to function pragmatically in a plural society.
10. To develop in students the full range of skills necessary to enrich and communicate knowledge effectively such as research, critical thinking, writing and public speaking skills.

What do graduates go on to do?

The Alimiyyah Programme at EC will help students to develop as professionals with transferable skills appropriate for a range of careers and some of the following indicative professional situations:

- Faith-based youth work, training for ministry (Imam), Muslim chaplaincy training, nursing and mental health care.
- Serve as trained community leaders and workers who can interpret the Qu’ran, provide shari’ah advice, and are qualified to serve as Imams.
- Teaching, especially RE, PSHE (personal, social and health education), citizenship, and Arabic language, after further study to acquire QTS. Those who become Alims will also be able to teach at Islamic educational institutes such as Darul ‘Ulooms, Madrasahs and organisations such as Ebrahim College.
- Social work, social care and welfare policy development and the probation services.
- Working in cultural and multi-religious or multilingual contexts, supporting business initiatives with clients from different cultures.
- Working in the growing Islamic banking and finance industry in different capacities including advising on shari’ah compliance.
- Working across different faith communities using their intercultural, bilingual and interpersonal skills in a mediating capacity.
- Pursuing higher degrees in cognate fields e.g. Religious Studies, Arabic Studies, Islamic Education and other branches of Social Sciences and humanities.

Course modules

The Alimiyyah programme is a 4 year full-time intensive course. Students must commit to Monday – Friday from 9am – 5pm. The academic year runs from September to July each year.

Please find below list of modules that will be covered each year of the programme. Full details of each module in the current curriculum are available on our website: ebrahimcollege.org.uk

Year 1

Aqidah
 Arabic Grammar
 Arabic Literature
 Early Islamic History
 Hadith
 Islamic Law
 Tafsir

Year 2

Arabic Literature
 Hadith
 Hadith Terminology (Mustalah)
 Islamic Law
 Usul al-Fiqh
 Logic and Kalam
 Qur’an Studies
 Tafsir
 Tajweed

In year 3 and 4, all students will study core subjects but also have the opportunity to specialise in an area of interest; Fiqh, Hadith or Qur'an. A final project will be due in year 4 which includes a 3,000 word Arabic essay and 5,000 word english essay.

Year 3

Core Modules

Arabic Poetry
Arabic Rhetoric
Hadith: Faith and Knowledge
Kalam

Track Based Modules

Fiqh Track
Advance Fiqh
Hadith Track
Hadith Terminology (Mustalah)
Qur'an Track
History of Tafsir
Qur'an Studies

Year 4

Core Modules

Hadith: Fasting, Zakah and Hajj
Hadith: Morals and Ethics
Research Methods

Track Based Modules

Fiqh Track
Comparative Islamic Law
Fiqh Research Workshops
Hadith Track
Applied Hadith Analysis
Qur'an Track
Advanced Qur'anic Studies
Contemporary Qur'anic Studies

Contextual modules

Students have the choice of a number of contextual modules in Alimiyyah 3 and 4 to make up their programme. Past elective modules have included:

World Religion

An overview of major world religions such as Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism and Hinduism.

Islam and Bio-Ethics

Exploring a wide range of topics in Islamic theology and ethics, especially relating to contemporary developments in science and technology.

The Umayyads

A study of the dynasty that ruled the Muslim community after the rightly guided caliphs.

Modern Islamic Thought

Exploring how Muslim scholars dealt with the loss of power through theological resilience. Students will explore some of the responses to modernity.

Introduction to Modern Philosophy

Examine the most important trends and figures in recent philosophical history and evaluating their impact on how the modern world arrived at what many believe is an existential crisis in the 21st century.

Political Philosophy

Students are introduced to key figures in political philosophy from the Ancient Greeks, their medieval inheritors within the Abrahamic religions, and early modern and modern successors.

Sab'a Qira'at (Intensive 2 year course)

Students learn the 7 canonical variants of the Qur'an (and 2 riwayat for each)

Muslim Sects

Introduction to the most important political and theological movements in the formative period of Islam, from the succession of the Prophet Muhammad until approximately the middle of the 4th/10th century.

Western Islamic Studies

Familiarising the most important Western academic scholarship on the Islamic scriptural sources of the Qur'an and the Hadith from the 19th to 21st centuries.

Prophetic Leadership

A study of the qualities that make a leader effective from an Islamic point of view.

Muslim Changemakers

Looking at the Islamic concept of serving society through developing leadership and media skills, and effective campaigning for change.

Who can apply?

1. Our programmes are open to men and women who are enthusiastic about learning Arabic language.
2. Applicants must have a good functional command of the English language. As a basic minimum, students must be passionate and enthusiastic about studying the Arabic language and/or the Islamic sciences. Having something that motivates you is essential.
3. The programmes requires serious dedication as it is intensive and will take up a lot of your time. You will need drive and desire to get through the Arabic Intensive programme to learn a language in a very short period of time.
4. The Arabic Intensive programme is suitable for students who are 16+ years and is ideal for secondary school leavers. If you are applying as a school leaver and are also interested in the Alimiyyah programme.
5. The Arabic Intensive programme is perfect for anyone who intends to take a gap year from studies or career break.
6. If you are in full-time education or work, you can apply to study part-time on the Arabic Intensive programme. You will complete the Arabic Intensive over two years without having to give anything up.
7. The Arabic Intensive is a prerequisite for students who are intending to undertake the Alimiyyah Programme, you must complete this programme to study the Alimiyyah unless your Arabic is already sufficient.

Timetable

The Arabic Intensive programme can be studied as a one year full-time course or two year part-time course.

Option 1 (full time 1 year)



Option 2 (part time 2 years) Every Sunday



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Course Fees

Arabic Intensive Programme

Full time:

£3,500 per year (On-site) & £2,750 per year (Online)

Part time: (Delivered over 2 years)

£3,500 per year (On-site) & £2,750 per year (Online)

Alimiyyah Programme

Full time:

£3,250 per year (On-site)

£2,500 per year (Online)

General policy

Ebrahim College is a registered charity and as part of its vision and mission, it endeavours to provide its courses and services at an affordable price or where possible for free. The College does not seek to make a profit but to cover the costs incurred in delivering its courses and services, and in sustaining quality and growth.

Many of the courses are subsidised by the College through the support of generous donors.

EC is committed to supporting students who are dedicated to our programmes but, for genuine extenuating circumstances, cannot afford to pay the full cost. Such students can apply for financial support from our Mus'ab ibn Umair Fund.

The actual cost of our full time programmes is higher than the £3,500 per year we charge.

Financial support

If you are committed to joining the Arabic Intensive or Alimiyyah programmes, but cannot afford to pay the full fees, do not worry. It may be possible for you to receive financial assistance from the Mus'ab ibn Umair Fund. Applicants are required to fill in the Financial Support Form in addition to the standard application form for admission. Visit our website to learn more and apply.

Apply now

Application forms and further information about the courses and the College are available on our website. Please contact us if you have any questions or need more information. Applicants are advised to apply as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Why choose EC

Ebrahim College is an institute of learning that is dedicated to Islamic Studies and providing a comprehensive service to the community. Thus a student that enrolls here benefits from access to the many services and activities that exist at such an institution. Some are mentioned below:

Pastoral Tutorials

Along with providing you with the best possible classroom experience, your personal and spiritual development is also important to us so that every student becomes and remains a person of integrity, piety and responsibility. A specific weekly tutorial with a tutor provides a platform for regular naseeha (counsel) and the opportunity to discuss any issues that students may have with their studies or their lives in general. Furthermore, the tutor remains the first contact for a student's pastoral needs.

Constant Company of Scholars

Every student at EC remains immersed in an environment where traditionally trained scholars of different specialities and interests are always around. They teach various subjects, run study circles and organise and encourage extracurricular activities that students will be able to benefit from. Lifelong connections are formed and many of our students maintain a close relationship with their teachers, as per tradition, even after they have completed their studies.

In addition, some of the best scholars in the world and dignitaries from the Islamic World are regular visitors to EC. While people in the community have limited access to these luminaries, EC students are privileged with spending time with them and benefiting from them.

Leadership and Community Development

Your teachers are more than just teachers; they are community leaders in their own right and are pivotal to their communities. You are also an integral part of your community as well as a torchbearer of knowledge. EC is dedicated to developing leaders of the future and inspiring dedication to the community in every student. If you have such aspirations, EC is just the right place where you will find the relevant academic, spiritual as well as vocational nourishment.

This is specifically catered for by encouraging students to participate in extracurricular activities and volunteering. Our weekly open-to-the-public study circle called 'Seekers' Station' is organised by the students. Many students are given the opportunity to get involved in our children's supplementary schools as teaching assistants, and given support to setup community initiatives in their localities. In addition there are opportunities to get involved in mentoring, fundraising, trips to umrah and retreats, events organising, da'wah and community activism.