



Admission Policy

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Scope of Policy

The Admissions Policy sets out Ebrahim College's principles and processes used to select and admit new students to our Arabic Intensive and Alimiyyah Programmes. The Admissions Policy is reviewed annually by Management. Ebrahim College is committed to supporting diversity and ensuring equality of opportunity for all applicants, in keeping with current legislation.

Entry Requirements

Arabic Intensive Programme

Applicants must be 16 years or over and have achieved or predicted to achieve a minimum of 5 A-Cs or 9-4s in GCSEs, including English. International applicants must have achieved the equivalent qualifications in their respective country. It is essential that students have a basic foundation in reciting the Qur'an and the ability to write Arabic alphabets. Additionally, applicants must be passionate, enthusiastic, and committed about studying the Arabic language. Most importantly applicants must remember that the Programme is designed to be intensive, and it will take up considerable time and require serious dedication.

Alimiyyah Programme

Applicants must be 16 years or over and must normally have completed the Arabic Intensive Programme at Ebrahim College or have the ability to demonstrate equivalent competency in the Arabic language in order to be considered for the Alimiyyah Programme. International applicants must have achieved the equivalent qualifications in their respective country. Applicants must be able to read, understand and translate the Arabic texts taught in year 1 of the Alimiyyah programme.

Dawrah Al-Hadith

Applicants must be 16 years or over and must normally have completed the Alimiyyah programme at Ebrahim College, or equivalent studies such as studies up to Mawquf 'Alaih or Mishkat in Darul Uloom, or an undergraduate programme in shari'ah from an Islamic University. International applicants must have achieved the equivalent qualifications in their respective country.

Students who have not studied a dedicated programme at an institute such as those mentioned above may also be considered if they have studied privately and can demonstrate that they meet the following specific pre-requisites:

- Demonstrate familiarity with Uloomul Qur'an and themes and meanings of the Qur'an.

- Comprehensive study of Fiqh according to at least one juristic school and a general understanding of the opinions of others.
- Study of the broad themes of hadith such Iman, Ibadat, Mu'amalaat, Mu'asharaat, etc.
- Study of at least one established text in Usul al-Fiqh, Uloom al-Hadith, Uloom al-Qur'an, and classical Muslim theology (Aqeedah).
- Students must prove that they have studied the above with teachers rather than being self-taught.
- Familiarity with the Seerah and Islamic history even if through self-study.
- Proficiency in Arabic to be able to attend lectures delivered in Arabic and study the texts of the major hadith collections.

Exceptions

In exceptional cases, Management may approve the admission of an applicant who has not met the general and/or programme level entry requirements or after the application deadline has passed. Such students will be assessed accordingly and admitted onto the relevant programme. Such cases are at the complete discretion of Ebrahim College.

Making an application

Process and Deadlines

Applications for the Arabic Intensive, Alimiyyah and Dawrah al-Hadith Programmes must be submitted through the college website (<https://ebrahimcollege.org.uk/>). Application deadlines for the programmes close once the academic year has started on the 1st of September. The college may close off applications earlier than the deadline date set, if considered necessary.

Financial Support

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.

Applicants who are committed to joining the Arabic Intensive, Alimiyyah, or Dawrah al-Hadith programmes, but cannot afford to pay the full fees, may receive financial support 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 through the Website. Only fully completed applications that include all required information and relevant supporting evidence will be considered. Students who require financial support after a programme has commenced, may still apply but we cannot guarantee financial support will be awarded. This is due to limited funds available. The Admissions Team will request missing information where applications are incomplete. Applications that remain incomplete may be rejected.

Deferred Entry

Students can apply to defer their place before or after enrolment onto their Programme.

- Before enrolment is confirmed, deferral applications must be made by 31st of August.
- After enrolment is confirmed, deferral applications must be made by 31st December.

Applicants already enrolled on a Programme and have deferred their place must continue to pay their fees according to their payment agreement plan.

Please note, deferrals applications must fall under one the following categories:

- Medical
- Bereavement (immediate family members)
- Other exceptional circumstances

Deferral offers are only valid for one academic year. Deferral offers do not entitle applicants/students to any refund or credit or transferring the offer to a third party. Deferral offers automatically expire after one academic year and you will not be entitled to any refund or credit. Students wishing to re-join must inform the College in writing by the 30th of June prior to the following academic year commencing. Students whose offer has expired must make a new application and/or pay the course fees again. Permission to defer is at the complete discretion of Ebrahim College, with no recourse to appeal.

Plagiarism and falsified applications

Ebrahim College reserves the right to withdraw an offer of admission where an applicant is found to have supplied false information, including falsified references, plagiarised content, or omitted relevant information from their application. No further application will be considered from an applicant who has been found to have supplied false information.

Assessment and Selection

Regulatory and legislative compliance

Assessment and selection of applications is carried out in line with relevant regulatory and legislative requirements.

Criminal convictions, fitness to practise and occupational health checks

Applicants will be required to declare information about criminal convictions at the point of application where this is relevant to the programme of study for which they are applying.

Applicants requiring a visa to study in the UK

Ebrahim College is not Tier 4 registered or authorised to provide assistance to applicants with visa applications or any other related support, including accommodation support. Applicants will need to make their own arrangements regarding their visas and accommodation to enable them to study in the UK.

Selection and offer-making

Interviews and additional assessments

We may invite applicants to attend an interview, which may take place face-to-face, by telephone or online. This is an opportunity to discuss the applicant's application in detail and enable the applicant to find out more about the programme. In some cases, additional assessments may be required, where the information provided on the application form is not sufficient to assess the applicant's ability and suitability for the Programme.

We may consider applications for advanced entry, for example, to join the higher years of the Alimiyyah Programme, but this would be considered on a case-by-case basis and under the complete discretion of the Management.

Time taken to consider an application

We aim to make a decision within 3 weeks of receiving a completed application form for our Arabic Intensive, Alimiyyah and Dawrah al-Hadith Programmes. During peak busy periods, this may take longer. Applications for scholarships or financial support may take considerably longer. Providing all the required information and supporting documents with the application(s) will help us to process your application(s) more efficiently. If applications are delayed, we will inform the applicants accordingly.

Offer of Entry

Upon succeeding at the Interview stage, applicants will be given a conditional offer, reserved for 14 days from the date of the offer. The offer includes conditions which the applicant must meet before their place on the Programme is confirmed. Conditions may include (but is not limited to) the following:

- achievement of minimum grades, academic qualifications (Secular/Islamic),
- non-academic requirements, such as confirmation of scholarship funding,
- completion of the terms and agreement form,
- completion of the payment plan, and
- fees deposit payment.

Acceptance of offer by the applicant

Applicants are required to accept their offer by the specified deadlines (usually between 7-14 days from the date of offer). At the complete discretion of Ebrahim College, deadlines may be extended for applicants applying for scholarship funding or financial support. We reserve the right to withdraw offers if they are not accepted by the specified deadline. Where an applicant is holding an offer for more than one mode of study, only one offer may be accepted firmly. All other offers will then be withdrawn.

Applicant's right to withdraw (14-day cancellation period)

Applicants have the right to withdraw from an offer they have accepted within 14 days of accepting that offer. At the complete discretion of Ebrahim College, we may however, consider requests to withdraw once the 14 days have passed. Applicants must put their request to withdraw in writing by emailing the Admin Team at admin@ebrahimcollege.org.uk.

Applicants with disabilities, specific learning difficulties or mental health issues

We encourage applicants to disclose their disability, any special needs and/or mental health issues at the latest by the interview stage, so we can discuss any support required for their learning experience. Any information about disabilities, specific learning difficulties and/or mental health issues disclosed by the applicants are kept confidential.

References

Applicants will be required to provide details of at least two academic or professional referees at the point of application.

The Admin Team will assess and decide whether a reference is satisfactory. Ebrahim College reserves the right to request additional references where further details are needed to assess an applicant's suitability.

Exceptions may be made by Management, where it is not possible to obtain academic or professional referees due the applicant not being in full/part-time education in the last three years.

We may verify references with the respective referees. Should any reference be found to be fraudulent, we will withdraw the application immediately.

Fees and Funding

Fee status

An applicant's fee status will determine the amount of fee they are required to pay for the Programme for which they have applied. Current fees range from £2,750-£3,500 depending on the Programme and Mode of Study (i.e. On Campus or Online). This may be subject to change. Please refer to our website for up-to-date fees information.

Fee deposits

Applicants are required to pay a fee deposit of £375 and sign their Agreement form and Payment plan, to secure their place on their preferred Programme. Without these, placements will not be confirmed, and applicants may lose their offer of placement.

Scholarships and Financial Support

Applicants applying for scholarships or financial support must provide evidence and submit a strong personal statement (minimum 250-500 words) to support their application. Applications will not be accepted if forms are not fully completed and the required evidence has not been provided.

Scholarships and financial support are awarded from the Mus'ab Ibn Umair Fund and are subject to all the terms and conditions of that fund. Please refer to our website at <https://ebrahimcollege.org.uk/musab-ibn-umair-fund/> for full details before making an application for Scholarship or Financial Support.

Ebrahim College reserves the right to provide support through the Mus'ab Ibn Umair Fund as it considers appropriate, and all decisions are final with no recourse to appeal.