



THE FIQH & HEART OF WORSHIP

According to the Shāfi'ī School

FQH 101S | Spring, 2023

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Class Times: Thu. 6-9 PM (Ramadan: Sat. 2:30 – 4:30 PM)

Class Location: Tri Room, Plano Masjid

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PREREQUISITES

Successful completion of USL 101 – The Four Schools: A History of Islamic Law & the Madhhabs. Students who have not fulfilled the prerequisite are welcome to audit this class. To see the audit policy, please visit the web site: <http://planomasjid.org/marifa/marifa-audit-policy>.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

“Whoever Allah wishes good for, He gives them a deep understanding [*fiqh*] of their *Deen*.” – Bukhari

“It is neither the meat nor the blood [of sacrificial animals] that reaches God. Instead, what reaches Him is the piety [*taqwā*] from within you.” – *al-Ḥajj* (23:37)

“The Law without the Truth is ostentation, and the Truth without the Law is hypocrisy.” – ‘Alī al-Hujwīrī

In this course the students will learn the legal rulings pertaining to purification, prayer, fasting, charity and pilgrimage based on a classical primer in the Shāfi'ī madhhab. They will also explore the spiritual dimensions of these acts of worship.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To learn what Islamic law is all about in general, and the fiqh of the school of Imām Shāfi'ī in particular
2. To appreciate the complexity and precision of Islamic law, and the meticulousness of our scholars
3. To admit our own ignorance, and the need for learning
4. To understand the difference between legal validity and divine acceptance
5. To appreciate the incredible benefits and spiritual secrets of the acts of worship
6. To cultivate a desire to improve the quality of our worship

TEXTBOOKS

Required:

1. Furber, Musa, *The Accessible Conspectus*. Islamosaic.
2. Ghazali, Abu Hamid, *Inner Dimensions of Islamic Worship*. The Islamic Foundation.

Recommended:

1. Keller, Nuh Ha Mim, *Reliance of the Traveler*. Amana Publications.

CLASS POLICIES

1. To receive credit for this course, you must attend at least 70% of the classes in-person (i.e., 10 lectures). Students who attend less than 10 lectures will be switched to auditors.
2. Make every possible effort to be on time! Coming late or leaving early can leave you with misunderstandings about what is discussed during class. If you are late or absent, be sure to listen to the class recording before the next class.
3. You are expected to read the assigned portion of the textbook before coming to class. Not doing so will disqualify you from asking questions during class.
4. You may use electronic devices exclusively for class-related purposes. Cell phones must be silenced during class.
5. Use your full name during all Zoom sessions. Do not use nicknames or fake names. Names that are not on the roster will be removed from the meeting.
6. All assignments must be submitted on time. No exceptions allowed.
7. No make-up exams will be permitted without a documented excuse. Students who miss an exam with a legitimate excuse must email me as soon as possible.

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE & READING ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Lecture	Reading Assignment Due
Jan. 19	1. Purification I	Furber: §1.1 – 1.5
Jan. 26	2. Purification II	Furber: §1.6 – 1.10
Feb. 2	3. Prayer I	Furber: §2.1 – 2.3.2
Feb. 9	4. Prayer II	Furber: §2.3.3 – 2.3.6
Feb. 16	5. Prayer III	Furber: §2.3.7 – 2.6
Feb. 23	6. Prayer IV	Furber: §2.7 – 2.10
Mar. 2	7. Prayer V	Furber: §2.11 – 3.5
Mar. 9	** No Class (Spring Break) **	None
Mar. 16	8. Fasting	Furber: §5.1 – 5.6
Mar. 25	9. Zakat I	Furber: §4.1 – 4.8
Apr. 1	10. Zakat II	Furber: §4.9 – 4.10
Apr. 8	11. Pilgrimage I	Furber: §6.1 – 6.5
Apr. 15	12. Pilgrimage II	Furber: §6.6 – 6.8
Apr. 22	** No Class (Eid al-Fitr) **	None
Apr. 27	13. The Heart of Worship I	Ghazali: Ch. 1, 2
May 4	14. The Heart of Worship II	Ghazali: Ch. 3, 4

COURSE ASSESSMENT & GRADING

Exam I – Purification & Prayer	50%
Exam II – Fasting, Zakat & Pilgrimage	35%
Exam III – Heart of Worship	15%

Note: Your final grade must be higher than 70% in order to receive credit for this course.