



THE FIQH of WORSHIP

According to the Shāfi'i School

FQH 101S | Spring, 2025

Instructor: Shaykh Chad Earl

Class Times: Thu. 6-9 PM (May 20th, May 27th also)

Office Hours: By appointment only

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Class Location: Tri Room, IACC

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Zoom Meeting ID: TBD

Zoom Password: TBD

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'i madhhab.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To learn what Islamic law is all about in general, and the fiqh of the school of Imām Shāfi'i in particular
- To appreciate the complexity and precision of Islamic law, and the meticulousness of our scholars
- To admit our own ignorance, and the need for learning
- To understand the difference between legal validity and divine acceptance
- To cultivate a desire to improve the quality of our worship

TEXTBOOKS

Required:

- Furber, Musa, *The Accessible Conspectus*. Islamosaic.

Recommended:

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

CLASS POLICIES

- To receive credit for this course, you must attend at least 70% of the classes in-person. Students who attend less than that will be switched to auditors.
- 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.
- 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.
- You may use electronic devices exclusively for class-related purposes. Cell phones must be silenced during class.
- 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.
- All assignments must be submitted on time. No exceptions allowed.
- 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 |
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| Apr. 03 | 1. Purification I | Furber: §1.1 – 1.5 |
| Apr. 10 | 2. Purification II | Furber: §1.6 – 1.10 |
| Apr. 17 | 3. Prayer I | Furber: §2.1 – 2.3.2 |
| Apr. 24 | 4. Prayer II | Furber: §2.3.3 – 2.3.6 |
| May 01 | 5. Prayer III | Furber: §2.3.7 – 2.6 |
| May 08 | 6. Prayer IV | Furber: §2.7 – 2.10 |
| May 15 | 7. Prayer V | Furber: §2.11 – 3.5 |
| May 20 | 8. Fasting | Furber: §5.1 – 5.6 |
| May 22 | 9. Zakat I | Furber: §4.1 – 4.8 |
| May 27 | 10. Zakat II | Furber: §4.9 – 4.10 |
| May 29 | 11. Pilgrimage | Furber: §6.1 – 6.8 |

COURSE ASSESSMENT & GRADING

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| Exam I – Purification & Prayer | 60% |
| Exam II – Fasting, Zakat & Pilgrimage | 40% |

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