

# Islamic Creed





## CREED

### Module 1A: Exploring Islamic Theology

Code: MLCCR101

**Course Objective:** To provide students with a sound comprehension of:

- The origins and development of Islamic Theology
- Previous and contemporary theological arguments and their responses
- The correct approach to theological matters

**Learning Outcome:** Upon completing this course students will:

- Be able to exercise sound discernment in matters of Islamic Creed
- Have answers with insight on contentious theological matters

**Course Book:** Fiqh al Akbar by Imam Abu Hanifah

**Supplementary Text:** Selections from the works of Ibn Taymiyah and Taftazani

**Lesson Plan:**

Lesson 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Sects of the past and their philosophy</li> <li>• Who was Imam Abu Hanifah?</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
Lesson 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An approach to <i>'Ilm al-Kalam</i></li> <li>• The articles of <i>Iman</i></li> </ul>
Lesson 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divine Attributes</li> </ul>
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Lesson 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duties of the creation</li> </ul>
Lesson 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muhammad ﷺ</li> </ul>
Lesson 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Noble Companions p. 133 – 145</li> </ul>
Lesson 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exclusive attributes of the Ahl al-Sunnah wa al-Jama'ah</li> <li>• Miracles</li> </ul>
Lesson 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeing Allah</li> <li>• The increase and decrease of <i>Iman</i></li> </ul>
Lesson 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The generous nature of Allah</li> <li>• Intercession</li> <li>• The grave</li> </ul>
Lesson 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Qur'an</li> <li>• The Parents of the Messenger pbuh</li> <li>• Doubts about <i>tawhīd</i></li> <li>• The Last Day</li> </ul>
Lesson 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Exam</li> </ul>



## Module 1B: Understanding Contemporary Sects

**Code: MLCCR110**

**Course Objective:** To provide students with an understanding of:

- The criterion that must be always employed to judge the validity and invalidity of religious notions
- Contemporary theological challenges
- The theological differences between Ahmadism and Islam
- The theological differences between Shiasm and Sunnism

**Learning Outcome:** Upon completing this course students will:

- Be able to distinguish and identify the areas of differences between certain contemporary Islamic Sects
- Be acquainted with the basis of those differences
- Be able to effectively explain those differences to others when needed

**Course Book:** Custom material from the Mathabah Learning Centre

**Supplementary Text:**

- Selections from the works of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad
- I'tiqadat Dīn al-Imamiyah by Sh. Saduq

Lesson 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• The divine standard</li> <li>• The concept of <i>bid'ah</i></li> </ul>
Lesson 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The origins and nature of the Prophet ﷺ; human or light?</li> <li>• Knower of the Unseen</li> <li>• Omni presence</li> </ul>
Lesson 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The concept of intercession / <i>tawassul</i></li> <li>• Mawlid al-Nabi</li> </ul>

<p>Lesson 4</p>	<p>Ahmadism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The history of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad</li> <li>• The Mahdi</li> </ul>		
<p>Lesson 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incarnation of 'Isa <math>\mu</math></li> <li>• Prophethood</li> <li>• Claims and prophecies</li> </ul>		
<p>Lesson 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Their strategy and our response</li> <li>• Life after embracing Ahmadism</li> </ul>		
<p>Lesson 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test</li> </ul>		
<p>Lesson 8</p>	<p>Shiasm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Origins and history</li> <li>• The concept of Imamate</li> </ul>		
<p>Lesson 9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sahabah</li> </ul>		
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Lesson 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Exam</li> </ul>		