

# SCIENCES OF THE QUR'AN

Module 1A: Qur'an Foundation 1

Code: MLCQU101

Course Objective: To acquaint students with:

- Fundamental aspects of the Qur'an
- A thorough understanding of how the Qur'an was compiled and adopted in its current form

Learning Outcome: Upon completing this course students will:

- Have a clear comprehension of the Qur'an's history
- A solid platform to move forward with towards interpreting the Qur'an with accuracy and insight

Course Book: An Approach to Qur'anic Sciences by Mufti Taqi Usmani

# **Supplementary Text:**

- Al- Itqan fi `Uloom al- Qur'ān by Jalāl al-Din al-Suyuti
- The History of the Quranic Text by Muhammad Mustafa al-A'zami

Lesson 1	<ul> <li>Introduction</li> <li>Definition of Revelation (wahi) and its various forms</li> </ul>
Lesson 2	<ul> <li>Definition of Revelation (wahi) and its various forms</li> <li>History of the Qur'an's revelation</li> </ul>
Lesson 3	<ul><li>Sequence of revelation</li><li>Causes of revelation</li></ul>

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Lesson 4 Lesson 5	<ul> <li>Causes of revelation</li> <li>Repetition of revelation</li> <li>Various forms of Qur'anic recitation</li> <li>Exploring the variants</li> </ul>
Lesson 6	Different views on the implications of the variants
Lesson 7	<ul> <li>Conclusion on the variants</li> <li>Addressing misconceptions on the variants</li> </ul>
Lesson 8	Abrogation in the Qur'an
Lesson 9	Preservation of the Qur'an
Lesson 10	Additions and modifications made to the copies of the Qur'an to facilitate ease for the reader
Lesson 11	<ul> <li>Biographies of the Imams of qira'at</li> <li>Objections on the preservation of the Qur'an</li> </ul>
Lesson 12	• Final Exam

## Module 1B: Qur'an Foundation 2

Code: MLCQU110

### Course Objective: To make students aware of:

- The arguments of the Orientalists pertaining to the preservation and the textual accuracy of the Qur'an
- The motives behind their offensive against the Qur'an
- The flaws that are found in their arguments and objections

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

- Develop a genuine sense of appreciation for the authenticity of the Qur'an
- Have answers to Orientalist arguments
- Sufficient knowledge to educate the masses on this important matter

#### **Course Book:**

- An Approach to Qur'anic Sciences by Mufti Taqi Usmani
- The History of the Qur'anic Text by Muhammad Mustafa al-A'zami

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Lesson 1	<ul> <li>Introduction</li> <li>The History of the Quranic Text</li> <li>The Orientalist and the Qur'an</li> </ul>
Lesson 2	The alleged <i>muş'haf</i> of Ibn Mas'ud
Lesson 3	Objections of the Orientalists
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Lesson 5	Objections of the Orientalists

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Lesson 6	Motivations of the Orientalists
Lesson 7	History of Judaism
Lesson 8	The Old Testament
Lesson 9	The Jewish Revival
Lesson 10	History of Christianity
Lesson 11	The New Testament
Lesson 12	Final Exam

# Module 2A: Qur'an Foundation 3

Code: MLCQU120

Course Objective: To familiarize students with:

- What truly makes the Qur'an a miracle of Allah
- The requisites of exegesis

Learning Outcome: Upon completing this course students will:

- Be motivated to learn Arabic at the most advanced of levels
- Be positioned to acquaint the public of the miraculous nature of the Qur'an thus generating a greater sense of appreciation for the book among them
- Understand the depth of the sciences of exegesis

#### **Course Book:**

• An Approach to Qur'anic Sciences by Mufti Taqi Usmani

### **Supplementary Text:**

• Al- Itqan fi 'Uloom al- Qur'an by Jalal al-Din al-Suyuti

Lesson 1	<ul> <li>Introduction</li> <li>The truthfulness of the Qur'an</li> <li>The miracle of the Qur'an</li> </ul>
Lesson 2	<ul> <li>Taking up the challenge of the Qur'an</li> <li>Miracle of words</li> <li>Miracle of grammar</li> </ul>
Lesson 3	<ul><li>Miracle of style</li><li>Miracle of system</li><li>Prophesies</li></ul>
Lesson 4	<ul><li>Allah's promise of preservation</li><li>Non-Muslims and the Qur'an</li></ul>

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Lesson 5	<ul><li>Subjects of the Qur'an</li><li>Arguments of the Qur'an</li></ul>
Lesson 6	<ul> <li>Beliefs in the Qur'an</li> <li>Commandments of the Qur'an</li> <li>Background of revelation</li> </ul>
Lesson 7	<ul><li>Stories in the Qur'an</li><li>Tafsir methodology</li></ul>
Lesson 8	Sources of Tafsir
Lesson 9	Sources of Tafsir
Lesson 10	Unreliable sources of Tafsir
Lesson 11	<ul><li>Sufi interpretations</li><li>Personal interpretations</li></ul>
Lesson 12	Final Exam

# Module 2B: Building the foundation 4

Code: MLCQU120

Course Objective: To connect students with:

- The causes of inaccurate interpretations
- The important principles of exegesis
- The biographies of famous exegetes
- Renowned books of exegesis

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

Be in the prime position to efficiently and effectively study the exegesis of the Qur'an

#### **Course Book:**

• An Approach to Qur'anic Sciences by Mufti Taqi Usmani

#### **Supplementary Text:**

• Al- Itqan fi `Uloom al- Qur'an by Jalal al-Din al-Suyuti

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Lesson 1	<ul><li>Introduction</li><li>Causes for inaccurate interpretations</li></ul>
Lesson 2	Causes for inaccurate interpretations
Lesson 3	Principles for exegesis
Lesson 4	Principles for exegesis
Lesson 5	<ul> <li>Shariah injunctions and reasoning</li> <li>Islamic regulations and their place in the religion</li> </ul>

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Lesson 6	<ul> <li>Purpose of injunctions</li> <li>Correct method of interpreting the Qur'an</li> </ul>
Lesson 7	Exegetes among the Sahabah
Lesson 8	Exegetes among the Tabi'een
Lesson 9	Exegetes among the Tabi'een
Lesson 10	Disputed exegetes
Lesson 11	Renowned commentaries of the Qur'an
Lesson 12	Final Exam