

Course Title: The Principles of Fiqh (Usool Ul Fiqh)

Course Faculty: Faculty of Fiqh Studies

Course Description:

Usool Ul Fiqh is essentially the science of studying the sources and principles of Fiqh and understanding how to apply them in order to derive rulings on particular issues. Though this is done by a scholar/Mujtahid, studying this subject will broaden one's understanding and enable students to see the reasons for the differences of opinions amongst the scholars. In doing so, one is better equipped to understand and appreciate the process of Ijtihad, thus protect students from falling into the extreme of 'Madhab fanaticism' whereby one completely closes the doors to Ijtihad. At a time when there is so much confusion regarding issues of Taqleed (blind following) and differences of opinion, this course is an essential for those who want clarification.

This course will look at the evidence for the key sources of the religion and give a detailed definition of each one. This course will also cover the five main legal maxims of Fiqh (Al Qawaa'id Al Fiqhiyyah) and touch upon the higher objectives of the Shari'ah (Al Maqaasid Ash Shari'ah) in order to enable students to appreciate the beautiful aspects of the Shari'ah and most importantly the One Who gave us this way of life which revolves around bringing about ease and maximising benefit.

This course is based on Imam As Sa'di's '*Brief Essay Concerning Usool Ul Fiqh*'.

Course Overview:

In this course you will learn:

- What are the different types of Ahkaam that Allah is praised for?
- What are the characteristics of the scholars that make them of such high status and virtue?
- What are the main sources in Islam?
- How can we determine if something is Fardh/Haram?
- Is there a difference between Fardh and Wajib?
- Are the scholars really more divided on issues than they are united?
- How do we define the term 'Sunnah'?
- What role does the Sunnah play in Islam?
- Are we commanded to follow the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم in all issues?
- Do we have to leave all the actions that Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم left?
- How do we understand the language of the sources?
- How do we understand those texts which are very general?
- What do we do if there seem to be two conflicting evidences?
- Is it Haram to follow a Madhab?
- What is abrogation?

Author's Biography:

He is the noble Shaykh Abdur Rahman Ibn Nasser Ibn Abdullah Ibn Hammad As Sa'di, from the tribe of Banu Tameem. He was born in the year 1307H, in the city of 'Unayzah. He was an orphaned at a young age, losing his mother at the age of four and his father at the age of seven. He was then placed under the care of his older brother Hamad.

The Shaykh completed memorising the Qur'an at the age of twelve and then pursued knowledge of other religious disciplines under the supervision of numerous senior scholars. He devoted his life to teaching the people from the age of twenty three. He was a person of worship, a jurist (Faqeeh), a traditionalist (Muhadith) and an author of many beneficial books and treatises. Shaykh Nasser As Sa'di passed away in the year 1376H, at the age of sixty nine.

Course Duration:

This course is taught over a 3 month period. Each week's lesson consists of 2 hours class time.

Course Materials:

A course pack containing the texts of "A Brief Essay Concerning Usool Ul Fiqh" will be provided. You should also bring a notepad and pen to take notes.

Homework:

For 2 hours of class work you will need to do at least 1 hour of homework, rewriting notes and revision each week.

Examinations:

The final examination for what you will have learnt throughout this course, takes place on week 11, this consists of a 60 Minute written paper. The pass mark for this course is 50%.

Progression:

After studying this course you should consider Studying the following:

- Al Qawaa'id Fiqhiyyah
- The Fiqh of Taharah
- The Fiqh of Salah

Additional Reading Material:

- Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence, by Mohammed Hashim Kamali

Certificates:

You will receive an in-house certificate recognizing your achievement in this course.

Course Fees:

Students/Unemployed: £65

Employed: £75

That's only £2.71/£3.12 per hour!

Registration:

You can register online now securely via PayPal or if you prefer you may visit us at our office during our registration dates (see registration timetable) where registration staff will be awaiting to welcome, assess, advise and help you register.