

	Level	Course Code	Core or Elective	Department	Course Name	Course Description	Course Hours
4.1	Advanced	QUR501	Core	Qur'ān	Advanced Qur'ān Commentary I (Tafsīr al-Nasafī)	This course will focus on Madārik al-Tanzīl wa Ḥaqā'iq al-Ta'wīl known as Tafsīr al-Nasafī of the Central Asian Ḥanafī jurist and exegete Abū l-Barakāt Abd Allāh b. Aḥmad al-Nasafī (d.710/1320). The work not only summarizes the grammatical, lexical, and rhetorical discussions of previous exegeses such as those of al-Zamakhsharī (d.538/1144) and al-Bayḍāwī (d. ca. 685/1286) but also interprets the legal and theological aspects of the Qur'ān through the lens of Ḥanafī jurisprudence and Māturīdī school of dialectic theology.	2
4.2	Advanced	QUR501	Core	Qur'ān	Advanced Qur'ān Commentary II (Tafsīr al-Nasafī)	This course will focus on Madārik al-Tanzīl wa Ḥaqā'iq al-Ta'wīl known as Tafsīr al-Nasafī of the Central Asian Ḥanafī jurist and exegete Abū l-Barakāt Abd Allāh b. Aḥmad al-Nasafī (d.710/1320). The work not only summarizes the grammatical, lexical, and rhetorical discussions of previous exegeses such as those of al-Zamakhsharī (d.538/1144) and al-Bayḍāwī (d. ca. 685/1286) but also interprets the legal and theological aspects of the Qur'ān through the lens of Ḥanafī jurisprudence and Māturīdī school of dialectic theology.	2
5.1	Advanced	ARAB551	Core	Arabic	Advanced Arabic Lab I	This course surveys Arabic literature from Pre-Islamic to modern times, covering different genres of poetry and prose. The aim is to familiarize students with the characteristics of the Arabic literature of each period and area, and to enable the students to be at ease discussing them orally and in writing.	1
5.1	Advanced	HAD501	Core	Hadith	Early Legal Hadith Discourse I	This course is an intensive analysis of the earliest legal arguments from hadith, in particular those employed by the preeminent jurists of the first and second centuries: Imams Abū Ḥanīfah, Mālik, Abū Yūsuf, and Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan al-Shaybānī. Particular emphasis is devoted to legal arguments found in the transmissions of Mālik's al-Muwattā' through Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan and Yahyā b. Yahyā al-Laythī, but readings in Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan's <i>Kitāb al-Hujjah</i> , Abū Ḥanīfah's <i>Kitāb al-Āthār</i> , and al-Khawārizimī's <i>Jāmi' Masanid al-Imām al-A'zam</i> are also included. Considerable attention will be given to understanding the different approaches of the <i>Ahl al-Ra'y</i> (jurists) and <i>Ahl al-Ḥadīth</i> (hadith transmitters) as well as those between the early (Ḥanafī and Mālikī) and later (Shāfi'ī and Ḥanbalī) juridical schools.	4
5.1	Advanced	HAD511	Core	Hadith	Synthesizing the Legal Hadith: <i>Sharḥ Ma'ānī al-Āthār</i> I	The bifurcation of the juridical schools along the lines of <i>Ahl al-Ḥadīth</i> (hadith transmitters) and <i>Ahl al-Ra'y</i> (jurists) was largely a consequence of claims from the former that the latter's overuse of legal reasoning (<i>ra'y</i>) resulted in a neglect of clear and established hadith evidence. Imam Abū Ja'far al-Taḥāwī addresses this claim in a monumental hadith collection, <i>Sharḥ Ma'ānī al-Āthār</i> , that serves as one of the earliest expansive hadith-based defense of the positions of Imam Abū Ḥanīfah and his followers. A thorough reading of the work will introduce students not only to the specific textual proofs of the Ḥanafī school but also the wide range of juristic reasoning and principles (<i>uṣūl</i>) employed therein.	5
5.1	Advanced	HAD521	Core	Hadith	Legal Hadith Studies: <i>Sunan Abī Dāwūd</i> I	The <i>sunan</i> genre of hadith literature primarily focuses on the evidence early Muslim jurists used in their arguments. This course examines the <i>Sunan</i> of Abū Dāwūd al-Sijistānī (d. 204/819) from both a jurisprudential and a critical historical perspective, explaining the use of each hadith in support of a variety of legal positions as well as exploring the grading of the hadith by the author and other classical hadith scholars.	4
5.1	Advanced	HAD531	Core	Hadith	Legal Hadith Studies: <i>Sunan al-Tirmidhī</i> I	The <i>sunan</i> genre of hadith literature primarily focuses on the evidence early Muslim jurists used in their arguments. This course examines the <i>Sunan</i> of Muḥammad b. 'Īsā al-Tirmidhī (d. 279/892) from both a jurisprudential and a critical historical perspective, explaining the use of each hadith in support of a variety of legal positions but also exploring the grading of the hadith by the author and other classical hadith scholars.	5
5.1	Advanced	HAD533	Core	Hadith	Legal Hadith Studies: <i>Sunan al-Tirmidhī</i> III	The <i>sunan</i> genre of hadith literature primarily focuses on the evidence early Muslim jurists used in their arguments. This course examines the <i>Sunan</i> of Muḥammad b. 'Īsā al-Tirmidhī (d. 279/892) from both a jurisprudential and a critical historical perspective, explaining the use of each hadith in support of a variety of legal positions but also exploring the grading of the hadith by the author and other classical hadith scholars.	5

5.1	Advanced	HUM501	Core	Humanities	Introduction to the Social Sciences and Humanities (Residency Program)	An introductory course that dedicates a few weeks each for the following subjects: sociocultural anthropology, psychology, history, and political science. Students will be exposed to the scope of each field as well as current issues within them.	1
5.1	Advanced	LAW501	Core	Islamic Law	Advanced Islamic Law: <i>al-Hidāyah</i> II	Imam Burhān al-Dīn al-Marghīnānī's (d. 593/1196) <i>al-Hidāyah</i> empowers the student with a comprehensive understanding of each legal issue through delving into textual and rational evidence. Al-Marghīnānī furthers the discourse at times by mentioning similar rulings or drawing the student's attention to subtle differences between apparently similar cases. The author also presents opposing opinions from both within and outside the Ḥanafī legal school. The discourse is concluded by answering the objections of the opposition by transmitted evidence or legal maxims. <i>Al-Hidāyah</i> has enjoyed special attention throughout the ages. The various commentaries and notes on the work ease the student's journey.	5
5.1	Advanced	QUR511	Elective	Qur'ān	Qur'ān Recitation Certification: The Ten Readings I	This course consists of an in-depth study of the famous texts written on the variant readings of the Qur'ān. Students will study <i>al-Shāṭabiyyah</i> of Imam Shāṭabī (d.590/1194) as well as <i>al-Durrah</i> of Ibn al-Jazarī (d.833/1430). In addition to the study of these two texts, students will recite the entire Qur'ān applying the rules and variant readings studied in these texts. Upon completion, students will receive a chain of transmission from themselves going back to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him).	1
5.1	Advanced	QUR551	Elective	Qur'ān	Ten Readings Recitation Lab I	In this course students will recite the entire Qur'ān by memory implementing the variant readings of the Qur'an learned through the study of al-Shāṭabiyyah of Imam Shāṭabī (d.590/1194) as well as al-Durrah of Ibn al-Jazarī (d.833/1430) along with memorizing those two texts. After completion, students will receive a chain of transmission in the variant readings of the Qur'an connecting themselves back to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him).	1
5.2	Advanced	ARAB552	Core	Arabic	Advanced Arabic Lab II	This course surveys Arabic literature from Pre-Islamic to modern times, covering different genres of poetry and prose. The aim is to familiarize students with the characteristics of the Arabic literature of each period and area, and to enable the students to be at ease discussing them orally and in writing.	1
5.2	Advanced	HAD502	Core	Hadith	Early Legal Hadith Discourse II	This course is an intensive analysis of the earliest legal arguments from hadith, in particular those employed by the preeminent jurists of the first and second centuries: Imams Abū Ḥanīfah, Mālik, Abū Yūsuf, and Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan al-Shaybānī. Particular emphasis is devoted to legal arguments found in the transmissions of Mālik's al-Muwatṭā' through Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan and Yahyā b. Yahyā al-Laythī, but readings in Muḥammad b. al-Ḥasan's <i>Kitāb al-Hujjah</i> , Abū Ḥanīfah's <i>Kitāb al-Āthār</i> , and al-Khawārizimī's <i>Jāmi' Masānīd al-Imām al-A'zam</i> are also included. Considerable attention will be given to understanding the different approaches of the <i>Ahl al-Ra'y</i> (jurists) and <i>Ahl al-Ḥadīth</i> (hadith transmitters) as well as those between the early (Ḥanafī and Mālikī) and later (Shāfi'ī and Ḥanbalī) juridical schools.	4
5.2	Advanced	HAD512	Core	Hadith	Synthesizing the Legal Hadith: Sharh Ma'ānī al-Āthār II	The bifurcation of the juridical schools along the lines of <i>Ahl al-Ḥadīth</i> (hadith transmitters) and <i>Ahl al-Ra'y</i> (jurists) was largely a consequence of claims from the former that the latter's overuse of legal reasoning (<i>ra'y</i>) resulted in a neglect of clear and established hadith evidence. Imam Abū Ja'far al-Taḥāwī addresses this claim in a monumental hadith collection, <i>Sharh Ma'ānī al-Āthār</i> , that serves as one of the earliest expansive hadith-based defense of the positions of Imam Abū Ḥanīfah and his followers. A thorough reading of the work will introduce students not only to the specific textual proofs of the Ḥanafī school but also the wide range of juristic reasoning and principles (<i>uṣūl</i>) employed therein.	5
5.2	Advanced	HAD522	Core	Hadith	Legal Hadith Studies: <i>Sunan Abī Dāwūd</i> II	The <i>sunan</i> genre of hadith literature primarily focuses on the evidence early Muslim jurists used in their arguments. This course examines the <i>Sunan</i> of Abū Dāwūd al-Sijistānī (d. 204/819) from both a jurisprudential and a critical historical perspective, explaining the use of each hadith in support of a variety of legal positions as well as exploring the grading of the hadith by the author and other classical hadith scholars.	4

5.2	Advanced	HAD532	Core	Hadith	Legal Hadith Studies: <i>Sunan al-Tirmidhī</i> II	The <i>sunan</i> genre of hadith literature primarily focuses on the evidence early Muslim jurists used in their arguments. This course examines the <i>Sunan</i> of Muḥammad b. ʿĪsā al-Tirmidhī (d. 279/892) from both a jurisprudential and a critical historical perspective, explaining the use of each hadith in support of a variety of legal positions but also exploring the grading of the hadith by the author and other classical hadith scholars.	5
5.2	Advanced	HAD534	Core	Hadith	Legal Hadith Studies: <i>Sunan al-Tirmidhī</i> IV	The <i>sunan</i> genre of hadith literature primarily focuses on the evidence early Muslim jurists used in their arguments. This course examines the <i>Sunan</i> of Muḥammad b. ʿĪsā al-Tirmidhī (d. 279/892) from both a jurisprudential and a critical historical perspective, explaining the use of each hadith in support of a variety of legal positions but also exploring the grading of the hadith by the author and other classical hadith scholars.	5
5.2	Advanced	HUM502	Core	Humanities	Introduction to Philosophy (Residency Program)	An introductory course on the basics of Western philosophy from ancient Greek philosophy to modernism and post-modernism. Major figures in philosophy will be introduced and analyzed along with their impact on modern popular thought. Selections from al-Ghazālī's <i>Tahāfut al-Falāsifah</i> may be read as a supplement.	1
5.2	Advanced	QUR512	Elective	Qur'ān	Qur'ān Recitation Certification: The Ten Readings II	This course consists of an in-depth study of the famous texts written on the variant readings of the Qur'ān. Students will study <i>al-Shāṭabiyyah</i> of Imam Shāṭabī (d.590/1194) as well as <i>al-Durrah</i> of Ibn al-Jazarī (d.833/1430). In addition to the study of these two texts, students will recite the entire Qur'ān applying the rules and variant readings studied in these texts. Upon completion, students will receive a chain of transmission from themselves going back to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him).	1
5.2	Advanced	QUR552	Elective	Qur'ān	Ten Readings Recitation Lab II	In this course students will recite the entire Qur'ān by memory implementing the variant readings of the Qur'an learned through the study of al-Shāṭabiyyah of Imam Shāṭabī (d.590/1194) as well as al-Durrah of Ibn al-Jazarī (d.833/1430) along with memorizing those two texts. After completion, students will receive a chain of transmission in the variant readings of the Qur'an connecting themselves back to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him).	1
5.3	Advanced	ARAB511	Core	Arabic	Advanced Arabic Linguistics I	<i>al-Fawā'id al-Diyā'iyyah</i> of Nūr al-Dīn ʿAbd al-Rahmān al-Jāmī (d. 898/1492) has been considered the best commentary of <i>al-Kāfiyah</i> , Ibn al-Ḥājjib's (d. 646/1249) influential compendium of Arabic syntax. In traditional madrasas it is usually taught as the final work of Arabic syntax and is distinguished by Jāmī's systematic integration of ' <i>ilm al-waḍ'</i> ' (Arabic semantics) into Arabic syntax. The course begins with a study of an independent treatise in ' <i>ilm al-waḍ'</i> ' to facilitate understanding Jāmī's sophisticated approach.	4
5.3	Advanced	ARAB512	Core	Arabic	Advanced Arabic Linguistics II	<i>al-Fawā'id al-Diyā'iyyah</i> of Nūr al-Dīn ʿAbd al-Rahmān al-Jāmī (d. 898/1492) has been considered the best commentary of <i>al-Kāfiyah</i> , Ibn al-Ḥājjib's (d. 646/1249) influential compendium of Arabic syntax. In traditional madrasas it is usually taught as the final work of Arabic syntax and is distinguished by Jāmī's systematic integration of ' <i>ilm al-waḍ'</i> ' (Arabic semantics) into Arabic syntax. The course begins with a study of an independent treatise in ' <i>ilm al-waḍ'</i> ' to facilitate understanding Jāmī's sophisticated approach.	4
5.3	Advanced	LAW598	Elective	Islamic Law	Topics in Islamic Law	A culmination of various texts taught at the 500-level	5
5.3	Advanced	HAD537	Core	Hadith	A Portrait of the Prophet: al-Tirmidhī's al-Shamā'il	This course consists of a reading of the earliest known hadith collection documenting the Prophet's detailed physical features, mannerisms, and personal character: Imam Abū ʿĪsā al-Tirmidhī's al-Shamā'il al-Muḥammadiyyah. Students will read through the text with the teacher in its entirety, focusing on the language of the reports, the various comments of the traditionists on their authenticity and meaning, and the spiritual implications of al-Tirmidhī's portrait of the noble Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace.	

6.1	Advanced	HAD541	Core	Hadith	Applied Hadith Criticism: <i>Sunan Ibn Majah</i>	This course introduces students to the critical analysis of hadith reporters and chains through an elaborate study of the <i>zawā'id</i> reports of <i>Ibn Majah's Sunan</i> , i.e. the reports unique to <i>Ibn Majah's Sunan</i> and not found in any of the other six canonical hadith collections, the <i>Ṣaḥīḥs</i> of al-Bukhārī and Muslim and the <i>Sunan</i> works of al-Nasā'ī, Abū Dāwūd, and al-Tirmidhī. While students will analyze both the hadith texts and chains, particular focus is placed on the critical analysis of hadith narrators and the evaluation of their narrations. Thus, students will be introduced to a practical study of <i>ilm al-rijāl</i> (the science of narrative biographies) through the study of a canonical hadith text.	4
6.1	Advanced	HAD551	Core	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Studies: <i>Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim I</i>	This course explores the <i>Ṣaḥīḥ</i> work of Muslim b. al-Hajjāj al-Qushayrī (d. 261/875), focusing first on the discussions of historical methodology in the book's prolegomena (<i>muqaddamah</i>), and then on the rich theological, legal, ethical, spiritual, eschatological, and historical issues derived from the hadith content. Students will also seek to appreciate the author's unique skill in the arrangement of the hadith and in the presentation of the chains of transmitters.	5
6.1	Advanced	HAD553	Core	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Studies: <i>Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim III</i>	This course explores the <i>Ṣaḥīḥ</i> work of Muslim b. al-Hajjāj al-Qushayrī (d. 261/875), focusing first on the discussions of historical methodology in the book's prolegomena (<i>muqaddamah</i>), and then on the rich theological, legal, ethical, spiritual, eschatological, and historical issues derived from the hadith content. Students will also seek to appreciate the author's unique skill in the arrangement of the hadith and in the presentation of the chains of transmitters.	5
6.1	Advanced	HAD561	Core	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Studies: <i>Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī I</i>	<i>al-Jāmi' al-Ṣaḥīḥ</i> of Muḥammad b. Ismā'īl al-Bukhārī (d. 256/870) is undoubtedly the most celebrated and authenticated of the primary hadith collections. This course will study the work with a dual focus on the hadith content as well as the author's unique interpretive reasoning provided in the rich chapter headings (<i>tarājim al-abwāb</i>). Lectures on the text will be complemented with independent guided readings of the work's various commentaries.	5
6.1	Advanced	HAD563	Core	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Studies: <i>Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī III</i>	<i>al-Jāmi' al-Ṣaḥīḥ</i> of Muḥammad b. Ismā'īl al-Bukhārī (d. 256/870) is undoubtedly the most celebrated and authenticated of the primary hadith collections. This course will study the work with a dual focus on the hadith content as well as the author's unique interpretive reasoning provided in the rich chapter headings (<i>tarājim al-abwāb</i>). Lectures on the text will be complemented with independent guided readings of the work's various commentaries.	5
6.1	Advanced	HAD571	Elective	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Critical Methodology I	This course engages students in critical discussions of hadith methodology through an in-depth reading of Imam Taqī al-Dīn Ibn Ṣalāḥ al-Shahrazūrī's (d. 643 AH/1245 CE) acclaimed technical manual of hadith studies, the <i>Ma'rifat Anwā' 'Ulūm al-Ḥadīth</i> , more commonly known as the <i>Muqaddamat Ibn Ṣalāḥ</i> . This "Introduction to the Sciences of the Hadith" comprises discussions on sixty-five key topics in the hadith critical methodology and due to its comprehensiveness and clarity, it has been considered the standard textbook and reference for advanced hadith studies since nearly the 7th century. The text will be explored along with a variety of its derivative abridgments, redactions, commentaries, and poetic renditions. Required reading will include Imam Jalāl al-Dīn al-Suyūṭī's (d. 911 AH/1505 CE) <i>Tadrib al-Rāwī</i> , an exhaustive commentary on Imam Yahyā al-Nawawī's (676 AH/1277 CE) <i>al-Taqrīb</i> along with the critical notes of Shaykh Muḥammad 'Awwāmah.	1
6.1	Advanced	LAW502	Core	Islamic Law	Advanced Islamic Law: <i>al-Hidāyah III</i>	Imam Burhān al-Dīn al-Marghīnānī's (d. 593/1196) <i>al-Hidāyah</i> empowers the student with a comprehensive understanding of each legal issue through delving into textual and rational evidence. Al-Marghīnānī furthers the discourse at times by mentioning similar rulings or drawing the student's attention to subtle differences between apparently similar cases. The author also presents opposing opinions from both within and outside the Ḥanafī legal school. The discourse is concluded by answering the objections of the opposition by transmitted evidence or legal maxims. <i>Al-Hidāyah</i> has enjoyed special attention throughout the ages. The various commentaries and notes on the work ease the student's journey.	5

6.1	Advanced	QUR501	Core	Qur'ān	Advanced Qur'ān Commentary I	This course will focus on <i>Madārik al-Tanzil wa Haqā'iq al-Ta'wīl</i> known as <i>Tafsīr al-Nasafī</i> of the Central Asian Hanafi jurist and exegete Abū I-Barakāt Abd Allāh b. Aḥmad al-Nasafī (d.710/1320). The work not only summarizes the grammatical, lexical, and rhetorical discussions of previous exegeses such as those of al-Zamakhsharī (d.538/1144) and al-Baydawī (d. ca. 685/1286) but also interprets the legal and theological aspects of the Qur'ān through the lens of Hanafi jurisprudence and Māturīdī school of dialectic theology.	2
6.1	Advanced	QUR513	Elective	Qur'ān	Qur'ān Recitation Certification: The Ten Readings III	This course consists of an in-depth study of the famous texts written on the variant readings of the Qur'ān. Students will study <i>al-Shātabiyyah</i> of Imam Shātabī (d.590/1194) as well as <i>al-Durrah</i> of ibn al-Jazarī (d.833/1430). In addition to the study of these two texts, students will recite the entire Qur'ān applying the rules and variant readings studied in these texts. Upon completion, students will receive a chain of transmission from themselves going back to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him).	1
6.2	Advanced	HAD542	Core	Hadith	Applied Hadith Criticism: <i>Sunan al-Nasā'ī</i>	This course consists of a thorough study of select portions of the <i>Sunan</i> of Imam Abū 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Nasā'ī (d. 302/915), a work known for its special attention given to the discovery of hidden elements in hadith chains. Through the study of these chapters, students will be introduced to the sciences of hadith sourcing and comparative chain analysis (<i>'ilm al-takhrīj wa dirāsāt al-asānīd</i>). While seeking to understand and appreciate the complexity of chain mapping, the jurisprudential aspects of the hadith texts will also be analyzed in light of the positions and arguments of the eminent masters of the field.	4
6.2	Advanced	HAD552	Core	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Studies: <i>Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim II</i>	This course explores the <i>Ṣaḥīḥ</i> work of Muslim b. al-Ḥajjāj al-Qushayrī (d. 261/875), focusing first on the discussions of historical methodology in the book's prolegomena (<i>muqaddamah</i>), and then on the rich theological, legal, ethical, spiritual, eschatological, and historical issues derived from the hadith content. Students will also seek to appreciate the author's unique skill in the arrangement of the hadith and in the presentation of the chains of transmitters.	4
6.2	Advanced	HAD554	Core	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Studies: <i>Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim IV</i>	This course explores the <i>Ṣaḥīḥ</i> work of Muslim b. al-Ḥajjāj al-Qushayrī (d. 261/875), focusing first on the discussions of historical methodology in the book's prolegomena (<i>muqaddamah</i>), and then on the rich theological, legal, ethical, spiritual, eschatological, and historical issues derived from the hadith content. Students will also seek to appreciate the author's unique skill in the arrangement of the hadith and in the presentation of the chains of transmitters.	4
6.2	Advanced	HAD562	Core	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Studies: <i>Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī II</i>	<i>al-Jāmi' al-Ṣaḥīḥ</i> of Muḥammad b. Ismā'īl al-Bukhārī (d. 256/870) is undoubtedly the most celebrated and authenticated of the primary hadith collections. This course will study the work with a dual focus on the hadith content as well as the author's unique interpretive reasoning provided in the rich chapter headings (<i>tarājim al-abwāb</i>). Lectures on the text will be complemented with independent guided readings of the work's various commentaries.	5
6.2	Advanced	HAD564	Core	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Studies: <i>Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī IV</i>	<i>al-Jāmi' al-Ṣaḥīḥ</i> of Muḥammad b. Ismā'īl al-Bukhārī (d. 256/870) is undoubtedly the most celebrated and authenticated of the primary hadith collections. This course will study the work with a dual focus on the hadith content as well as the author's unique interpretive reasoning provided in the rich chapter headings (<i>tarājim al-abwāb</i>). Lectures on the text will be complemented with independent guided readings of the work's various commentaries.	5
6.2	Advanced	HAD572	Elective	Hadith	Advanced Hadith Critical Methodology II	This course engages students in critical discussions of hadith methodology through an in-depth reading of Imam Taqī al-Dīn Ibn Ṣalāḥ al-Shahrazūrī's (d. 643 AH/1245 CE) acclaimed technical manual of hadith studies, the <i>Ma'rīfat Anwā' 'Ulūm al-Hadīth</i> , more commonly known as the <i>Muqaddamat Ibn Ṣalāḥ</i> . This "Introduction to the Sciences of the Hadith" comprises discussions on sixty-five key topics in the hadith critical methodology and due to its comprehensiveness and clarity, it has been considered the standard textbook and reference for advanced hadith studies since nearly the 7th century. The text will be explored along with a variety of its derivative abridgments, redactions, commentaries, and poetic renditions. Required reading will include Imam Jalāl al-Dīn al-Suyūṭī's (d. 911 AH/1505 CE) <i>Tadrīb al-Rāwī</i> , an exhaustive commentary on Imam Yahyā al-Nawawī's (676 AH/1277 CE) <i>al-Taqrīb</i> along with the critical notes of Shaykh Muḥammad 'Awwāmah.	1

6.2	Advanced	QUR502	Core	Qur'ān	Advanced Qur'ān Commentary II	This course will focus on <i>Madārik al-Tanzil wa Ḥaqā'iq al-Ta'wīl</i> known as <i>Tafsīr al-Nasafī</i> of the Central Asian Ḥanafī jurist and exegete Abū I-Barakāt Abd Allāh b. Aḥmad al-Nasafī (d.710/1320). The work not only summarizes the grammatical, lexical, and rhetorical discussions of previous exegeses such as those of al-Zamakhsharī (d.538/1144) and al-Bayḍawī (d. ca. 685/1286) but also interprets the legal and theological aspects of the Qur'ān through the lens of Ḥanafī jurisprudence and Māturīdī school of dialectic theology.	2
6.2	Advanced	QUR514	Elective	Qur'ān	Qur'ān Recitation Certification: The Ten Readings IV	This course consists of an in-depth study of the famous texts written on the variant readings of the Qur'ān. Students will study <i>al-Shāṭabiyyah</i> of Imam Shāṭabī (d.590/1194) as well as <i>al-Durrah</i> of ibn al-Jazarī (d.833/1430). In addition to the study of these two texts, students will recite the entire Qur'ān applying the rules and variant readings studied in these texts. Upon completion, students will receive a chain of transmission from themselves going back to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him).	1
7.1	Advanced	ARAB531	Core	Arabic	Advanced Arabic Rhetoric I	<i>Mukhtaṣar al-Ma'ānī</i> is Sa' d al-Dīn al-Taftāzānī's (d. 792/1390) commentary on Khaṭīb al-Qazwīnī's (d. 739/1338) <i>Talkhīṣ al-Miftāḥ</i> , which in turn is a study on the third section of Abū Ya'qūb al-Sakkākī's (d. 626/1229) <i>Miftāḥ al-'Ulūm</i> covering <i>ma'ānī</i> (the study of how variations in syntax affect meaning), <i>bayān</i> (the study of figurative language), and <i>badī'</i> (the study of other stylistic devices), the three sub-disciplines of <i>'ilm al-balāghah</i> (Arabic rhetoric). Using <i>Talkhīṣ al-Miftāḥ</i> and <i>Mukhtaṣar al-Ma'ānī</i> , the course will teach these three disciplines with the aim of giving students a strong grounding in Arabic rhetoric, so that they have a deeper appreciation of the Noble Qur'ān and the Arabic language. <i>al-Talkhīṣ</i> and <i>Mukhtaṣar al-Ma'ānī</i> have traditionally been the final works taught on Arabic language and rhetoric in traditional institutions of Islamic higher learning, since students who master these works will be able to do independent research in classical works on Arabic language.	5
7.1	Advanced	HAD581	Elective	Hadith	Advanced Readings in Hadith Sciences I	This is an elective course for graduate students who have completed the required coursework in Hadith studies and want to study works that are not regularly taught in the curriculum. Instructor's approval is required for registration.	4
7.1	Advanced	LAW503	Core	Islamic Law	Advanced Islamic Law: <i>al-Hidāyah</i> IV	al-Marghīnānī's (d. 593/1196) <i>al-Hidāyah</i> empowers the student with a comprehensive understanding of each legal issue through delving into textual and rational evidence. al-Marghīnānī furthers the discourse at times by mentioning similar rulings or drawing the student's attention to subtle differences between apparently similar cases. The author also presents opposing opinions from both within and outside the Ḥanafī legal school. The discourse is concluded by answering the objections of the opposition by transmitted evidence or legal maxims. <i>al-Hidāyah</i> has enjoyed special attention throughout the ages. The various commentaries and notes on the work ease the student's journey.	5
7.1	Advanced	THEO531	Core	Theology	Advanced Dialectic Theology I	The course consists of an intensive study of Abū Mu'īn Maymūn b. Muḥammad al-Nasafī's (d. 508/1115) <i>Tabṣīrat al-Adillah fī Uṣūl al-Dīn</i> , one of the most important works of the Māturīdī school of theology reflecting the understanding of the scholars of Samarqand. Nasafī discusses in detail issues on which Islamic theological schools and Muslim sects differ, presenting and evaluating the evidence for the positions of each group. Nasafī also strives to show that Māturīdī theology is firmly grounded in the theological thought of Abū Ḥanīfah (d. 150/767). The objective of the course is to give the students a deeper understanding of the Māturīdī school in particular and Islamic comparative theology in general.	5
7.1	Advanced	THEO541	Elective	Theology	Advanced Readings in Islamic Dialectic Theology I	This is an elective course for graduate students who have completed the required coursework in Islamic dialectic theology and want to study works that are not regularly taught in the curriculum.	4
7.1	Advanced	THEO598	Elective	Theology	Independent Study in Theology and Theological Methodology	The course is for students who want to conduct an independent study on theological issues and works.	1

7.1	Advanced	THEO599	Core	Theology	Research Methodology	This course is a requirement for completion of a thesis in the advanced program. The student will choose a thesis adviser based upon the subject of interest, who will advise the student on research and writing methodology and monitor the progress of the thesis. Students are expected to submit each chapter of the thesis as it is completed to the adviser, who will comment on the work and suggest improvements where appropriate. Once the thesis is completed the approval of the adviser and one other faculty are required for the final submission.	1
7.2	Advanced	ARAB532	Core	Arabic	Advanced Arabic Rhetoric II	<i>Mukhtaṣar al-Ma'ānī</i> is Sa'd al-Dīn al-Taftāzānī's (d. 792/1390) commentary on Khaṭīb al-Qazwīnī's (d. 739/1338) <i>Talkhīṣ al-Miftāḥ</i> , which in turn is a study on the third section of Abū Ya'qūb al-Sakkākī's (d. 626/1229) <i>Miftāḥ al-'Ulūm</i> covering <i>ma'ānī</i> (the study of how variations in syntax affect meaning), <i>bayān</i> (the study of figurative language), and <i>badī'</i> (the study of other stylistic devices), the three sub-disciplines of <i>'ilm al-balāghah</i> (Arabic rhetoric). Using <i>Talkhīṣ al-Miftāḥ</i> and <i>Mukhtaṣar al-Ma'ānī</i> , the course will teach these three disciplines with the aim of giving students a strong grounding in Arabic rhetoric, so that they have a deeper appreciation of the Noble Qur'ān and the Arabic language. <i>al-Talkhīṣ</i> and <i>Mukhtaṣar al-Ma'ānī</i> have traditionally been the final works taught on Arabic language and rhetoric in traditional institutions of Islamic higher learning, since students who master these works will be able to do independent research in classical works on Arabic language.	5
7.2	Advanced	HAD582	Elective	Hadith	Advanced Readings in Hadith Sciences II	This is an elective course for graduate students who have completed the required coursework in Hadith studies and want to study works that are not regularly taught in the curriculum. Instructor's approval is required for registration.	4
7.2	Advanced	THEO532	Core	Theology	Advanced Dialectic Theology II	The course consists of an intensive study of Abū Mu'īn Maymūn b. Muḥammad al-Nasafī's (d. 508/1115) <i>Tabṣīrat al-Adillah fī Uṣūl al-Dīn</i> , one of the most important works of the Māturīdī school of theology reflecting the understanding of the scholars of Samarqand. Nasafī discusses in detail issues on which Islamic theological schools and Muslim sects differ, presenting and evaluating the evidence for the positions of each group. Nasafī also strives to show that Māturīdī theology is firmly grounded in the theological thought of Abū Ḥanīfah (d. 150/767). The objective of the course is to give the students a deeper understanding of the Māturīdī school in particular and Islamic comparative theology in general.	5
7.2	Advanced	THEO542	Elective	Theology	Advanced Readings in Islamic Dialectic Theology II	This is an elective course for graduate students who have completed the required coursework in Islamic dialectic theology and want to study works that are not regularly taught in the curriculum.	4