

Year	Level	Course Code	Core or Elective	Department	Course Name	Course Description	Instructional Hours	Prerequisite
1.1	Intermediate	THEO101	Core	Theology	Intermediate Theology I	This course consists of an in-depth study of <i>al-'Aqīdah al-Taḥāwīyyah</i> of Imam al-Taḥāwī (d. 321/933) with an Arabic commentary and introduces students to the tenets of Islamic creed in light of the Qur'ān and the Sunnah. It also highlights the historical emergence of heterodox sects and the flaws within their creeds. Imam al-Taḥāwī's work has been accepted as one of the main references for understanding the Islamic creed.	5	PCS102 PCS112 PCS122 PCS132 PCS142 PCS162 OR PCS204 PCS212 PCS214 PCS224 or the instructor's approval
1.1	Intermediate	THEO198	Elective	Theology	Topics in Theology	This elective is for students who after completing the Shaykh al-Hind program or its equivalent want to study texts that are not usually covered in the Shaykh al-Hind and intermediate levels.	1	THEO101 THEO102 or instructor's approval
1.2	Intermediate	THEO102	Core	Theology	Intermediate Theology II	In this course students will study Mulla 'Alī al-Qārī's (d.1014/1605) <i>Daw' al-Ma'ālī</i> , a commentary on the well-known creedal text and poem <i>Bad' al-Amālī</i> of Sirāj al-Dīn al-Ūshī (d. 569/1174). Through this text students will become reacquainted to the core tenets of the Islamic faith. Studying the commentary of al-Qārī will introduce students to more advanced details of Islamic creed and will allow them to explore some of the more diverse orthodox and heterodox positions on issues of theology.	5	THEO101 or instructor's approval
3.1	Intermediate	THEO301	Core	Theology	Introduction to Logic and Dialectic	The course begins with an intensive study of <i>Isāghūjī</i> of Athīr al-Dīn al-Abharī (d. 663/1265), an introductory text of logic in Arabic. This is followed by studying a modern work of logic in English. Finally students study a work in <i>Munāẓarah</i> , dialectic in Arabic.	4	THEO101 THEO102 or instructor's approval
3.1	Intermediate	THEO311	Elective	Theology	Theology: al-Kifāyah fī al-Hidāyah I	Using Ṣābūnī's text <i>al-Kifāyah</i> as a base, students will study traditional Māturīdī kalām. The text presents, analyzes, and critiques transmitted and rational evidence relating to Islamic creed. Students will analyze and discuss the arguments the author presents.	4	ARAB212 ARAB252 QUR202 LAW202 LAW212 LAW222 LAW231 LAW241 HAD102 HUM202
3.2	Intermediate	THEO302	Core	Theology	Introduction to Dialectic Theology	The course consists of an intensive study of <i>al-Bidāyah fī Uṣūl al-Dīn</i> of Nūr al-Dīn al-Ṣābūnī (d. 580/1184) to introduce students to concepts and methodology of Kalām (dialectic theology). Ṣābūnī's work is his abridgement of his longer work <i>al-Kifāyah fī l-Hidāyah</i> . Ṣābūnī introduces the student to comparative theology, discussing debates among Muslim theologians and between Muslims and non-Muslims with clarity and conciseness.	4	THEO101 THEO102 or instructor's approval
3.2	Intermediate	THEO312	Elective	Theology	Theology: al-Kifāyah fī al-Hidāyah II	Using Ṣābūnī's text <i>al-Kifāyah</i> as a base, students will study traditional Māturīdī kalām. The text presents, analyzes, and critiques transmitted and rational evidence relating to Islamic creed. Students will analyze and discuss the arguments the author presents.	4	ARAB212 ARAB252 QUR202 LAW202 LAW212 LAW222 LAW231 LAW241 HAD102 HUM202

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4.1	Intermediate	THEO401	Core	Theology	Dialectic Theology I	The course consists of an intensive study of <i>Sharḥ al- 'Aqā'id al-Nasafiyyah</i> of al-Taftāzānī (d.793/1390) to introduce students to concepts and methodology of advanced works of <i>Kalām</i> (dialectic theology). al-Taftāzānī's work is a commentary on the influential creed of the Ḥanafī theologian Najm al-Dīn Abū Ḥafṣ 'Umar al-Nasafī (d. 537/1142) and is distinguished by the impartiality and sophistication of its critique of theological arguments based on reason.	5	THEO101 THEO102 THEO301 THEO302 or the instructor's approval
4.2	Intermediate	THEO402	Core	Theology	Dialectic Theology II	The course consists of an intensive study of <i>Sharḥ al- 'Aqā'id al-Nasafiyyah</i> of al-Taftāzānī (d.793/1390) to introduce students to concepts and methodology of advanced works of <i>Kalām</i> (dialectic theology). al-Taftāzānī's work is a commentary on the influential creed of the Ḥanafī theologian Najm al-Dīn Abū Ḥafṣ 'Umar al-Nasafī (d. 537/1142) and is distinguished by the impartiality and sophistication of its critique of theological arguments based on reason.	5	THEO101 THEO102 THEO301 THEO302 THEO401 or instructor's approval
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>Tabṣirat 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	THEO101 THEO102 THEO301 THEO302 THEO401 THEO402 or the instructor's approval
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	THEO101 THEO102 THEO301 THEO302 THEO401 THEO402 THEO531 THEO532 or the instructor's approval
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	THEO402 the instructor's approval
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	THEO402 the instructor's approval

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7.2	Advanced	THEO532	Core	Theology	Advanced Dialectic Theology II	The course consists of an intensive study of Abū Muʿīn Maymūn b. Muḥammad al-Nasafī's (d. 508/1115) <i>Tabṣirat 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	THEO101 THEO102 THEO301 THEO302 THEO401 THEO402 THEO531 or the instructor's approval
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	THEO101 THEO102 THEO301 THEO302 THEO401 THEO402 THEO531 THEO532 THEO541 or the instructor's approval
8.1	Ifta	THEO601	Core	Theology	Ḥujjat Allāh al-Bālighah I	This is an intensive study of <i>Ḥujjat Allāh al-Bālighah</i> of Shāh Walī Allāh Aḥmad b. ʿAbd al-Raḥīm al-Dihlawī (d. 1176/1762).	2	THEO101 THEO102 THEO301 THEO302 THEO401 THEO402 THEO531 THEO532 or the instructor's approval
8.2	Ifta	THEO602	Core	Theology	Ḥujjat Allāh al-Bālighah II	This is a continuation of intensive study of <i>Ḥujjat Allāh al-Bālighah</i> of Shāh Walī Allāh Aḥmad b. ʿAbd al-Raḥīm al-Dihlawī (d. 1176/1762).	2	THEO101 THEO102 THEO301 THEO302 THEO401 THEO402 THEO531 THEO532 THEO601 or the instructor's approval
8.3	Ifta	THEO602	Core	Theology	Ḥujjat Allāh al-Bālighah III	This is a continuation of intensive study of <i>Ḥujjat Allāh al-Bālighah</i> of Shāh Walī Allāh Aḥmad b. ʿAbd al-Raḥīm al-Dihlawī (d. 1176/1762).	2	THEO101 THEO102 THEO301 THEO302 THEO401 THEO402 THEO531 THEO532 THEO601 or the instructor's approval