

Year	Level	Course Code	Core or Elective	Department	Course Name	Course Description	Credit Hours	Content Weeks per semester	Prerequisite	Tuition per semester
8.1	Master's Degree	M-ARAB511	Core	Arabic	Advanced Arabic Linguistics I	<i>al-Fawā'id al-Diyā'iyyah</i> of Nūr al-Dīn 'Abd al-Rahmān al-Jāmī (d. 898/1492) has been considered the best commentary of <i>al-Kāfiyah</i> , Ibn al-Hājib'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	15	ARAB302 ARAB452 Arabic Lab 4th Year Program Assessment	\$2,200
8.1	Master's Degree	M-ARAB531	Core	Arabic	Advanced Arabic Rhetoric I	<i>Mukhtaṣar al-Ma'āni</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'āni</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-balaghah</i> (Arabic rhetoric). Using <i>Talkhīṣ al-Miftāḥ</i> and <i>Mukhtaṣar al-Ma'āni</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'āni</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	15	ARAB511 ARAB552 Advanced Arabic Lab II Program Assessment	\$2,200
8.1	Master's Degree	M-THEO531	Core	Theology	Comparative 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	15	THEO401 THEO402 Program Assessment	\$2,200
8.1	Master's Degree	M-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 Hanafī 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	15	LAW502	\$2,200
8.1	Master's Degree	M-LAW521	Core	Islamic Law	Advanced Islamic Legal Methodology I	This advanced course in Uṣūl al-Fiqh is designed to take students beyond the level typically reached through the study of al-Manār and its commentaries. The course exposes students to the major modes of uṣūl writing and reasoning— <i>ṭarīqat al-fuqahā'</i> , <i>ṭarīqat al-mutakallimīn</i> , and hybrid approaches. Instruction follows a hybrid format combining close reading and explanation of classical texts with guided discussion and analysis. In the Fall semester, the course includes an in-depth study of the Kitāb Allāh section of al-Sarakhsī's (d. 483 AH) Uṣūl, the Sunnah section from al-Jassās's (d. 370 AH) Uṣūl, the līḥād section of Ibn al-Humām's (d. 861 AH) al-Tahrīr alongside Ibn Amīr al-Hājjī's (d. 879 AH) commentary al-Taqrīr wa al-Tahbīr. These readings introduce students to the juristic treatment of the primary sources within the Hanafī uṣūl tradition while highlighting the legal and theological assumptions that inform that approach.	4	15	LAW502	\$2,200
8.2	Master's Degree	M-ARAB512	Core	Arabic	Advanced Arabic Linguistics II	<i>al-Fawā'id al-Diyā'iyyah</i> of Nūr al-Dīn 'Abd al-Rahmān al-Jāmī (d. 898/1492) has been considered the best commentary of <i>al-Kāfiyah</i> , Ibn al-Hājib'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	15	ARAB302 ARAB452 Arabic Lab 4th Year	\$2,200
8.2	Master's Degree	M-ARAB532	Core	Arabic	Advanced Arabic Rhetoric II	<i>Mukhtaṣar al-Ma'āni</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'āni</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-balaghah</i> (Arabic rhetoric). Using <i>Talkhīṣ al-Miftāḥ</i> and <i>Mukhtaṣar al-Ma'āni</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'āni</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	15	ARAB531 Advanced Arabic Rhetoric: Talkhīṣ al-miftāḥ and Mukhtaṣar al-Ma'āni I	\$2,200
8.2	Master's Degree	M-THEO532	Core	Theology	Comparative Dialectic Theology II	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	15	" THEO401 THEO402 THEO531 Program Assessment	\$2,200

8.2	Master's Degree	M-LAW504	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 Hanafī 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	15	LAW502	\$2,200
8.2	Master's Degree	M-LAW522	Core	Islamic Law	Advanced Islamic Legal Methodology II	This advanced course in Uṣūl al-Fiqh is designed to take students beyond the level typically reached through the study of al-Manār and its commentaries. The course exposes students to the major modes of uṣūl writing and reasoning—ṭarīqat al-fuqahā', ṭarīqat al-mutakallimīn, and hybrid approaches. Instruction follows a hybrid format combining close reading and explanation of classical texts with guided discussion and analysis. The Spring semester focuses on analogical reasoning and methodological formulation. Core texts include the Qiyās section of al-Tawdīh, selected passages from Imām al-Shāfi'ī's (d. 204 AH) al-Risālah, and Imām al-Ghazālī's (d. 505 AH) al-Mustasfā. Together, these works allow students to trace the development of uṣūl discourse across schools and historical periods, while comparing differing modes of legal epistemology and argumentation. Select passages from Ibn Ḥazm al-Zāhiri's (d. 456 AH) al-Nubadh are also examined—not as representative of mainstream uṣūl methodology, but as deliberate exposure to an outlier juristic paradigm—alongside select contemporary works.	4	15	LAW502	\$2,200
8.1, 8.2, 8.3	Master's Degree	M-THEO599	Core	Theology	Thesis Research and Methodology	This course is a requirement for completion of a thesis at the master's level. 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	15	THEO402 Program Assessment	\$550