

Year	Level	Course Code	Core or Elective	Department	Course Name	Course Description	Instructional Hours per week	Weeks per semester	Prerequisite
6.1	Post-Advanced	TAF601	Core	Tafsīr	Tamrīn al-Tafsīr I	This course is primarily designed for project-based learning. The course projects are meant to build the aptitude of the student in tafsīr. Students will be directly assigned complex questions in tafsīr to research and re-present.	1	15	HAD561
6.1	Post-Advanced	TAF611	Core	Tafsīr	Tafsīr Methodologies I	In this course, students will engage with advanced scholarship in Qur'ānic philology. Lectures and discussions on developing frameworks and arguments, primary and secondary, will be explored to identify the semantic compass of selected words in the Qur'ān. These approaches will lead to a profound understanding of Qur'ānic semantics and major Qur'ānic themes.	1	15	HAD561
6.1	Post-Advanced	TAF631	Core	Tafsīr	Takwīn Malakat al-Tafsīr	This course will utilize Dr Ḥātim al-'Awnī's brief text entitled Takwīn malakat al-tafsīr: khaṭawāt 'amaliya l-takwīn 'aql al-mufasssīr (Creating the skill of exegesis: Practical steps in creating the mind of the exegete). This course will be filled with unique tafsīr exercises that challenge, implement, and critique the steps laid out by the author.	2	15	HAD563
6.2	Post-Advanced	TAF602	Core	Tafsīr	Tamrīn al-Tafsīr II	This course is primarily designed for project-based learning. The course projects are meant to build the aptitude of the student in tafsīr. Students will be directly assigned complex questions in tafsīr to research and re-present.	1	15	HAD561
6.2	Post-Advanced	TAF612	Core	Tafsīr	Semantic/Thematic Development of Tafsīr II	In this course, students will engage with advanced scholarship in Qur'ānic philology. Lectures and discussions on developing frameworks and arguments, primary and secondary, will be explored to identify the semantic compass of selected words in the Qur'ān. These approaches will lead to a profound understanding of Qur'ānic semantics and major Qur'ānic themes.	1	15	HAD561
6.1	Post-Advanced	TAF621	Core	Tafsīr	Tafsīr Methodologies I	This course will focus on tafsīr methodologies of important and influential tafsīr authors. It will begin with an Intro to manāhij al-mufasssīrīn literature, followed by specific manhaj studies and selected readings. Some of the exegetes covered this semester will be al-Ṭabārī, al-Zamakhsharī, al-Rāzī, al-Qurtubī, al-Biqā'ī, al-Ālūsī, and others.	4	15	HAD561
6.2	Post-Advanced	TAF622	Core	Tafsīr	Tafsīr Methodologies II	This course will focus on tafsīr methodologies of important and influential tafsīr authors. It will begin with an Intro to manāhij al-mufasssīrīn literature, followed by specific manhaj studies and selected readings. Some of the exegetes covered this semester will be al-Ṭabārī, al-Zamakhsharī, al-Rāzī, al-Qurtubī, al-Biqā'ī, al-Ālūsī, and others.	4	15	HAD561
6.2	Post-Advanced	TAF641	Core	Tafsīr	Tafsīr al-Māturīdī I	This course will focus on selections of Abū Maṣṣūr al-Māturīdī's (d. 333/944) tafsīr titled Ta'wīlāt ahl al-sunnah. Al-Māturīdī's commentary on the Qur'ān, also entitled Ta'wīlāt al-Qur'ān, has historically been regarded as one of the earliest reason-based (dirāya) works of exegesis. This important early work will be used to analyze the Quran and the process of dirāya tafsīr.	2	15	HAD563
6.3	Post-Advanced	TAF642	Core	Tafsīr	Tafsīr al-Māturīdī II	This course will focus on selections of Abū Maṣṣūr al-Māturīdī's (d. 333/944) tafsīr titled Ta'wīlāt ahl al-sunnah. Al-Māturīdī's commentary on the Qur'ān, also entitled Ta'wīlāt al-Qur'ān, has historically been regarded as one of the earliest reason-based (dirāya) works of exegesis. This important early work will be used to analyze the Quran and the process of dirāya tafsīr.	2	15	HAD563
6.3	Post-Advanced	TAF651	Core	Tafsīr	Tafsīr Azīzī	Shah 'Abdul 'Azīz's pioneering tafsīr entitled Faṭḥ al-'Azīz, more famously known as Tafsīr Azīzī, will be the core text of this course. Originally written in Persian, this course will utilize the Urdu translation to highlight how Shah 'Abdul 'Azīz dynamically brought to light his father's (Shah Wai'ullah) principles and teachings. The Intro and selected sections will be covered.	1	15	HAD563
6.3	Post-Advanced	TAF661	Core	Tafsīr	Qur'ān & Biblical texts	This course will explore the corpora of isrā'īliyyāt and the relationship between biblical stories as an exegetical approach. Students will also study secondary western studies on isrā'īliyyāt to view the inner and historical differences and the salient peculiarities ranging from this exegetical genre.	1	15	HAD653

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7.1	Post-Advanced	TAF599	Core	Tafsīr	Research and Thesis al-Tafsīr	Upon completion of Year 1 of coursework and passing the qualifying process, Takhaṣṣuṣ fī al-Tafsīr students proceed to thesis work. This course is in the second year of the Takhaṣṣuṣ program. Students will be given step-by-step guidance on writing a successful thesis. This course covers vital processes like developing a research idea, writing a literature review, crafting a proposal, and submitting a thesis, and provides practical advice on utilizing the resources provided by the Mawlana Anwar Shah Kashmiri Library. It also gives students a chance to explore, articulate, and substantiate the theory, data collection and analysis supporting their thesis research. All Takhaṣṣuṣ students must enroll in TAF599 every semester after the completion of coursework until the thesis is completed successfully.	2	15	TAF601 TAF611 TAF631 TAF602 TAF612 TAF622 TAF641 TAF642 TAF651 TAF661
8.1	Post-Advanced	QUR611	Core	Tafsīr	Tafsir Methodologies I	This course will focus on tafsīr methodologies of important and influential tafsīr authors. It will begin with an Intro to manāḥij al-mufasssīrīn literature, followed by specific manhaj studies and selected readings.	2	15	HAD561
8.2	Post-Advanced	QUR612	Core	Tafsīr	Tafsir Methodologies II	This course will focus on tafsīr methodologies of important and influential tafsīr authors. It will begin with an Intro to manāḥij al-mufasssīrīn literature, followed by specific manhaj studies and selected readings.	2	15	HAD561