

IIUM CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION SDN BHD (685146 P)

BACHELOR IN ISLAMIC REVEALED KNOWLEDGE

A. PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

- Created for working people and those who are interested to further education in Islamic studies.
- Its goals to equip with necessary knowledge, Islamic and universal values.

B. PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

- Enhance knowledge of working adults in the area of Islamic Revealed Knowledge
- Provide platform to interface and exchange idea
- Enable working adult to achieve above objective without having to leave the job

C. PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The BIRK programme runs for 4 years with each year consisting of 2 semesters. There are 44 **courses** offered in this programme.

6 courses will be assigned during each semester. Maximum and minimum number of courses permitted each semester is as below:

- Maximum 6; Minimum 3

Suggested number of courses enrolled during each semester is as follows:

Year	January	June	TOTAL
1	6	6	12
2	6	6	12
3	5	5	10
4	5	5	10
GRAND TOTAL			44

SEMESTER ONE (YEAR ONE)

LQ 0122

RKQS 1030	Revelation as Source of Knowledge
RKQS 1050	Fiqh al-Sirah
RKGS 1999	Introduction to Research Methodology
HIST 1010	Introduction to History and Civilisation
SHA 1410	Transaction in Islamic Law I

SEMESTER TWO (YEAR ONE)

LQ 0212

RKGS 2030	The Islamic Worldview
RKFO 2010	Sciences of Qur'an
RKFO 2020	Sciences of Hadith
PSCI 1010	Introduction to Political Sciences
SHA 1411	Transaction in Islamic Law II

SEMESTER ONE (YEAR TWO)

RKFQ 2060	Introduction to Fiqh
RKFQ 2160	Introduction to Usul al-Fiqh
LAW 1000	Introduction to Law
SOCA 1010	Introduction to Sociology
PSYC 1030	Islam and Psychology
RKGS 2010	Creative Thinking and Problem Solving

SEMESTER TWO (YEAR TWO)

RKUD 2040	Geography of Muslim World and Minorities
RKUD 3010	Islamic Aqidah
RKUD 3020	Islamic Ethics
RKGS 2050	Ethics and Fiqh for Everyday life
COM 2310	Foundation of Communication in the Quran and Sunnah
HIST 2530	A Survey of Islamic History and Civilisation

SEMESTER ONE (YEAR THREE)

RKUD 3030	Methods of Da'wah
RKUD 3130	Issues in Tasawwuf
RKUD 3140	Usuluddin I
PSCI 3160	Islam in Contemporary Southeast Asia
HIST 3410	Islah and Tajdid Movements in the Muslim World (=PSCI 3410)

SEMESTER TWO (YEAR THREE)

RKUD 3150	Al-Firaq
RKUD 3240	Studies of Religion
RKUD 3250	Comparative Religion: A Quranic Perspective
RKUD 4130	Usuluddin 2
HIST 4050	Issues in Islamic History

SEMESTER ONE (YEAR FOUR)

RKUD 4110	Contemporary Moral Issues
RKUD 4120	Issues in Contemporary Islamic Thought
RKUD 4140	Critical Review of Philosophy in Islam
RKUD 4240	Evangelisation and Christian Mission
HIST 4230	Muslim Communities in Non-Muslim States

SEMESTER TWO (YEAR FOUR)

RKUD 4340	Philosophy of Religion
RKUD 4999	Research Methodology
SOCA 4310	Islamic Ideology and Muslim Society
SOCA 4320	Shariah and Ijtihad in Contemporary Muslim Society
PSCI 4910	Women in Politics

D. COURSE DESCRIPTION**RKQS 1030 Revelation as Source of Knowledge (3 cr hrs)**

The course studies the basic and fundamental sciences related to character of the revelation (Qur'Ēn and Sunnah) as source of knowledge, thought, and civilization apart from being the main source of all aspect of Islamic laws. It focuses mainly on principles of the Qur'Ēn and its main characters by exploring the concept of knowledge and modern Science from Islamic perspective and to convince them that modern science unguided by religious norms will cause imbalance in the community.

RKGS 2030 The Islamic Worldview (3 cr hrs)

This course analyzes the following issues: definition of worldview; kinds of worldview; basic components and characteristics of different worldviews. The course also studies foundations and main principles of the Islamic Worldview including: the concept of God, prophet hood, eschatology and predestination; Islamic view of man, society and civilization. The crisis of contemporary man, the revival of Islamic civilization and the new challenges of globalization.

RKGS 1999 Introduction to Research Methodology (3 cr hrs)

Defines research methodology. Types of research and features of the committed researcher. Techniques of research, essential elements of research. Islamic view of the researcher. Use of the traditional sources of revealed Knowledge and Heritage in research. Practical examples of research in various fields. Usage of computer and other means in research. This course offered in both English and Arabic.

RKQS 1050 Fiqh al-S̄Erah (3 cr hrs)

This course deals with the study of the biography of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), prime sources of writing the books on fiqh al-s̄Erah, variety of sources and the importance of studying this subject in the life of individual Muslims. It also discusses the condition of Arabia before the advent of Islam, the changes that took place in Arabia and other parts of the world after the arrival of Islam and the contribution of the Prophet in building human civilization. Additionally, it deals with the other aspects of history of Islamic propagation (daʿwah al-Islāmiyyah) starting from the Makkan period up to the creation of an ideal Islamic society under leadership of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). It also discusses civilizational change in Arabia after the arrival of Islam particularly in such areas as education, social, economic, military, and administration.

RKQS 2010 Sciences Of QurʿĒn (3 cr hrs)

This course discusses the main principles leading to the understanding of QurʿĒnic discourse. Other topics include relation of the QurʿĒn with previous divine books, the difference between the QurʿĒn, the holistic tradition (ġadĒth al-qudsĒ), the prophetic tradition (al-ġadĒth al-nabawĒ); the concept of revelation, revelation at once and revelation in stages, Makkan and Madinan verses, circumstances of sending down of the revelation (asbĒb al-nuzĒl), abrogates and abrogated verses, arrangement of verses and chapters of the QurʿĒn, as well as the developmental aspect of emergence of tafsĒr.

RKQS 2020 Sciences Of ġadĒth (3 cr hrs)

This course mainly focuses on teaching students the basic terms within the sciences of ġadĒth such as ġadĒth, sunnah, khabar, and al-athar. Apart from that, the students are exposed to the study of the emergence and development of science of ġadĒth, the authority of sunnah toward the QurʿĒn, history of recording and preservation of ġadĒth, system of chain of ġadĒth reporters (isnĒd). It also deals with the discussion on various terminology used within sciences of ġadĒth such as science of narrators (ġilm al-ruwĒt), character examination of narrators of ġadĒth (al-jarh wa al-taʿdil), sciences on defects in ġadĒth (ġilm ʿilal al-ġadĒth). It also discusses the history of ġadĒth criticism both in the aspect of text (matn) and chain of narrators (sanad), division of ġadĒth such as authentic (ġaġĒl), good (ġasan), and weak (ġaġĒf). The last part of the course deals with introducing students the six canonical books of ġadĒth and the biodata of its compilers.

The following are descriptions of concentration courses (in QurʿĒn) offered by the Department of QurʿĒn and Sunnah Studies.

RKUD 3010 Islamic 'Aqidah (3 cr hrs)

This course deals with the basic foundation of the Islamic 'aqidah within the context of a wholistic view of the universe, from the perspective of tawhid. The course also stresses on the sources of 'aqidah and its objectives. Within this framework, students are expected to learn the methodology of reasoning in dealing with issues concerning 'aqidah. This course also aims at guiding students to grasp certain religious key-concepts such as dĒn, ĒmĒn, iġsĒn, filrah, truth, ikhtiyĒr and amĒnah (responsibility of actions).

RKUD 3020 Islamic Ethics (Al-Akhlaq al-Islamiyyah) (3 cr hrs)

Definition, scope and sources of ethics; relationship between religion and ethics; centrality of Akhlaq in Islam; moral virtues; moral obligations and duties based on the Qur'an and Sunnah showing their relevance to the daily lives of Muslim today. Role of ethics in the progress of human society.

RKUD 3030 Methods of Da'wah (Manahij al-Da'wah) (3 cr hrs)

Prophetic method in da'wah, stages of da'wah and methodology of da'wah in contemporary society. The need for correct da'wah methods in contemporary society. Method of da'wah to non-Muslims in present-day multi-racial and multi-religious societies. Methods of da'wah to various Muslim target groups (e.g. the elites, masses, professionals, bureaucrats, the private sectors, youth, workers). Cooperation among da'wah organizations. Da'wah through the printed word, missionary activities in Muslim countries and the response of Muslim preachers.

RKFO 2060 Introduction to Fiqh (3 cr hrs)

The course focuses on major themes, namely the concept of *Fiqh* and the history of its development. The first theme covers some conceptual frameworks relating to *fiqh* such as the concept, nature and characteristic features of *fiqh* and Shari'ah, their objectives, sources and general rules. The second theme exposes the main features of the historical development of Islamic jurisprudence from the period of *Risalah* (revelation) until our present time. The recurrent idea throughout the course is to highlight the dynamic and evolutionary nature of Islamic Law and its legal system.

RKFO 2160 Introduction to Usul al-Fiqh (3 cr hrs)

This course concentrates on the history, indicators and methodological principles of Islamic Jurisprudence (*fiqh*). It describes the origin and development of Islamic legal theory. It traces the effort made by the leading Muslim legal theorists in explaining the ways that human mind can interact with the revelation. Likewise, it focuses on the methods of reasoning adopted by various schools of jurisprudence to expound the Islamic Law. The course also discusses theories of the objectives of Shari'ah (*maqasid al-Shari'ah*) and emphasizes the need for *ijtihad* and its role in harmonizing the requirements of the Muslim's contemporary life with the imperatives of the Qur'an and Sunnah.

HIST 2530 A Survey of Islamic History and Civilisation (3 cr hrs)

This course deals with the concept of history and its development in Muslim heritage, and highlights the aspects of the philosophy of history from Islamic and Western perspectives. It examines the emergence and growth of Muslim civilization, and its interaction with other civilizations through time and space. It also pays special attention to the salient features of Muslim civilization and its contribution to the crystallization of Muslim identity.

RKUD 3130 Issues In Tasawwuf (3)

The course examines the following topics: definition, origin and scope of *Tasawwuf*; development of *Tasawwuf*; Sufi schools; Sufi theory of knowledge; *zuhd*, *uzlah*, *ahwal*, *maqamat*, *haqiqah*, and *Shari'ah*, *Karamah* and *wilayah*; deviationist tendencies in Sufism.

RKUD 3140 Usul Al-Din I (3)

The course explores the foundation of Din. Part I concentrates on Divinity (Uluhiyyah) and Prophecy (Nubuwwah). Topics include: Distinction between Iman and Islam; religion and religious thought; belief in God; impact of belief on the behaviour of individuals and society; concept of Prophecy and Message; characteristics of the Message sent to Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w); the end of Prophecy.

RKUD 3150 Al-Firaq (3)

The course will introduce the schools of *Ahl al-Sunnah wa al-Jama'ah*, *al-Khawarij*, *the Shi'ah*, *al-Murji'ah*, *al-Jabariyyah*, *al-Qadariyyah* and *al-Mu'tazilah*. Covers principal issues dividing the schools; position of the *Ahl al-Sunnah* at the final stages of the theological debate.

RKUD 4110 Contemporary Moral Issues (3)

Survey topics in contemporary moral issues, from philosophical and Islamic perspectives, such as: rights and duties, freedom and authority, justice, punishment, ethical issues related to work, profession, medicine and science.

RKUD 4120 Issues in Contemporary Islamic (3)

The course covers the following topics: Modernity and Religion; Comparative Perspectives on Reason; Science and Revelation; Social Justice; Legal Modernism; Position of Women in Islamic society; Non-Muslim Minorities; *Shari'ah* and Politics; Contribution of Prominent and Contemporary Thinkers.

RKUD 4130 Usul Al-Din II (3)

Part II concentrates on Eschatology and Imamah (Khilafah). Topics include: Eschatology; the impact of belief in the Last Day on morality; the Last Day; the Resurrection. Imamah: connection between imamah (leadership) and Usul Al-Din; meaning of Imamah; conditions, bases, principles, religious freedom, belief and civil status.

RKUD 4140 Critical Review of Philosophy in Classical Muslim Thought (3)

The course examines the following topics: Aspects and scope of philosophy in Islam; Muslim philosophers; Schools of Theology; reasons behind the emergence of philosophical thinking in Islam; movement of translation of Greek philosophy to Arabic; central issues of philosophical thought in Islam; and of the final cleavage between philosophers and theologians.

IRKH 4999 Research Methodology (3)

The course surveys major works on *Usul al-Din*, classifying them according to different schools of thought. Covers historical developments of the methods in *Usul al-Din*: the *early scholars (al-Mutaqaddimun)* and later scholars (*al-Muta'akhirun*) methodological premises for the reconstruction of religious thought, and application of different methodological approaches and techniques to the study of *Usul al-Din* issues today.

RKGS 2050 Ethics and Fiqh for Everyday Life (3 cr hrs)

This course includes the following topics: ethics and morality; the concept of Ihsan; the concept of khayr; the concept of iman, taqwa, fasad, ma'ruf, islah, falah, khusran; Islamic ethics; ethical values relating to different professions in Islam; the application of ethics in human sciences, engineering, sciences and education; inter-personal ethics; the relationship between professional ethics and social ethics; set of basic principles that govern Muslims, daily life; Shari'ah criteria for evaluation of human action; fiqh for everyday life including: family laws of Islam and the rules of Islamic polity and governance, ; the concept of contract; Muamalat; neighborhood and social laws; contemporary issues in ethics and fiqh including: woman issues, ijtihad and international ethic.

RKUD 2040 Geography of the Muslim World & Minorities (3)

This course deals with the foundation and development of the Muslim World. Topics to be covered will include Geography of the Muslim World, spiritual, moral, political and economic issues and relations with other nations and communities. Muslim minorities and their characteristics and challenges such as educational, cultural, moral and economic.

SHA 1410 Transactions in Islamic Law I (3)

SHA 1410 consists of two parts. Part one deals mainly with the formation of contract under Islamic law. Explores the theory of contract, which covers issues of contract, elements of contract such as offer (al-ijab) and acceptance (al-qabl), legal capacity of the parties (al-ahliyyah) subject matters (mahall al-aqd) and consideration. The discussion also deals with various invalidities of consent such as mistakes (ghalat), misrepresentation (ghish), fraud (ghabn/gharar), duress (ikrah), force majeure and other related issues that might revoke the contract. A similar exposition is also given to the rights of option (khiyar). The discussion includes the types of option i.e. khiyar al-majlis, khiyar al-shar, khiyar al-ta'yin, khiyar al-'ayb, khiyar al-ru'yah and their conditions and effects. Part one of the course ends up with the discussion on two selected contracts i.e. future contract (al-salam) and contract of manufacture (al-istisna') in order to look to the extent of the practicality of the above theory.

SHA 1410 Transactions in Islamic Law II (3)

This course is a continuation from part one. Various types of contracts under Islamic Law will be discussed in detail. The discussion includes the following issues: loan (al-qar), usury or interest (riba), partnership (al-sharikah), profit and loss sharing (al-mudarabah), agency (al-wakalah), hire and leasing (al-ijarah), mortgage (al-rahn), suretyship (al-kafalah) and transfer of debt (al-hiwalah). The course will also deal with the practical application of certain transactions in both Islamic Bank and the conventional banks operating Islamic counters.

RKUD 3250 Comparative Religion: A Qur'anic Perspective (3)

This course deals with the *Qur'anic* view of the "Original Religion," meaning of Islam as the final Revelation and the position of other religions; Qur'anic treatment of the Egyptian, Mesopotamian and Bani-Israeli traditions; *Qur'anic* view of Christianity; the life of Maryam, and the life and message of Isa (s.a.w); *Qur'anic* attitude towards people of the Book and non-believers; nature of dialogue with people of the Book and others.

RKUD 4340 Philosophy of Religion (3)

Investigates central issues in the philosophy of Semitic religion. The approach is analytical. Issues addressed include: faith and reason; natural theology; the problem of evil; the possibility of religious knowledge; mysticism and religious experience.

RKUD 3210 Islamic Call: Principles and Methods (3)

This course covers: the Islamic view of *da'wah* and its universal dimensions.; principles of understanding Islamic theory of *da'wah*; principles of implementing Islamic *da'wah*; methods and procedures of *da'wah*; significance of methods and techniques of *da'wah*; steps and implications in different situations; using human sciences in developing new methods for Islamic *da'wah*.

RKUD 4240 Evangelisation and Christian Mission (3)

The course will include the following topics: Definition of missiological terms: 'Evangelism', 'Revivalism', 'Born Again', and 'Kingdom of God'; biblical roots of Christian mission; Christian missions – a short history; contemporary methodologies of Christian missions with special emphasis on mission to Muslims; responses of *du'at* to these challenges.

RKGS 2010 Creative Thinking and Problem Solving (3 cr hrs)

Thinking in the light of *Qur'an* and *Sunnah* and early Muslim scholarship. Islamic approaches to creative thinking. Islamic approaches to objective thinking, creative thinking and critical thinking. Barriers to creativity. Logic and errors in reasoning, assessing evidence and decision making.

HIST 1010 Rise and Expansion of Islam to 132 AH (3)

Development and expansion of the Muslim *ummah* from the time of Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.) to the fall of the Umayyad dynasty. Covers the biography of the Prophet; establishment of the *ummah* in Madinah; the rise of the caliphate and its transformation into dynastic rule; Islamisation and Arabisation in Syria, Iraq, Persia, Egypt, North Africa, and Andalusia; socio-economic, political, monetary, military, and administrative systems of the caliphs; the status of *ahl al-dhimmah* and religio-political factions during this period.

PSCI 1010 Introduction to Political Science (3)

This course introduces the students to the basic concepts and ideas of political science. These concepts will be surveyed, their shortcomings evaluated and Islamic alternative conceptualisations explored. Topics include: politics, state and political order; political science and Islam; political theories and political ideologies; power, influence, authority; bases of legitimacy; governmental structures; parties and party systems; international relations.

SOCA 1010 Introduction to Sociology (3)

This course is an introductory survey of the discipline of Sociology. Emphasis will be placed on defining sociology as a social science, its relationship with other social sciences, and historical development of the discipline. In addition, it will include an analysis and explanation of most of the major concepts, perspectives and sociological methods.

COMM 2310 Foundations for Communication in the *Qur'an* and *Sunnah* (3)

This course discusses concepts, principles and ethics of communication through a survey of relevant passages from the *Qur'an* and the *Sunnah*, as well as their relevance to modern day communication.

HIST 4050 Issues in Islamic History (3)

Topics include political and ethnic conflicts within Muslim society, Islamic thought related to various issues, administrative system of the caliphate, woman education in Islamic history, impact of the rise of the Osmanlis, reassertion of Islamic identity in modern times, Mahdism, Zionism, status of non-Muslims in Islamic countries, the Iranian revolution, and the Iran-Iraq conflict.

HIST 4230 Muslim Communities in Non-Muslim States (3)

Topics include status of Muslim communities in non-Muslim countries and their relations with Muslim nations.

PSCI 3160 Islam in Contemporary Southeast Asia (3)

This course compares the political and socio-economic dimensions of Islam in the Southeast Asian countries and analyzes the factors affecting the practice of Islam as a way of life for Muslims. Topics include: Islam in Muslim majority areas; Islam in areas where Muslims are in a minority; status of Shari'ah in the Southeast Asian countries; da'wah organizations and Islamic reassertion; the Islamization process; challenges and prospects. (cross-listed with IRK 2060)

PSCI 3410 *Islah* and *Tajdid* Movements (3) . (Crosslisted with HIST 3410).

This course critically examines the meaning and origins of *Islah* and *Tajdid* movements, their structures, and strategies. Movements to be studied may include: Al-Muwahhidun, the Sokoto *Jihad*, Mahdiyyah, Sanusiyyah, al-Ikhwan al-Muslimoon, Jamaat-e-Islami, the Muhammadiyah movement, and the movement of Islamisation and Islamisation of Knowledge.

PSCI 4910 Women in Politics (3)

This course examines the position of women in political thought, the role of women in politics in general and the role of women in public affairs from an Islamic perspective. Topics include: women in the West, feminism, women in public affairs; the impact of the West on Muslim women; women in the *Qur'an* and the *Sunnah*; and the rights and role of women in politics. The course includes case studies of women in leadership positions.

PSYC 1030 Islam and Psychology

This course deals with the Islamic principles relevant to the study of psychology. This include survey and assessment of various schools of psychology from Islamic point of view. This will also explain different human behaviours from Islamic perspective and will see the roots of Islamic psychology in the works of Islamic scholars.

SOCA 4310 Islamic Ideology and Muslim Society (3)

This course is an intensive study on all the major components of Islamic worldview and paradigm and its relationship and sociological implications for Muslim societies. Special emphasis will be given to *Tawhidic* paradigm as both experience and worldview. A special feature of this course will be to survey Muslim societies in order to find the gap that presently exists between the Islamic ideals and the Muslim social realities.

SOCA 4320 *Shari'ah* and *Ijtihad* in Contemporary Muslim Society (3)

This course is an intensive study of *Shari'ah* and *Ijtihad* as two core concepts of Islam and their sociological implications for Muslim societies. *Shari'ah* will be presented as Allah's eternal and imperative law, which is independent of time and space. *Ijtihad* will be presented as a progressive dimension of sociological changes that can be introduced in the society. In addition, superiority of *Shari'ah* to man-made laws, and how through *Ijtihad* the progressive dimension can be maintained in societies will be highlighted.

E. ACADEMIC INTAKES

There will be 2 intakes per year; **September** and **March**.

F. MODE OF DELIVERY

The BIRK is fully seminar based programme. The seminars will be held every weekend & will be conducted in Singapore (within premises of PERGAS). Duration of each seminar is 10.5 hours long. Suggested schedule of the classes is as follows:

Day	Time	Duration
Saturday & Sunday	9.00 – 9.50	1
	9.50 – 10.40	1
	10.40 – 11.30	1
	11.30 – 11.45	BREAK
	11.45 – 12.35	1
	12.35 – 1.25	1
	1.25 – 2.25	BREAK
	2.25 – 3.15	1
	3.15 – 4.05	1
	4.05 – 4.55	1
	4.55 – 5.10	BREAK
	5.10 – 6.00	1
	6.00 – 6.50	1
	6.50 – 7.15	0.5
TOTAL HOURS	10.5	

There will be total of **four (4) seminars** held for each course throughout the semester.