

Diploma in Noble Hadith and Its Sciences

A Foundational Program in the Prophetic Sunnah and the Study of Sahih al-Bukhari

This diploma offers rigorous, scholarly foundational training in the science of Hadith and its related disciplines, focusing on the study of Sahih al-Bukhari through explanation and analysis, given that it is considered the most authentic book after the Book of God, and one of the pillars of the recorded Prophetic Sunnah. The program combines theoretical grounding in the sciences of Hadith with in-depth applied study of the texts of the Sunnah, with special attention to Imam al-Bukhari's methodology in compilation, and the connections between chapter headings (tarajim) and hadiths.

Program-Specific Objectives

- Provide the learner with a solid foundation in Hadith terminology and the methodologies of hadith scholars (muhaddithin).
- Equip the learner with the tools of hadith extraction/referencing (takhrij) and evaluation (grading) of hadith.
- Train the learner in reading and analyzing hadith texts.
- Deepen understanding of Sahih al-Bukhari in terms of text (matn), chain of transmission (isnad), and chapter headings.
- Highlight the role of the Prophetic Sunnah in preserving the faith and clarifying Islamic law.

Program Features

- An integrated academic curriculum covering the most important sources of hadith, its terminology, and the methodologies of hadith scholars, under the supervision of a select group of specialists.
- A structured course of study over three years, allowing for steady academic progression.
- A fully interactive distance-learning program, combining flexibility in attendance with rigor in follow-up and assessment.
- Development of a critical, methodological faculty enabling students to distinguish between authentic (sahih) and weak (da'if) hadith.
- Development of research and verification skills in the sciences of hadith, and preparation of students to serve and defend the Sunnah.
- A supportive academic community including supervisors, reviewers, and fellow students, fostering an environment conducive to learning and constructive discussion.

Expected Outcomes

- Awareness of the science of hadith and its terminology.
- A basic ability to read and analyze hadith texts.
- A methodological understanding of Sahih al-Bukhari and its status within the Sunnah.
- Practice in extracting/referencing (takhrij) hadiths and using the books of the Sunnah.
- The ability to defend the sanctity of the Prophetic Sunnah.

Study Plan for the Diploma in Hadith and Its Sciences

Courses for the Diploma in Noble Hadith and Its Sciences — Three Years +

Course Code	Course Name	Course Type	Credit Units
H.100	Introduction to Hadith Terminology	Required	6
H.105	Extraction and Study of Chains of Transmission (Takhrij and Isnad)	Required	3
H.110	Doubts and Responses Concerning the Sunnah	Required	3
H.115	Defects of Hadith — Criticism and Validation (Jarh wa Ta'dil)	Required	6
H.120	Methodologies of Hadith Scholars	Required	3
H.125	The Prophetic Characteristics (Al-Shama'il al-Muhammadiyah)	Required	3
H.130	Fiqh of Hadith	Elective	3
H.135	Hadith Literature and the Use of Technology in Hadith Studies	Elective	3
H.140	Prophetic Biography (Seerah)	Elective	6
H.145	Hadith Memorization Course	Required	6
H.150	Commentary on Sahih al-Bukhari	Required	3

Total Courses of the Diploma in Noble Hadith

Total Required	Sciences of Hadith	Commentary on Sahih al-Bukhari	Hadith Reading & Listening	Memorization Course
26	15	2	2	7