

Study Plan for the Doctorate Program in Tafsir and Quranic Sciences

Number of Hours for the Doctorate Program

The number of credit hours required for the doctorate stage is (66) study hours. 36 of these are earned through required study courses, and 30 are earned through the scientific thesis.

Study System: Two Tracks

- **Track One:** Courses with Thesis
- **Track Two:** Thesis Only

Track One: Courses with Thesis

In this track, the student studies for two academic semesters, taking an average of five courses per semester, and then begins the scientific thesis project.

Note: The thesis in this track must be no fewer than (150) pages.

Track Two: Thesis Only

This track is subject to the following conditions:

- A doctoral student may proceed on the thesis-only track without studying courses, provided the following conditions are met:
- The student's doctoral specialization must be compatible with the specialization studied at the master's level.
- The student must have completed, at the master's level, all approved courses in the same specialization, amounting to at least 15 credit units.
- Approval of the department council on the submitted plan. The thesis must be no fewer than [a minimum page count] and no more than 500 pages.

Maximum and Minimum Course Registration per Semester

- A doctoral student may register for a maximum of five courses in a single semester, equivalent to (15) credit hours.
- A doctoral student may register for a minimum of three courses, equivalent to (9) hours.
- A student on the courses-and-thesis track must submit a research plan for the scientific thesis after completing five courses, or the equivalent of (15) credit hours.
- A student on the courses-and-thesis track must complete (12) courses, equivalent to (36) credit hours, before defending the scientific thesis, and must have completed the prescribed duration of the doctorate stage.

Program Duration

A student registered in the doctorate program, in either track, is not permitted to defend the scientific thesis except after at least one year has passed since receiving notice of acceptance into the program.

Doctorate Program Courses in Tafsir and Quranic Sciences — Courses-and-Thesis Track

First Semester Courses — Doctorate Program

Course Code	Course Name	Course Type	Credit Units
PH.700	Contemporary Studies in the Sciences of the Holy Quran	Required	3
PH.705	Grammatical and Rhetorical Studies in the Quran and Sunnah	Required	3
PH.710	Trends in Modern-Era Tafsir	Required	3
PH.715	Orientalist Studies on the Holy Quran	Required	3
PH.720	Purpose-Based (Maqasidi) Tafsir	Required	3

Second Semester Courses — Doctorate Program

Course Code	Course Name	Course Type	Credit Units
PH.725	Research and Verification Methodologies	Required	3
PH.230	Inimitability (I'jaz) of the Holy Quran	Required	3
PH.735	Ambiguous / Problematic Passages of the Quran	Required	3
PH.740	Quranic Narratives	Required	3
PH.745	Textual Study of Tafsir Works	Required	3

Other Courses — Required / Additional / Elective-Alternative / Supplementary Materials

Course Code	Course Name	Course Type	Credit Units
PH.750	Recitation of the Last Five Parts (Juz' 21–25)	Required	6
PH.755	Creed (Aqidah) Course	Supplementary	3
PH.760	Prophetic Biography (Seerah) Course	Supplementary	3
PH.765	Hadith Course	Supplementary	3
PH.770	Fiqh Course	Supplementary	3
PH.775	Other — To Be Determined	—	—

** The administration adopts supplementary courses as needed, graded Pass/Fail (P or F).

Doctoral Thesis

Course Code	Course/Requirement	Credit Hours	Supervisors	Prerequisite
PH.795	Thesis	30 hours	—	Completion of two semesters of study
—	Supplementary Material	3	—	Fiqh Course PH.770

Changes may occur to the above and will be announced at the appropriate time through the program in which the student is enrolled.

Total Courses of the Doctorate Program in Tafsir and Quranic Sciences

Total Required	Quranic Sciences Courses	Recitation Course	Memorization Course	Supplementary Materials
22	10	2	2	According to the Plan