

The 10 Recitations: History and Rules

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Sunday 1:00pm – 2:00pm EST

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Course Description and Objectives

The lesser ten (Al Ashara As-Sughra) refer to the seven recitations of the Quran outlined in the Shatibiyyah poem by Imam Ash-Shatibi and the three recitations outlined by Imam Al-Jazaree in the Durrah poem making a total of ten recitations each with their two chains of narrators. This course covers the history of these recitations as well as the ways to recite in each style.

Course Topics

- Introduction to the 10 ways of reading
- How they were revealed to the Prophet (saw)
- Why Uthman (ra) burned the other mushafs
- The history of the Imams
- Differences in recitation
- How to recite in each one
- The Recitation of Ibn Kathir through Bazzi and Qunbul
- The recitation of Nafi' from Qalūn
- The recitation of Nafi' from Warsh
- The recitation of Abu Amr Al-Basri from both Dūrī and Sūsī
- The recitation of Abu Amr Al-Başrī from both Dūrī and Sūsī
- The recitation of Asim from Ḥafṣ and Shubāh
- The Recitation of Ibn Amir from Hisham and Ibn Dhikwān
- The Recitation of Al-Kisā'ī from Abu Al-Harith and Dūrī
- The Recitation of Hamzah from Khalf and Khallād
- The Recitation of Abu Ja'far from Wardān and Ibn Jammāz
- The Recitation of Ya'qūb from Rawḥ and Ruways
- The Recitation of Khalaf from Idrīs and Ishāq

Required Text

The only text required for this course is the Quran!

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Course Materials (in your online library)

1. Course Syllabus
2. Video Recordings
3. PowerPoint Presentations
4. Recorded weekly live sessions

Course Outline

Week 1

- Introduction to the 10 ways of reading
- How they were revealed to the Prophet (saw)
- Why Uthman (ra) burned the other mushafs

Week 2

The Recitation of Ibn Kathir through Bazzi and Qunbul

Week 3

The recitation of Nafi' from Qalūn

Week 4

The recitation of Nafi' from Warsh

Week 5

The recitation of Abu Amr Al-Basri from both Dūrī and Sūsī

Week 6

The recitation of Abu Amr Al-Başrī from both Dūrī and Sūsī

Week 7

The recitation of Asim from Ḥafş and Shubah

Week 8

The Rectiation of Ibn Amir from Hisham and Ibn Dhikwān

Week 9

The Recitation of Al-Kisā'ī from Abu Al-Harith and Dūrī

Week 10

The Recitation of Hamzah from Khalf and Khallād

Week 11

The Recitation of Abu Ja'far from Wardān and Ibn Jammāz

Week 12

The Recitation of Ya'qūb from Rawḥ and Ruways

Week 13

The Recitation of Khalaf from Idrīs and Ishāq

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Course Grading

Oral Practices 25 %
Weekly Assignment 25 %
Oral Exam 25%
Written Exam 25%

Class Hours and Attendance

Live sessions: Sundays from 1:00pm to 2:00pm EST.

Attendance at the live sessions is expected by every student. Please email, if you are unable to attend for any reason. Your attendance record will be reflected in the overall grading of the course. Please refer to the Student Academic Guide for the complete policy.

Virtual Classroom rules of Conduct

Students are encouraged to participate freely and send their questions via the chat box. At times, the instructor may request the students to raise their hands before asking or to defer asking until the end of the presentation. Also, please make sure your microphone works, as you may be asked to speak during class.

Your Ideas, Evaluations, etc.

Your ideas, comments and suggestions are all welcome. A survey will be administered at the end of every semester to enable you to assess all aspects of your experience during this course. Nasīhah (sincere, constructive criticism) is an obligation in Islam, not only a right.

Recommendations for Success

Devotion and sincerity are your prime keys to success

While this knowledge brings about benefit and honor to its seeker and possessor in this life before the hereafter, it must be sought for the hereafter, or else it will become a source of regret.

Diligence and perseverance are a requirement for the seeker

Our scholars taught that this knowledge is precious, and if you give it your entirety, it gives you a portion of it. Our imams, like Abû Hanīfah, continued to be students under their shaykhs for decades after they had become qualified to teach.

Repetition is a prerequisite of retention

Some scholars go as far as saying that a book may need to be studied forty times before one completely reaps most of its benefits and commits its concepts to memory.

Implement it or lose it

If your actions are at odds with your knowledge, you will lose that knowledge, or worse you become of the scholars of evil, from which the Prophet (peace be upon him) feared for his nation.

Pay the due Zakâh

The Zakâh of your knowledge is teaching. When you master a topic, teach it, and wisely and gently share the benefits of knowledge with others. Do not argue unless you are a master of the discipline, and do not be too certain when the matter is controversial amongst the major credible scholars.

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Semester Calendar

Action	Gregorian Calendar Date	Hijri Calendar Date
Registration Begins	Dec 1 2018	23 Rabi' I 1440
First Day of Live Sessions (English & Arabic)	Jan 12 2019	6 Jumada I 1440
Last Day to Drop/Add Courses	Jan 18 2019	12 Jumada I 1440
Spring Break Begins	Mar 9 2019	2 Rajab 1440
Classes Resume	Mar 16 2019	9 Rajab 1440
Research Paper Topic Submission	Mar 18 2019	11 Rajab 1440
Last Day for Withdrawal	April 1 2019	25 Rajab 1440
Research Paper Submission Deadline	April 8 2019	3 Sh'abaaan 1440
Exams Begin	April 13 2019	8 Sha'baan 1440
Last Day of Exams/Semester Ends	April 19 2019	14 Sha'baan 1440
Graduation	TBD	