

Department: Islamic History/Sirah

Instructor: Azfar Uddin

Lessons: 24

Location: IFN Banquet Hall

Weekly Thursday Course: Begins September 12th, 2019

7:15pm to 8:15 PM (September)

6:00 pm to 7:00 PM (October till April)

Ends April 16th, 2020

Course Description

The Meccan Decade is the first of the series of two courses that aim to provide a comprehensive, authentic and inspiring account of the blessed life of the Prophet Muhammad (Allah bless him and give him peace).

Based on the earliest sources, this course will provide an essential overview of the Makki (Meccan) period to allow students to fully acquaint themselves with the struggles and major events of this era in the life of the Prophet. Beginning with the early years in the life of the Messenger of Allah (Allah bless him and give him peace), we will move in a lively, fast-paced manner reliving the moments of his life until the Migration (Hijrah) to Madinah.

Required materials: Notebook, pen/pencil.

Recommended book: The Sealed Nectar. (Color edition)

Class structure

The class time will consist of both lectures by the instructor on various topics related to the Sirah and student discussions. **It behooves you to take notes.** There will also be student presentations based on the lecture. A pre-quiz may be given at the beginning of class. Be prepared for written and oral Post-Quizzes every month or after the completion of four lessons. We may have guest speakers and watch short clips in regards to the topic being discussed.

Why should one study the sīrah?

Find inspiration for the modern life in the Prophetic example

What's Covered

Lesson 1: Specialties of Prophet Muhammad SAW Part 1

Lesson 2: Specialties of Prophet Muhammad SAW Part 2

Lesson 3: Why Study the Seerah and Pre-Islamic Arabia

Lesson 4: Religious Status of the World Before Islam

Lesson 5: Genealogy & Year of the Elephant

Lesson 6: The Birth of Prophet Muhammad SAW & Why Arabia

Lesson 7: The Early Childhood of Prophet Muhammad SAW

Lesson 8: The Early Manhood of Prophet Muhammad SAW

Lesson 9: - Marriage to Khadija & Re-building Ka'aba

Lesson 10: Zayd b. Harithah & Beginning of Revelation

Lesson 11: The Second Revelation

Lesson 12: Declaration of Prophethood

Lesson 13: Opposition from the Quraysh

Lesson 14: Torture and Persecution of the Weak

Lesson 15: Torture to the Prophet & Abyssinia

Lesson 16: The Incident of the Satanic Verses

Lesson 17: The Second Migration to Abyssinia

Lesson 18: Conversion of Omar & Hamza and Boycott

Lesson 19: Death of Khadija & Abu Talib

Lesson 20: Incident of Ta'if

Lesson 21: Night Journey & Ascension to Heavens Part 1

Lesson 22: Night Journey & Ascension to Heavens Part 2

Lesson 23: Planting the seeds for Yathrib