

Course syllabus

Subject: AKAID II, Principles of Faith.

Study Program: Islamic Studies

Number of ECTS credits: 6

Course Status: Compulsory

Course Code: 201

Number of hours: 2+2

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Brief Course Description

This course covers the study of the conditions of Faith; belief in the One God, in the angels, in His Books, in His messengers, belief in the Day of Judgment, and the Hereafter. The minor and major signs of this Day. The beginning of accountability, Paradise and Hell. Doctrines on the concept of Iman in Ahl al-Sunnah. The issue of accusation of heresy. The beautiful names of Allah (swt).

Course Objectives

To acquaint students with basic knowledge in the field of Aqeedah/Islamic Faith, fundamental principles such as belief in One God, in divine books, in angels, messengers and in the afterlife. To develop skills and abilities to analyze various data on faith that are included in the study program in order to be able to draw conclusions about them. To acquire and advance the sense of criticism in terms of evaluating arguments based on relevant facts in the basic texts of the Islamic faith. To be able to write essays, or to discuss them, in a clean and convincing style of oral and written expression, these are characteristics of a person with a liberal academic education. From the lectures from Aqeedah II, we expect that after completing this course the student will gain detailed knowledge on important topics of the Islamic faith. To understand the positions on the belief in Resurrection and its events. To give the student the opportunity to critically, by stimulating debates, understand the issues on which there were numerous debates, so that he too can contribute to these views. To understand that the development of the study of faith is in the interest of the

moral upliftment of the individual and society, because it cultivates humanism in mankind and makes person more open and generous in interpersonal relationships.

Expected learning outcomes:

After completing the course, the student will be able to:

Describe the way of believing in the One God, in the books, the angels, and the afterlife.

Compare between different views on the issues of faith that he studies during the course.

Discuss issues of Islamic faith based on essential Islamic arguments, being as objective as possible in their presentation.

Defend the positions of different views on the resurrection as conceived by their followers.

Present critical thinking towards each of them, presenting the most valuable one.

Be able to apply the acquired knowledge to social relations in our country

Teaching methodology:

- Lectures
- Interactive analysis and discussions
- Presentations of group and individual projects
- Presentation of audio and video materials.

Course content:

Week one: Introduction, introduction to the syllabus, general presentation of the subject and methodology of the discussion. Brief presentation of the ten principles of the science of Aqaid.

Literature: Mr. Naim Tërnavá, *The Islamic faith - pillars, features and importance 2020*,. (In the following, we will only mention the pages of this scientific reference).

Week two: Belief in Allah the Almighty. The correct understanding of Islam Faith and misunderstandings.

Arguments that prove the existence of Allah the Almighty. Arguments for the oneness of Allah.

The Ontological argument, argument of Causality, argument of Harmony, etc...

Debate about the arguments for the existence of God.

Literature: (p. 37-58).

Third week: The views of Islamic Philosophers and comparison with scholars of Aqeedah in arguing about the existence of Allah, such as: Kindous, Al-Farabi, Avicenna, Ibn Rushd.

Interactive discussion about the position of Islamic philosophers on Faith issues.

Literature: (p. 62-68).

Fourth week: Belief in the angels of Allah, their positions and duties. The main angels: Jibril, Mikail, Israfil, the angel of death.

(Proposal of seminar topics).

Literature: (p. 85-128).

Fifth week: Belief in the Revealed Books, their characteristics and commonalities. The relationship between the (Al-Kalam Attribute) and the revealed Books; Torah, Zabur, Gospel and Quran. The Letters of the messengers (Suhuf).

Literature: (p. 131-174).

Week Six: Belief in the Prophets of Allah. Concepts: "Rasul", "Nabi". Attributes of the Prophets. The Prophethood of Muhammad (peace be upon him) and its conclusion.

Discussion about the need of mankind for the prophetic mission.

Literature: (pp. 177-200 and 213-261)

Week Seven: The concept of Prophets Miracle. The role of the Miracle in Islamic Belief, its types, the impact on the authenticity of the Prophetic mission.

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Literature: (pp.291-314)

Week Eight: Belief in the Day of Judgment - (Qiyamat), Barzah, Resurrection and the arguments about it. The nature of resurrection (physical and spiritual).

Discussion about the arguments and doubts about Resurrection.

Literature: (pp. 334-372, and 407-452)

Week Nine: The Day of Judgment and its Events, the Crow (Hawd), the Gathering (Hashr), the Scales, the Bridge (Sirat), the Intercession (Shafat), etc.

Discussion: The Influence of Belief in the Day of Judgment on the Behavior of the Believer.

Literature: (pp. 455-496 and 497-510).

Week Ten: Qada and Qadar. The Right and Wrong believing of Qada and Qadr. Historical Deviations. Mankind Role and Responsibility in their Deeds.

Literature: (pp. 513-591).

Week Eleven: The Concept of the Reality of believing Among Islamic Factions. Arguments and Misunderstandings.

Literature: Vehbi Gavvoçi, **The Knot of Faith According to Imam Tahawi (pp. 121-127).**

Week Twelve: The Concept of Sin in Religion. Sin between human nature and divine prohibition. Categories of sins. Consequences of sin in the correct Islamic sense.

Conversation about interaction with sin and sinner in contemporary societies.

Literature: Mr. Naim Tërnav, *The Islamic faith - pillars, features and importance 2020, (p. 595-630).* (In the following, we will limit ourselves to mentioning the pages of this scientific reference).

Week Thirteen: The positions of religious factions about major sin in the historical stage. The emergence of takfir and the stance of Ahl al-Sunnah towards this phenomenon. Misuse of religious arguments.

Literature: (p. 630-638).

Week Fourteen: The consequences of deviations about the sinner and the challenges of Islamic society in contemporary Era.

Discussion about new challenges in the misunderstanding of blasphemy accusation kufr - takfir.

Week fifteen: The Names of Allah and their reflection in the believer.

Literature: (pp. 773-791).

Assessment criteria and components:

Participation and engagement in the lecture 10%

Seminar paper 20%

Intermediate test 30%

Final exam 40%

Total 100%

Required literature:

1. *The Islamic faith - pillars, features and importance Mr. Naim Tërnav, Prishtina, 2020*
2. *2. , The Knot of Faith according to Imam Tahavi, Vehbi Gavvoçi, transl. N. Ibrahim, Prishtina, 2015..*

Additional literature and bibliography::

1. *Introduction to the basics of Islamic faith, Nexhat Ibrahim, Prishtina 2020.*
2. *Arguments on the existence of Allah, M.M. Sharavi, trans. S.Bajgora.*

3. *The basics of faith in Islam, B.Topaloglu and others trans. M. Hoxha, Prishtina, 2002.*
4. *God and the mirage of atheism, Hamza Andreas Tzortzis, trans. V.Zeka, Prishtina, 2021.*
5. *The Oneness of the Creator, A. Zindani, trans. N. Bajrami, Skopje 2000..*