

## Course: QUR'AN III

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**Study Program:** Islamic Theology

**Number of ECTS Credits:** 7

**Course Status:** Compulsory

**Course Code:** 301

**Contact Hours:** 3+2

**Academic Year:** 2026/2027

**Semester:** V

**Instructor:** Dr. Hfz. Safet Hoxha

### Course Objective

The objective of this course is to familiarize students with the recitation closest to that of the Prophet (peace be upon him) according to the narration of Hafz from Asim, as well as other narrations of Qur'anic recitation from the seven or ten qira'at. It also aims to acquaint students with the specifics of the Uthmanic script of the Mushaf, the invariability of that transcription, and the later developments that led to the need for vowelization and punctuation.

### Expected Learning Outcomes

- To master the previously learned recitation
- To become familiar with other Qur'anic recitations
- To distinguish between different recitations when hearing them
- To understand the earlier state of the Mushafs
- To become familiar with the final forms of the Mushaf script

### Teaching Methodology

The course will be conducted through lectures, recitation by the instructor, student readings, self-reading and peer correction, listening to professional reciters, encouraging students in free recitations, seminars, etc.

### Course Content

Lectures are based on the chapters listed below. The instructor follows Arabic sources, while students may rely on lectures delivered in class and partially on translated or authored materials from previous years.

#### Week 1

Meaning and subject of study, and methods of studying qira'at. Reinforcement of tajwid rules from initial chapters, including nun sakinah and tanwin, types of idgham and articulation points. Types of recitation, disliked/forbidden recitations, summary of elongation (madd) and stopping (waqf) rules.

Literature: (Haku Tilaveti 5–17), (pp. 233–237)

#### Week 2

Prostration of recitation (sajdat al-tilawah), takbir at the end of the Qur'an, and selected supplications of completion (khatmah). The Prophet's method of teaching, companions' and later generations' interest in Qur'an recitation. Early centers of Qur'anic recitation.

Literature: (pp.147–155), (pp.191–209), Ithaf Fudalai el Beshar pp.39–45

#### Week 3

Hadith: "The Qur'an was revealed in seven ahruf" and other narrations. Scholarly opinions on the meaning of "seven ahruf." The approaches of Shatibi and Ibn al-Jazari in compiling qira'at, and differences in Hafs recitation between these compilations.

Literature: (pp.40–41), (Fenu et-Tertil pp.73–85), (Al-Itqan fi Ulum al-Qur'an, As-Suyuti), (Hirzul Emani pp.10–21), (Tayyibat an-Nashr pp.15–30)

#### Week 4

Principles of the science of qira'at: source, subject, purpose. Who is a qari and muqri and their ranks. Compilation of qira'at, early authors and major works. Imams of qira'at and their narrators; meanings of qira'ah, riwayat, and tariq; which recitations are practiced today.

Literature: Ithaf Fudalai el Beshar (pp.33–37, 67–74), Haku Tilaveti (pp.45–48)

#### Week 5

Recitation of Al-Fatiha in different qira'at. Concepts of fars and usul in Shatibi's terminology. General rules for each imam and narrator. Rules of plural mim, pronoun ha, lam before certain letters according to Warsh, symbolic letters.

Literature: Hirzul Emani (pp.27–30), At-Taysir (pp.34–37)

#### Week 6

Connected and separated elongations (madd muttasil & munfasil). Naql and sakt. Idgham according to Abu Amr. Reading of two hamzas in one or two words. Reading of ra according to Warsh, imalah, taqlil and their application.

Literature: Hirzul Emani (pp.14–19), At-Taysir (pp.55–59)

Week 7

Continuation of ra rules, imalah and taqlil. Types of recitations: mutawatir, ahad, shadh; their meanings and classifications.

Literature: (pp.55–61), Ithaf Fudalai el Beshar (pp.70–73)

Week 8

Recitation styles: tartil and hadr. General rules of Imam Nafi (Warsh & Qalun) and Ibn Kathir (Qunbul & Al-Bazzi).

Literature: [www.islamweb.net](http://www.islamweb.net), [www.islamway.net](http://www.islamway.net)

Week 9

Rules of Abu Amr (Duri & Susi), Ibn Amir (Hisham & Ibn Dhakwan), and Kufan imams (Asim—Shu’bah & Hafs, Hamzah—Khalaf & Khallad, Kisai—Duri & Abul Harith).

Week 10

Rules of the three imams of ahad recitations (Abu Ja’far, Ya’qub, Khalaf). Uthmanic script (Rasm al-Qur’an): definition, value, purpose. Compilation of Qur’an during Abu Bakr and Uthman. Writing methods and reasons for standardization.

Week 11

Nature of Mushaf writing, scholarly opinions. Inclusion of multiple qira’at within one script. Practice with Qunbul and Al-Bazzi.

Week 12

Characteristics of Uthmanic script: omission, addition, separation, connection, hamzah rules. Scholarly and orientalist views. Practice with Duri and Susi.

Week 13

Is Uthmanic script divinely fixed? Scholarly debates and legal rulings.

Week 14

Mushafs in Umayyad, Abbasid, Fatimid, and Ottoman periods. Practice of Kufan recitations.

Week 15

Modern Mushafs and printing presses. Memorization practice. Course conclusion.

### Assessment Criteria

- Class participation: 10 points
- Seminar paper: 10 points

- First test: 40 points
- Second test: 40 points
- Final exam: Oral

### Grading System

- 10 = 90–100% Excellent
- 9 = 81–89% Very Good
- 8 = 71–80% Good
- 7 = 61–70% Satisfactory
- 6 = 51–60% Pass
- 5 = 0–50% Fail.

### Required Literature

- 1.Hirzul Emani – Al-Shatibi
- 2.Ithaf Fudalai al-Bashar – Ahmad Banna
- 3.Rasm al-Mushaf – Dr. Shaban Ismail
- 4.At-Taysir fi al-Qira’at – Abu Amr al-Dani
- 5.Hakku al-Tilawah – Husni Shaykh Uthman

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- 1.An-Nashr fi al-Qira’at al-Ashr – Ibn al-Jazari
- 2.Al-Itqan fi Ulum al-Qur’an – As-Suyuti
- 3.Al-Budur az-Zahira – Al-Qadi
- 4.Al-Burhan fi Ulum al-Qur’an – Az-Zarkashi
- 5.Qazim Qazimi – Knowledge about the Qur’an
- 6.Enes Karić – Introduction to Tafsir Sciences
7. [www.islamweb.net](http://www.islamweb.net), [www.islamway.net](http://www.islamway.net)

### Academic Policies

Students must attend lectures regularly. Proper conduct is required: maintaining silence, turning off phones, and punctuality.

### Consultations

Held in the instructor's office according to schedule.

Kontributi në ngarkesën e studentit (gjë që duhet të korrespondoj me rezultatet e të nxënit të studentit)

Student Workload	Hours	Weeks	Total
Lectures	3	15	45
Exercises	2	15	30
Consultations	1	15	15
Field work	1	3 days	3
Seminars	2	2	4
Self-study	2	15	30
Exam prep	4	2	8
Assessment time	3	4 days	12
Total: 132 hours			
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Total:	17	15	132