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## **FIQH OF WORSHIP I**

**EBA 141 - 3 credits**

**Spring 2008 (01/15 – 04/15)**

**Course Description:** This class will go over the rules and regulations of the daily acts of worship based on the four schools of thought. Emphasis will be given to Purification, Ablution and Prayer.

### **Method of Study**

Studying for this course entails reading the required books and other suggested reading materials. It is important for all students to prioritize and be consistent in their readings. Focus on grasping the supporting evidences from the Quran and the Sunnah, and relate it to the daily acts of worship in your life. Take notes of questions that arise and then contact Dr. Dremali or his assistant for clarification.

### **Supplemental Study**

As a supplement to the books, there will be live lectures and power point presentations every Monday (starting Feb 11, 2008) at 9:15 pm EST via:

- In person at the Islamic Center of Greater Austin ([www.austinmosque.com](http://www.austinmosque.com))
- Live online broadcasting at [www.sunnahfollowers.net](http://www.sunnahfollowers.net). Here you will have live access to the lectures and power point presentations through the internet, and will also have the chance to ask Dr. Dremali course related questions. All lectures will be recorded and the power points will be available for download. You may wish to subscribe to their mailing list for any updates to his schedule. Please see the website for download instructions.

Due to time constraints, all of the live lectures and power points may not be covered within the time frame of the semester. However, Dr. Dremali advises all students to use the books as the main source of study, and to rely on the live lectures and power points as supplements. Due dates for the exam and term paper will remain the same as listed below, regardless of whether or not the supplemental material was covered.

### **Required Course Materials**

- Textbooks: Fiqh us-Sunnah, Volumes 1 & 2 by As-Sayyid Sabiq

## **Suggested Additional Reading**

- Sahih al-Bukhari (Books of Knowledge, Taharah and Salah)
- Riyadh us-Saliheen (Chapter of Intention and the Book of Virtues)
- The Prophet's Prayer Described  
( [http://www.dremali.com/down/doc\\_view-5.html](http://www.dremali.com/down/doc_view-5.html))
- The Conditions, Pillars, and Requirements of the Prayer  
(<http://www.dremali.com/downloads/doc/pdf/The-Conditions-Pillars-and-Requirements-of-Prayer.pdf>)

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

### **Purification (Taharah)**

- The different types of water
- Purifying your body and clothes
- The nature and cleansing of impurities (Najasah)
- Manners of answering the call of nature
- The ruling concerning utensils

### **Ablution (Wudhu)**

- The obligatory parts of the ablution, and the Sunnah acts of the ablution
- Nullification of ablution
- Wiping over the socks (Masah)
- Complete ablution (Al-ghusl)
- Dry ablution (Tayammum)
- Menstruation (Hayd), post-childbirth bleeding (Nifas) and Istihada

### **Prayer (Salah)**

- The call to prayer (Adhan)
- The prerequisites or conditions of the prayer (Shuroot)
- The pillars or essential components of the prayer (Arkan)
- The obligatory acts of the prayer (Wajibat)
- The recommended acts of the prayer (Sunan)
- Supererogatory or Sunnah Prayers (At-tatawwu or Nawafil)
- Witr prayer, and the late night prayer (Qiyam al-Lail)
- The Night prayer in Ramadan (Taraweeh)
- The Forenoon Prayer (Salat Al-duha), Prayer for seeking counsel (Istikhara), Salat Al-tasbih, Prayer for need (Salat Al-hajah), Prayer of Repentance (Salat At-tawbah), Eclipse prayer (Salat Al-kasuf), for rain (Salat Al-istisqa), Prostration of forgetfulness (Sujood As-sahu), prostration during Quran recitation (Sujood At-tilawa), prostration of thanks (Sujood As-shukr)
- Congregational prayer (Salat Al-jama'ah)
- The Partition in front of one who is praying (Sutrah)
- What is allowed and what is disliked during the prayer
- Actions that nullify the prayer
- Making up missed prayers (Qada)
- The prayer of a sick person
- The prayer during times of fear (Salat Al-khawf)
- The prayer of a traveler (Salat Al-qasr)

- Combining two prayers
- The Friday prayer (Salat Al-jumu'ah) and the Friday Khutbah
- The Eid prayers (Salat Al-Eidain)

### Exam Schedule

EXAMS	Posting on website www.aou.edu	SUBMISSION DEADLINE	MATERIAL COVERED	% OF GRADES
Exam	03/21/2008	03/31/2008	Volume 1 Volume 2	50%
Term Paper		03/25/2008	See topics below	25%
Oral Exam		04/12/2008	Volumes 1 & 2 and tapes	25%

### NOTES

- All exams and term papers are to be EMAILED to Dr. Ibrahim Dremali at [dremali@inbox.com](mailto:dremali@inbox.com).
- Please contact Dr. Dremali for alternatives if you do not have access to email.
- Any work arriving after the deadline may result in a lower grade.

### EXAM GUIDELINES

- Exams are open book format. However, answers are not to be cut and pasted.
- Please read the material and be sure you understand it before answering the questions. Try to answer the questions in a way that you would explain the answers to someone in person.
- Please be sure to include your name, course information, and semester on your exam.

### ORAL EXAM GUIDELINES

- Students are responsible for setting up oral exam schedules with their professors, please feel free to call anytime you are ready.
- Once you have completed your oral exam, please send a confirmation email to [dremali@inbox.com](mailto:dremali@inbox.com) with your name, course information, and date of oral exam.

### RESEARCH / TERM PAPER GUIDELINES

- The term paper should be approximately ten (10) pages long. Please be sure to include your name, course information, and semester on the term paper.
- It should have an introduction, (stating why you chose the topic), a main body, a conclusion (the main point that you concluded from the term paper), references and a subject index.
- **For all term papers, include any difference in opinions from the four schools of thought, and include the proofs from the Qur'an and the Sunnah related to your topic as well. Draw your conclusion from these evidences to support your findings.**

**Research / Term paper topics MUST be approved by Dr. Ibrahim Dremali or his assistant in advance.**

### **SUGGESTED TERM PAPER TOPICS**

Choose one of the following topics from one of the sections below, and contact Dr. Ibrahim Dremali or his assistant for approval. Or, you may request to write about another related topic you have in mind.

#### **1. TAHARAH**

- a. The Wudhu and Tayammum According to the Quran and the Sunnah  
Explain the wudhu in detail: its virtues, how to perform and perfect the wudhu, when it is obligatory and when it is recommended, etc. Explain the tayammum in detail: how to perform it, when it is allowed, how it was mandated, etc.
- b. The Rules and Regulations of the Three Types of Blood  
Explain the different types of blood related to women and its various aspects (menstruation, post-natal bleeding, and istihadah), such as the length, timing, indications, characteristics, what is allowed and what is prohibited, etc.
- c. The Ghusl According to the Quran and the Sunnah  
Explain the ghusl in detail: its virtues, how to perform and perfect the ghusl, when it becomes obligatory, when it is recommended, etc.
- d. An-Najasah  
Explain the types of najasah, how to cleanse it, manners of answering the call of nature, dead animals, Dhabihah (halal) slaughtered meat, etc.

#### **2. SALAH**

- a. Salat al-Jumuah According to the Quran and the Sunnah  
Explain the various aspects of Jumuah, such as its virtues, the etiquettes of Jumuah, rules and regulations of the Khutbah, the obligatory parts and Sunan for Salat Al-Jumuah, the number of Adhans for Jumuah, etc.
- b. The Prayer of a Traveler in the Quran and the Sunnah  
Explain the rules and regulations regarding the prayer of the travelling person. When is it considered travelling, when the prayer can be shortened, combined, etc.
- c. As-Salah According to the Quran and the Sunnah  
Explain the Salah in detail: its virtues, description and perfection, kushoo, prerequisites, pillars, obligatory and recommended parts of the Salah, etc.
- d. Salat al-Jama'ah According to the Quran and the Sunnah  
Explain the congregational prayer in detail: its virtues, etiquettes, congregational prayer for men, for women, and for men and women together, the number of people that constitute jama'ah, etc.
- e. The Excellence of the Witr Prayer  
Explain the Witr prayer in detail: its virtues, how it is performed, etiquettes, number of rakat, the timing, etc.
- f. The Taraweeh Prayer According to the Quran and the Sunnah  
Explain the Taraweeh prayer in detail: its virtues, etiquette, how it is performed, the number of rakat, etc.