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Assalaamu Alaykum

To the prospective student, Ahlan wa Sahlan. I hereby extend a warm invitation to all prospective students of Dar al-Safa who seek to undertake this blessed and noble journey in the acquisition of sacred knowledge. If you’re reading this then Alhamdulillah, Allah has placed within your heart a desire to pursue this noble path. As Rector of Dar al-Safa, it gives me great joy to offer you the space and support to facilitate your learning. You’ll find our teachers are approachable and your senior peers eager to assist wherever possible.

Essentially, Dar al-Safa’s holistic approach centers around 3 core principles:

1. Acquisition of sacred knowledge from traditional scholars linked to the Messenger SAW via authentic chains of transmission
2. Purification of the soul by striving to attain sincerity, fear of Allah, asceticism, scrupulousness, purification of the heart and refinement of character
3. Dawah or connecting all of creation to the Creator, Allah SWT

This journey is unique and one of great virtue and benefit, in this life and the next. It earns you Allah’s pleasure; brings blessings into your life and home; elevates your status in the eyes of Allah and His Messenger SAW; it facilitates an easy pathway to Paradise and grants you entry into the company of the best of creation SAW. Your consideration of this field of study, is simply the beginning of one of many mercies Allah has chosen to bestow upon you. It in itself is cause to thank and praise Allah.

We pray that Allah guides your decision and may each and every one of you find success in attaining these objectives.

"O Allah grant us knowledge of Your Religion; purify our hearts from all blameworthy characteristics; use us to convey Your message to all humanity; and place us firm upon the path of our Master and Prophet Muhammad SAW."

Shaykh Abduragmaan Khan
Rector
ABOUT US

VISION
Muslims today are facing unprecedented challenges in their personal lives and as a community at a global level. One such challenge is for students to find a place to study; a fountain of knowledge to drink from which remains pure and unpolluted by the effects of various social ills. Our vision at Dar al-Safa, is to create and maintain “a place of purity”. A school, which through the preservation and transmission of the Islamic Sciences, aims to nourish the minds, bodies and souls of the layperson and future leaders alike. With 3 branches nationally, we strive to continue to expand our physical presence as well as our international online presence, thereby making the Islamic sciences accessible to those who seek it.

MISSION
To transform communities by inspiring and teaching people to open their hearts and minds to the beauty of Islam, our Creator and Nabi Muhammed SAW.
**CAMPUS**

**AUDITORIUM**
The auditorium is fully fitted with projectors, surround sound audio and air conditioning. This space is used to accommodate the larger classes with a capacity of 200. The auditorium is also used as a Musallah for Thur Salaah during the week and Taraweeeg during Ramadaan. Ablution facilities are also available as all students are encouraged to maintain a state of Wudhu.

**CLASSROOMS**
Our classrooms are fitted with projectors and air conditioning and are furnished to imbibe the traditional methodology of learning.

**PRESENTATIONS**
Our lecturers conduct classes using traditional oral transmission as well as printed notes and Power Point presentations, as required.

**LOCATIONS**
Dar al-Safa is situated at the Dar al-Turath al-Islami Centre in Athlone CBD. The Centre is situated in walking distance from the Athlone train station, the bus and taxi rank thus making public transport to and from the campus easily accessible.

**DTI CENTRE:**
7 Church Street
Athlone 7764
Maps Link: https://goo.gl/maps/53hFAwH45QD2

**LINCOLN CAMPUS**
215 Belgravia Road,
Lincoln 7530
https://goo.gl/maps/7aqjt1btJtEbETyJ8
ABOUT THE COURSES

Dar al-Safa offers full-time and part-time Shari'ah courses. The full-time program focuses on developing scholars that would become the teachers and leaders of tomorrow. The part-time course is designed to accommodate any Muslim that does not have the luxury of attending the full-time program. As a graduate of the part time course, you are qualified to fulfill all Imaamat roles in masajid and communities.

The non-arabic part time course, Mustafa College, is aimed at those who seek to enrich their lives with the sacred sciences through a primarily English syllabus.

FULL-TIME

ONE YEAR ARABIC INTENSIVE

This year is dedicated to the study of the Arabic language. Arabic is an essential tool for any student of the Islamic sciences. One cannot attain a higher level of Islamic education without a strong foundation in the Arabic language. The program is divided into two, the sciences and the skills.

THE SCIENCES

Tried and tested grammar, morphology and rhetoric books are taught to students at this level, ensuring they master the theory of the Arabic language.

THE SKILLS

Skills include gaining proficiency in reading, writing, understanding and speaking the Arabic language. In this regard, texts such as Arabiyyah bayna yadayk and al-Qira’ah al-Wadihah are used. In addition and especially during the second half of the year, teachers begin speaking and teaching students in Arabic. This year is essential for anyone wishing to join the Shari'ah program.

THE SHARIAH PROGRAM

The shari'ah program consists of five years and covers the Islamic sciences, starting at beginner’s level, progressing to intermediate and eventually tertiary levels. These sciences include Islamic Jurisprudence, Hadith, Doctrine, Quranic exegesis, The Prophetic biography, Spirituality, Arabic writing. The student while being introduced to the foundations of these sciences is at the same time being prepared to study the sciences at a higher level. The curriculum is entirely in Arabic. Certain teachers may adopt Arabic instruction while others may adopt English.

THE SYLLABUS

ONE YEAR ARABIC INTENSIVE

1. Fiqh
2. Hadith
3. Muhadathah (Conversational Arabic)
4. Nahwu (Arabic Grammar)
5. Sarf (Arabic Morphology)
6. Tajwid
7. Translation of the meanings of the Qur’an

SHARI'AH COURSE

1. Aqidah
2. Fiqh
3. Hadith
4. Hifz of Hadith and Qur’an
5. Imla (Dictation and Rules of writing)
6. Mustalah al Hadith
7. Nahwu (Arabic Grammar)
8. Sirah
9. Suluk (Spirituality)
10. Tafsir
11. Tajwid
12. Tarikh (Islamic History)
13. Ulum al Qur’an (Sciences of the Qur’an)
14. Usul al Fiqh
PART-TIME

The Part-time Imamat Course spans over a period of five years. The first year being the Arabic program and the next four years focusing on the Islamic sciences.

THE SYLLABUS

ARABIC PROGRAM - 1 YEAR
1. Nahwu (Arabic Grammar)
2. Sarf (Arabic Morphology)
3. Tajwid
4. Translations of the meanings of the Qur’an

IMAAMAT COURSE - 4 YEARS
1. Aqidah
2. Hadith
3. Maqaasid (Objectives of Shariah)
4. Nahwu (Arabic Grammar)
5. Suluk (Spirituality)
6. Translations of the meanings of the Qur’an
7. Uloom al-Qur’an
8. Usul al-Fiqh
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT
The science of practical religion is divided into outward and inward science. The outward science concerns the functions of the senses and limbs. The inward science, concerns the condition of the heart and qualities of the soul. The limbs perform either acts of worship or usages of life, while the heart, because it is removed from the senses is subject to either praiseworthy or blameworthy influences. The fruit of this science is the treatment of the hearts and souls through which is obtained a life that will persist for ever and ever. (Extracted from Ihya ulum id-Din - Imam Ghazali)

The teachers at Dar al-Safa go to great lengths to employ ingenuity in drawing students' hearts to the inward sciences. In this way ensuring that the knowledge which is being acted upon is not done so as meaningless ritual. Instead teachers nurture within the students, an appreciation for spiritual development so that they may reap greater reward in this world and the hereafter.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
The Prophet (S.A.W) once said, “A person is likely to follow the faith of his friend, so look whom you befriend.” (Abu Dawud and Tirmidhi). The Prophetic wisdom of nurturing brotherhood and sisterhood is implemented with each new intake of students. Team building activities, such as camps, quizzes and various sporting and social events are organized so that students may get to know each other and befriend those that tread a similar path of seeking knowledge.

ADMISSIONS EVALUATIONS
Prospective students who wish to join the intermediate or advance levels of study will undergo an oral evaluation and assessment by a lecturer.

FIRST YEAR:
Applicants are required to be able to recite Quran with a fair amount of fluency.

SECOND YEAR:
Students must have sound Arabic literacy, be able to read Arabic text without harakaat and have covered relevant content in previous studies.

THIRD YEAR ONWARD:
Evaluation will be focused on the student's level of Arabic literacy and relevant content in previous studies.

LANGUAGE
Classes are conducted Primarily in English. As students' progress, teachers introduce Arabic to the extent of students’ understanding. Students are at all times encouraged to implement and practice the Arabic that has been taught so as to facilitate their transition to using Full Arabic texts for learning and reference.

ASSESSMENT METHODS
Dar al-Safa uses various testing methods to assess the skill levels of a student in a given module. These tests are done formally and/or informally.

The assessment methods are as follows:

1. WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS
   • Official full scale examinations are written at regular intervals during the year.

2. WRITTEN CLASS TEST
   • To encourage students to keep their skill levels optimal, class tests are written throughout the course of the year.

3. ASSIGNMENTS & RESEARCH TASKS
   • All class tests, assignments, research tasks and orals are done at the discretion of the lecturer.
   • Should a student require tutoring, effort will be made to get the student on par.
SCHOOL HOURS

**FULL-TIME MORNINGS:**
Monday – Thursday: 8h00 – 13h30 Friday - 08h00 – 11h00

**FULL-TIME EVENINGS:**
Monday – Thursday: 18h00 – 21h00 Breaks will be taken for Maghrib and Esha

**PART-TIME:**
Saturday: 09h00 – 13h00

**STAFF**

Our team consists of highly qualified teachers, office staff, consultants and volunteers. We strive to provide the best learning experience that we can for our students.

**RECTOR**

- Shaykh Abdurragmaan Khan

**LECTURERS**

1. Mln Taahir, Abrahams
2. Sayyid Ahmad, al Kaf
3. Mln Muadth, Allie
4. Ustad Muhammad, Allie
5. Mln Luqmaan, Ben
6. Mln Muhammad, Carr
7. Mln Afzal, Hatia
8. Shaykh Farees, Hendricks
9. Shaykh Abdul Haadi, Hendricks
10. Mln Abdurragmaan, Khan
11. Mln Taahid, Mohamed
12. Shaykh Abduraghman, Nieftagodien
13. Mln Anees, Omar
14. Mualima Hamida, Parker
15. Mualima Nasreen, Parker
16. Shaykh Yusuf, Philander
17. Mln Abu Bakr, Timm

**ADMINISTRATION**

1. Aneesa Rabin
2. Rifqah Sasman

**GROUNDSMAN**

- Yusuf Mapata
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Should you require financial assistance please contact us and we will assist you in obtaining a bursary, or alternatively you can contact SANZAF directly to apply for one. In the event that you can no longer manage the full course fee or even part thereof, please email us at admin@daralturath.co.za at any time during the course of the year. Please do not let your financial situation discourage you from attending in any way. Kindly note that the minimum payment to be made is the registration fee to secure your place.

APPLICATION
Application forms may be collected and completed at:
- Dar al-Turath al-Islami Centre (7 Church Street, Athlone, Cape Town, 7760, South Africa)
- Timbuktu Book store (19 Golfcourse Road, Sybrand Park, Cape Town, 7760, South Africa)

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