

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

ALI 702: Quranic Arabic and Knowledge, Level 1

Quranic Arabic helps Muslims learn the language of the Quran with a goal of comprehending the Divine message directly. In this online course, specially tailored for past and present Madrasah teachers, we will learn simple Quranic vocabulary and grammar. To make it interesting, occasionally we plan to cover simple rules of Tajweed, stories and historical events in the Quran and the relevance of the Quran in our daily lives. Participants will need to put in an average of two hours a week to work on the course. In this level, we will identify nouns and their different forms, a few verbs, and particles from the Sūras recited in daily prayers.

Schedule: 4 Wednesdays, Aug 6 to 27, 2025

Timings: 7 – 8 pm NY/Toronto timing.

Texts: *The Qur'an, with a Phrase-by-Phrase English Translation* by Ali Quli Qarai and *Qur'anic Language Made Easy* by Hafiza Iffath Hasan.

Course outline: here is a tentative schedule on what we plan to cover in Level 1 of the course. It will depend on the commitment shown by the participants. If they read the lessons closely, revise before coming to the class and hand-in the homework on time, then inshāAllāh we should be able to progress per the course outline.

Session 1: the instructor will briefly explain the objectives of the course and introduce the text, Quran translation and other material we plan to use. The participants will introduce themselves and inform the reason for taking this course. We will list the sūrahs we all recite in daily prayers. Use of diacritical marks to indicate long vowels.

Session 2: A quick review of lessons and homework for Session 1. Lessons 3 and 4 on detached and attached pronouns. Highlighting the two types of the pronouns in sūrahs al-Fātihah, al-Tawhīd, al-Kawthar and al-‘Asr.

Session 3: A quick review of lessons and homework for Session 2. Lesson 4 on attaching pronouns to nouns. Introducing Word List 1 of words that occur over 100 times in the Quran.

Session 4: A quick review of lessons and homework for Session 3. Lesson 5 on attaching pronouns to verbs. A short quiz on Lessons 1 to 4 and the meanings of first words under letters *alif*, *bā*, *tā*, *jīm*, *hā* and *khā* in the Word List 1.