



Fall 2020

Classes & Programs

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What is SeekersGuidance Canada?

SeekersGuidance Canada strives to **spread the light of Prophetic knowledge, guidance, and service** globally and in our local communities.

We offer classes and programs rooted in mainstream Islamic teachings, offered by qualified scholars, to revive hearts and minds, and benefit humanity—completely free.

Our new centre at 220 Britannia Rd. E. in Mississauga is a professionally designed, beautiful learning space where all people are welcome, and will feel a deep sense of community and connection.

It is our goal to establish a truly global Islamic seminary right here in Canada—a seminary that will (a) facilitate the spread of general Islamic knowledge and guidance in our community; (b) train future scholars, teachers, callers, and empowered activists and (c) educate and inspire committed believers who live, embody, and spread knowledge, guidance, and good in service of God's creation.



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"SeekersGuidance is a beautiful and welcoming space in which one can broaden their faith, delve deep into the vast aspects of religion, and form lasting connections with like minded people. The clarity in which sacred knowledge is taught, and the Prophetic character of the Scholars creates a serene atmosphere of learning that truly needs to be experienced."

Majed Hargaaya
SeekersGuidance Canada Student

Commit to Continuous Personal Development

With the change of seasons comes an ideal time to reflect on the passing of time. We have made it through a very unique summer, with social distancing due to the COVID-19 situation. We witnessed the greenery around us bursting into full bloom, and now with the approach of fall the leaves will again change to spectacular reds, yellows and orange. Likewise, the heart of a believer should constantly be changing, constantly improving, moving on from one state to the next, always striving for self improvement. Continuously striving to be even a bit better than they were yesterday. The key to this change is seeking sacred knowledge, from qualified scholarship. Abu Sa'id al-Khudri (may Allah be pleased with him) once reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace & blessings be upon him) said, "A believer never satisfies doing good until he reaches Jannah." (at-Tirmidhi)

As we begin the new hijri year 1442, and approach the end of 2020, we are also forced to reflect upon our own individual state(s). What can we do to improve our state before Allah Most High? How can we rectify our character, such that we benefit the people around ourselves, and please our Creator? This journey begins with seeking knowledge, as this is the light we seek to guide us to the way of best conduct, both with our Creator and with creation.

At SeekersGuidance Canada, we are committed to providing this opportunity of seeking islamic knowledge from qualified teachers to everyone in our local community, as well as to a global audience online. Alhamdulillah, due to the COVID-19 crisis, we were forced to move the majority of our classes outdoors (behind our centre). This proved to be a blessing, because the classes all have a retreat-like atmosphere which aids the heart to think deeply and reflect upon the material taught. As we move into fall, we plan to continue our classes outdoors as much as possible so as to continue to offer this benefit, as well as provide a safe atmosphere for students to congregate and learn at the same time. Our centre is regularly sanitized, and masks that cover the nose, mouth and chin are a requirement for all visitors at all times (while indoors). By washing our hands regularly and using hand sanitizer, we can continue to keep one another safe from serious harm.

May we all continue to strive for personal improvement, and turn ourselves to seeking Allah Most High with the utmost sincerity – so that we end the year 2020 in a state most pleasing to Him, ameen.

If our administration can be of any help to you in your journey to seek sacred knowledge, feel free to reach out to us anytime at sgc@seekersguidance.org

Shireen Ahmed
Managing Director
SeekersGuidance Canada

Overview of Fall 2020 Classes

Location of classes are indicated with the following symbols:



Indoor Class
















Outdoor Class (Weather Permitting)










Only Broadcast Only

September 19-December 20, 2020

MONDAYS	3:00PM-5:00PM ADVANCED  The Hereafter and Key Beliefs: Sawi's Sharh al-Jawhara [Level Two] Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	5:00PM-7:00PM ADVANCED  Intermediate Worship: Shurunbulali's Maraqi al-Falah Sharh Nur al-Idah [Level Two/Three] Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	
TUESDAYS	3:00PM-5:00PM ADVANCED  Advanced Islamic Law: Tumurtashi's Tanwir al-Absar Explained [Level Four] Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	5:00PM-7:00PM ADVANCED  Understanding Islamic Law: Quduri's Mukhtasar Explained Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	
WEDNESDAYS	3:00PM-5:00PM ADVANCED  Hanafi Fiqh [Level Three]: Nasafi's Kanz Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	3:00PM-5:00PM ADVANCED  Intermediate Worship: Shurunbulali's Maraqi al-Falah Sharh Nur al-Idah [Level Two/Three] Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	
THURSDAYS	3:00PM-5:00PM ADVANCED  Advanced Islamic Law: Tumurtashi's Tanwir al-Absar Explained [Level Four] Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	5:00PM-7:00PM ADVANCED  Understanding Islamic Law: Quduri's Mukhtasar Explained Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	
FRIDAYS		5:00PM-7:00PM ADVANCED  Hanafi Usul al-Fiqh): Mukhtasar al-Manar [Level Two] Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	
SATURDAYS	9:00AM-10:00AM GENERAL  Qur'anic Recitation & Memorization Ustadh Ahmad Alquwatly Ustadha Halimah Maideen	10:00AM-12:30PM GENERAL  Youth Class A program for young Muslims (12-18) to learn essential Islamic knowledge with clarity, and to have the inspiration to live this guidance with excellence. Shaykh Yusuf Weltch	
SUNDAYS	8:30AM-10:30AM GENERAL  Sisters Class Ghazali's Dear Beloved Son Explained Ustadha Halimah Maideen Ustadha Shireen Ahmed	11:00AM-12:30PM GENERAL  Coffee & Connections Haddad's Knowledge + Wisdom Explained Shaykh Yusuf Weltch	

General Classes are designed for Muslims in the community with a basic understanding of the religion. Also suitable for new Muslims.

Advanced Classes are designed for students of knowledge with the ability to understand classical Arabic texts. Texts are read in Arabic, and explained in English. Visit our website for class details.

	<p>7:30PM-9:00PM GENERAL </p> <p>NEW! Seekers Qur'an Circle: Muhasibi's Twelve Key Concepts of the Qur'an Shaykh Faraz Rabbani</p>	
	<p>7:30PM-9:00PM GENERAL </p> <p>NEW! Intermediate Arabic Grammar: Al-Ajurrumiyya Explained Shaykh Yusuf Weltch</p>	
	<p>7:30PM-9:00PM GENERAL </p> <p>The Lives of the Prophets Shaykh Faraz Rabbani</p>	
	<p>7:30PM-9:00PM GENERAL </p> <p>NEW: The Revival Circle Summary of Revival of the Religious Sciences. Sept: Book of knowledge; Oct: Faith; Nov: Purity Shaykh Faraz Rabbani Shaykh Yusuf Weltch</p>	
	<p>7:30PM-9:00PM GENERAL </p> <p>The Path of Piety: Birgivi's Tariqa al-Muhammadiyah Shaykh Faraz Rabbani</p>	
	<p>GENERAL</p> <p>Special Events (See pg. 6 for schedule)</p>	
	<p>12:30PM-2:00PM GENERAL </p> <p>NEW! Circle of Remembrance: Covers Habib Umar's Diya' al-Lami' (a life and praise of the Prophet, peace be upon him). Ideal for families and for weekly religious inspiration. Shaykh Faraz Rabbani Shaykh Yusuf Weltch</p>	<p>NEW! Intermediate Seekers Program: GENERAL </p> <p>Islamic Law: Quduri's Mukhtasar (Worship) 2:30pm – 4pm Prophetic Hadith: Mukhtasar Sahih al-Bukhari 4pm-5:30pm Shaykh Faraz Rabbani Shaykh Yusuf Weltch</p>

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SPECIAL SATURDAY MONTHLY PROGRAMMING:

FAMILY CIRCLE

(Online Broadcast Only)

Amazing Stories of the Prophets for Kids

Sr. Mehded Maryam Sinclair
(Professional Story Teller)

OCTOBER 3RD (2:00PM-3:00PM)
Story of Prophet Adam

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NOVEMBER 7TH (2:00PM-3:00PM)
Story of Prophet Nuh

عليه السلام


DECEMBER 5TH (2:00PM-3:00PM)
Story of Prophet Hud

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NEW: Health & Fitness 101

An opportunity for teenagers and adults to learn about how to optimize one's long-term health. Features talks from Br. Belal Hafeez (Personal Trainer), as well as islamic mentorship with one of our teachers.

OCTOBER 10TH (2:00PM-3:00PM)

Walking with Purpose: 

The Benefits of Brisk Daily Exercise
Location: Saigon Park (Mississauga)

NOVEMBER 14TH (2:00PM-3:00PM)

Home Workouts: 

Staying Strong in Challenging Times
Location: SeekersGuidance

DECEMBER 12TH (2:00PM-3:00PM)

Cooking School: 


Delicious Ideas on Preparing Food for Family
(Online Broadcast)

Sr. Nazima Qureshi
(Nutritionalist)

Monthly Critical Issues Seminars

Our Monthly Critical Issues Seminars cover critical topics, and important questions many people have today. Each month a new topic is introduced and explored by leading scholars, teachers, and thought leaders. Free take home lunch provided post seminar.


SEPTEMBER 26TH (2:00PM-5:00PM)

Evaluating Innovations: 
Debunking Ten Bid'ah Myths


OCTOBER 24TH (2:00PM-5:00PM)

Satanic Tactics: 
Seven Tricks of the Devil

NOVEMBER 28TH (2:00PM-5:00PM)

In the Shade of the Throne 

DECEMBER 26TH (2:00PM-5:00PM)

Sparking Your Internal Revolution: 
The Hadith of Uprightness



Community Events

SEPTEMBER 19TH (6:00PM-7:00PM)

Free Community Dinner*

Drive Thru to celebrate start of Fall 2020 Session

OCTOBER 17TH (10:00AM-6:00PM)

Community Bazaar & Bookfair

(weather permitting)

NOVEMBER 21ST (2:00PM-3:00PM)

Free Pumpkin Coffee & Snack

Drive Thru*

DECEMBER 19TH (2:00PM – 3:00PM)

Free Hot Cocoa & Snack Drive

Thru*

(** While quantities last, served on a first come first serve; offer available to only each person actually in the car)

NEW! Guidance Counselling Clinic

Do you need to consult someone about your personal situation, or would like to have further recommendations regarding what you should study next? Request an appointment with any of our instructors to gain clarity on your situation. To request an appointment, please email sgc@seekersguidance.org with your availability and which instructor you would like to meet with (see page 10).

NEW! Qur'an Completion Program for New Readers

Are you looking for someone to help you finish your first reading of the Qur'an in Arabic on a regular basis? In this new program, we match volunteer teachers with students (of the same gender) to help new readers complete their first reading of the Qur'an. Ideally this would be done on a daily basis after Fajr prayer via phone, but we can strive to accommodate your schedule. This program is open to anyone over the age of 16 only, who resides in the greater Toronto area (GTA), who has not read the Qur'an before in Arabic. If you are willing to volunteer*, or are looking for a personal teacher, please email sgc@seekersguidance.org today.

(* Volunteer teachers must pass through an approval process to be able to teach beginner students.)



Want to attend a class or event, while benefiting others and earning even more reward from Allah Most High?

VOLUNTEER today!

Volunteers are the heart of our organization as they help propel what kinds of events we offer and help in person by helping us to run our classes and events. This is a good opportunity for you to use your spare time in the best of ways and by facilitating benefit for others – as well as for yourself. Any training needed for your position will be provided.

Volunteer positions include:

- Student registration
- Event management
- Graphic Design
- Marketing/ Outreach of our programs
- Audio/Visual/ Media Operations
- Cleaning/ Sanitization of the centre
- Fundraising/ Development team

To volunteer, please email sgc@seekersguidance.org with some information about yourself, and indicate in what area you would be interested in volunteering for the most. Your comments and/or suggestions on how we can serve you better are also always appreciated.

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WHEN OUR COMMUNITY
NEEDS IT MOST-FACILITATE
THE CONTINUATION
OF GUIDANCE IN OUR
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Our Teachers

Shaykh Faraz Rabbani



Shaykh Faraz Rabbani is a renowned scholar specializing in Islamic law and theology. He spent ten years studying with some of the leading scholars of recent times, first in Damascus, and then in Amman, Jordan. In 2007 he founded SeekersGuidance: The Global Islamic Seminary. Since 2011, Shaykh Faraz has been named one of the world's 500 most influential Muslims by the Royal Islamic Strategic Centre. He currently teaches courses in Islamic beliefs, Hanafi law, and Prophetic guidance.

Shaykh Yusuf Weltch



Ustadh Yusuf Weltch is a teacher of Arabic, Islamic law, and spirituality. After accepting Islam in 2008, he then completed four years at the Darul Uloom seminary in New York where he studied the Arabic and the traditional sciences. He then travelled to Tarim, Yemen, where he stayed for three years studying in Dar Al-Mustafa under some of the greatest scholars of our time, including Habib Umar Bin Hafiz, Habib Kadhim al-Saqqaf, and Shaykh Umar al-Khatib. In Tarim, Shaykh Yusuf completed the memorization of the Qur'an and studied inheritance law, legal methodology, hadith methodology, Qur'anic exegesis, Islamic history, and a number of texts on spirituality. He joined the SeekersGuidance Canada teachers team in summer 2019.

Ustadha Shireen Ahmed



Ustadha Shireen Ahmed is an experienced teacher, educator, and mentor, specializing in marriage, parenting, and character development. Born and raised in Canada, she graduated from the University of Toronto with a B.A. in Psychology and Sociology. Thereafter, she travelled to Syria, studying Arabic and sacred knowledge at the University of Damascus and Abu Nour Institute. She took private classes in Qur'anic recitation, Prophetic traditions, sacred law and Prophetic biography. After ten years abroad, she returned to Toronto, Canada. She currently serves as Managing Director of SeekersGuidance Canada, where she draws from years of experience as a community leader and activist.

Ustadh Ahmad Alquwatly



Ustadh Ahmad Alquwatly was born in Damascus, Syria and as a young boy grew up in Kuwait. He learned Qur'an recitation from his father Alhafiz Mamdouh Alquwatly (who had learned from the Shaykh of Damascus Shaykh AbelWahhab Dipswazet). Shaykh Ahmad graduated from Dar Al-Qur'an in Kuwait with a degree in Qur'an and Islamic Studies. He has been teaching Qur'an in the GTA since 2005 at various Islamic centres.

Guest Speakers



Br. Belal Hafeez
(Personal Trainer)



Sr. Nazima Qureshi
(Nutritionalist)



Mehded Maryam Sinclair
(Professional Story Teller)



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