

WINTER
2021
**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 space that inspires people to start their journey of learning the deen from qualified scholars. The fact that all courses (both online and on-site) are provided for free with a quality that matches and often even exceeds that of other paid programs is a blessing that one should take advantage of. All you need is duas, commitment and hard work.”

Pakeezah Saadat
SeekersGuidance Canada Student

Commit to Continuous Personal Development

This past year has been a challenge for humanity, testing our courage and fortitude in the face of real uncertainty. It is time for us to rise to that challenge, and exemplify the best character to those around ourselves just as our beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم did, and remain committed to developing our own sound understanding of the basic Islamic sciences. This will help us to conduct ourselves in a better way, both in our etiquette with our Creator, and with His creation.

The start of this new 2021 year is a time for optimism and hope, as we know with certainty that “surely with hardship comes ease” (94:5). We need to remain consistent upon remaining optimistic, and seeking what is most pleasing to Allah عز وجل both in these times of difficulty, and in the times of ease when they come. And that understanding of what is most pleasing to Allah عز وجل comes after we dedicate ourselves at least weekly to seeking sound Islamic knowledge from qualified scholarship, so that we can steadily grow in wisdom and guidance.

As we reflect on the passing of years, we are also forced to reflect on our own individual state, and uncover the areas that need improvement so that we can then have those areas addressed in the best way possible. We must reflect on how we use our time, so that we use every moment in the most efficient way possible, and in a way that is most pleasing to our Creator. That entails that we have a clear understanding of what our priorities in life are, and that we use our every breath in a purposeful manner.

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. With your health, safety, and overall well-being as our foremost priority, we have decided to move our programming to primarily online for the time being. Once it is safe to do so, we look forward to hosting you again at our centre in person for classes.

Look through this program booklet and select class(es) for yourself, by registering online via seekersguidance.org/canada

This will keep you updated about the private Zoom links for your particular class, as well as let you know when the class will be moved back into the centre. By using Zoom, you will also be able to interact with the teacher and ask any questions you have about the material being presented.

Also look out for our new free **2021 Wall Calendar** which is now available to all of our students, which will help you to remember our special event calendar as it unfolds throughout this new year.

May we all continue to strive for personal improvement, and turn ourselves to seeking Allah عز وجل with the utmost sincerity, 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 Winter 2021 Classes

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all classes will take place **online only**. Register for your course selections via seekersguidance.org/canada to stay informed as to when classes will transition back to in-person attendance at our location. Registrants will also be sent a private link to attend class via the Zoom platform.

January 4 – April 4, 2021

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. Permission of the instructor is required to join. Visit our website for class details.

MONDAYS	3:00PM-5:00PM ADVANCED (NEW!) Beliefs and Logic [Level Three]: Bajuri on the Sanusiyya and Idah al-Mubham	5:00PM-7:00PM ADVANCED Intermediate Worship [Level Three]: Shurunbulali's Maraql al-Falah Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	7:30PM-9:00PM GENERAL (NEW!) Introduction to Islamic Beliefs: Ushi's Bad' al-Amali Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	A 12-week study of a classical primer of mainstream Islamic beliefs. Ideal for anyone seeking sound understanding of what we believe about Allah, the Prophets, and the Hereafter.
TUESDAYS	3:00PM-5:00PM ADVANCED Hanafi Fiqh [Level Four]: Tumurtashi's Tanwir Explained Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	5:00PM-7:00PM ADVANCED NEW: Hanafi Fiqh [Level Three]: Nasafi's Kanz: Transactions Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	7:30PM-9:00PM GENERAL (NEW!) Intermediate Arabic Language: Arabic Morphology Shaykh Yusuf Weltch	Arabic is the key to deeper connection to the Qur'an, and to becoming a student of Islamic knowledge.
WEDNESDAYS	3:00PM-5:00PM ADVANCED Hanafi Fiqh [Level Three]: Nasafi's Kanz: Worship Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	5:00PM-7:00PM ADVANCED Intermediate Worship [Level Three]: Shurunbulali's Maraql al-Falah Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	7:30PM-9:00PM GENERAL The Path of Muhammad: Birgivi's Manual of Taqwa Explained Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	This class covers one of the great works on the "fiqh of taqwa" — how to truly follow the way of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) in knowledge, beliefs, and operationalizing mindfulness of Allah (taqwa).
THURSDAYS	3:00PM-5:00PM ADVANCED Hanafi Fiqh [Level Four]: Tumurtashi's Tanwir Explained Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	5:00PM-7:00PM ADVANCED NEW: Hanafi Fiqh [Level Three]: Nasafi's Kanz: Transactions Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	7:30PM-9:00PM GENERAL The Revival Circle: Ghazali's Ihya Explained Shaykh Faraz Rabbani Shaykh Yusuf Weltch	Covering a summary of Imam Ghazali's Revival of the Islamic Sciences. Join us this session where we will start this great series from the very beginning. We will cover the Books of (1) Knowledge, (2) Faith, and (3) Purity.
FRIDAYS		5:00PM-7:00PM ADVANCED Hanafi Usul al-Fiqh [Level Three]: Samt al-Wusul: Shaykh Faraz Rabbani	7:30PM-9:00PM GENERAL The Friday Circle of Remembrance & Reminders Shaykh Faraz Rabbani Shaykh Yusuf Weltch	Reconnect with the love of Allah and His Messenger through remembrance and inspiring reminders. We cover 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.
SATURDAYS	9:00AM-10:00AM GENERAL Qur'anic Recitation & Memorization A unique opportunity to learn about the art of reading with qualified teachers with certification (ijaza). Suitable for anyone, regardless of your proficiency. One can learn recitation and/ or be tested on memorization.	10:00AM-12:30PM GENERAL Youth Class A program for young Muslims (12–18) to learn The Qur'an Explained: Tafsir for Youth Pt.1: Tafsir of Sura al-Fatiha and Juz 'Amma and 2) The Hikam of Imam al-Haddad	GENERAL Special Events (See pg. 6 for schedule)	
SUNDAYS	8:30AM-10:30AM GENERAL Sisters Class Nurture your relationship with Allah, and benefit from various counsels on how to improve one's state and character. This group covers Imam Ghazali's Letter to a Disciple (Ayuhal Walad), with summary and group discussion.	11:00AM-12:30PM GENERAL Coffee & Connections Inspiring lessons & discussion on beautifying our hearts, character, and conduct from our new text, Book of Assistance by Imam Haddad. Ideal for a weekly dose of learning in a relaxed atmosphere. Shaykh Yusuf Weltch	Intermediate Seekers Program: GENERAL Islamic Law: Quduri's Mukhtasar (Worship) 1pm – 2:30pm Prophetic Hadith: Mukhtasar Sahih al-Bukhari 2:30pm-4pm Shaykh Faraz Rabbani Shaykh Yusuf Weltch	



Winter 2021 Classes & Programs

All classes broadcast online due to COVID-19.
Please register via seekersguidance.org/canada

SPECIAL SATURDAY MONTHLY PROGRAMMING:

FAMILY CIRCLE

(NEW!) The Prophet's Life for Kids Program
صلى الله عليه و سلم

JANUARY 9TH (2:00PM-3:00PM)

The Prophet's Blessed Birth & Childhood

FEBRUARY 6TH (2:00PM-3:00PM)

The Prophet as a Young Man

MARCH 6TH (2:00PM-3:00PM)

Revelation Begins:
The Early Years

NEW!

Seekers Extracurricular Program

This series develops the physical and mental well being of an individual through relevant topics and workshops.

JANUARY 16TH (2:00PM-3:30PM)

Mental Health Workshop:
An Islamic Guide to Dealing with Depression

FEBRUARY 13TH (2:00PM-3:30PM)

Physical Wellness Workshop:
You Are What You Eat: The Importance of Ethical Consumption

MARCH 13TH (2:00PM-3:30PM)

Arts & Creativity Workshop:
Make at Home Islamic Craft Project
(see website for details)

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.

JANUARY 1ST (2:00PM-5:00PM)

Sparking Your Internal Revolution:

The Hadith of Uprightness

JANUARY 30TH (2:00PM-5:00PM)

The Straight Path Online:

A Roadmap for Beneficial Islamic Learning

FEBRUARY 27TH (2:00PM-5:00PM)

Lessons for Humanity from the First Migration to Abyssinia

MARCH 27TH (2:00PM-5:00PM)

Dealing with Death: Etiquettes of the Dying Person and the People Around Them

APRIL 3RD (2:00PM-5:00PM)

Ramadan Toolkit: Get Ready for Fasting Seminar



Community Events

JANUARY 2ND

Annual Fundraiser
(Online) 7pm

JANUARY 3RD (6:00PM-7:00PM)

Free Community Dinner Drive Thru* to celebrate start of Winter 2021 Session

JANUARY 23RD (2:00PM-3:00PM)

Free Deli Sandwiches Drive Thru*

FEBRUARY 20TH (2:00PM - 3:00PM)

Free Hot Chocolate and Home Smore's Kit Drive Thru*

MARCH 20TH

Free Healthy Snack Boxes Drive Thru*

(* While quantities last, served on a first come first serve; Offer available to only each person actually in the car; Note: Food items may require reheating due to outdoor temperatures; Free 2021 Wall Calendar also available for each vehicle.)



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). (Appointments during the Winter 2021 Term will be online only.)

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 عز و جل?
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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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.

Special Guest Speakers



Shaykh Faïd Saïd



Shaykh Yahya Rhodus



Dr. Asim Yusuf



Br. Fahim Alwan
(BlossomPure Organics)



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