



SeekersGuidance
CANADA

FALL 2021 **FREE**

Classes & Programs

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SeekersGuidance.org/Canada

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 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 institution right here in Canada—an institution 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.



“SeekersGuidance Canada provides light, understanding and guidance on how to practice and perfect our faith, strengthen our sense of purpose and resolve, and uphold and cherish Prophetic teachings. It has enriched my life through knowledge, tranquillity, and a sense of community that words cannot truly convey. Shaykh Faraz and the other teachers express sincere concern for each student that radiates in their words, actions, and ongoing commitment.”

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Toronto, Ontario



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. With vaccination rates rising we hope society can return to some degree of returning to normal. 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 1443, and approach the end of 2021, we are also forced to reflect upon our own individual state(s). What can we do to improve our state before Allah عزوجل? 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. 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). Please be aware that we now require that all in-person visitors to our centre to be double vaccinated, for the health and safety of our community. Remember all classes are broadcast online, so that everyone is able to continue to benefit and access sacred knowledge. By washing our hands regularly, vigilantly wearing proper masks, using hand sanitizer, and being double vaccinated 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 عزوجل with the utmost sincerity - so that we end the year 2021 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 2021 Classes

Monday September 27 – Friday December 31, 2021



Indoor Class



Outdoor Class
(Weather Permitting)



Online Class

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays
<p>3PM–5PM Advanced </p> <p>Beliefs: Bajuri's Hashiya al-Sanusiyya Explained [Level Three] Shaykh Faraz Rabbani Covering Allah's Attributes and proofs for His Existence..</p>	<p>3PM–5PM Advanced </p> <p>Law: Tumurtashi's Tanwir al-Absar Explained [Level Four] Two year specialization program in Hanafi Law.</p>	<p>3PM–5PM Advanced </p> <p>Law: Nasafi's Kanz al-Daqa'iq Explained (Worship) [Level Three] Shaykh Faraz Rabbani Understanding the rulings on worship in Hanafi Law.</p>	<p>3PM–5PM Advanced </p> <p>Law: Tumurtashi's Tanwir al-Absar Explained [Level Four] Shaykh Faraz Rabbani Two year specialization program in Hanafi Law.</p>
<p>5:30PM–7PM Advanced </p> <p>Law: Halabi's Multaqa al-Abhur [Level Three] Shaykh Faraz Rabbani Covering the Section on Worship (Hanafi)</p>	<p>5:30PM–7PM Advanced </p> <p>Law: Nasafi's Kanz al-Daqa'iq Explained (Transactions) [Level Three] Shaykh Faraz Rabbani Understanding the rulings on financial transactions in the Hanafi school.</p>	<p>5:30PM–7PM Advanced </p> <p>Law: Halabi's Multaqa al-Abhur [Level Three] Shaykh Faraz Rabbani Section on Worship (Hanafi)</p>	<p>5:30PM–7PM Advanced </p> <p>Law: Shurunbulali's Nur al-Idah Explained [Level Two] Shaykh Faraz Rabbani Understanding the rulings on financial transactions in the Hanafi school.</p>
<p>7:30PM–9PM General </p> <p>Quran Studies: Sura al-Hadid Explained Shaykh Faraz Rabbani A 12-week study covering the meanings and lessons of this great Sura.</p>	<p>7:30PM–9PM General </p> <p>Ghazali's Dear Beloved Son Explained: Advice for Living Right Shaykh Abdullah Misra Covers beneficial knowledge & personal development.</p>	<p>7:30PM–9PM General </p> <p>Spirituality: Birgivi's the Path of Muhammad Explained Shaykh Faraz Rabbani This class covers how to truly follow the way of the sunna in knowledge, beliefs, & operationalizing mindfulness of Allah (taqwa).</p>	<p>7:30PM–9PM General </p> <p>Spirituality: Ghazali's Revival of the Religious Sciences Explained Shaykh Faraz Rabbani Shaykh Abdullah Misra Covering Adab with the Quran, Supplication & Remembrance, and the Structuring of Spiritual Routines.</p>

All classes will take place online and in person (with restrictions). Register for your course selections via seekersguidance.org/canada to stay informed about class updates. For more detailed class descriptions, please see pages six and seven of this guide.

General Classes are designed for muslims in the community with a very 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 instructor may be required to join this session. Visit our website for class details.

Fridays	Saturdays	Sundays
 <p>5:30PM-7PM Advanced 🧘</p> <p>Usul al-Fiqh: Aqhasari's Samt al-Wusul Explained [Level Three] Shaykh Faraz Rabbani</p> <p>Understanding the principles of legal interpretation in Hanafi Law.</p>	<p>9AM-10AM General 🖥️ (Brothers)</p> <p>10AM-11AM (Sisters)</p> <p>Quranic Recitation & Memorization Ustadh Ahmad Quwatly & Female Instructor</p> <p>A unique opportunity to learn about the art of reading outdoors with qualified teachers with certification (ijaza). Suitable for anyone, regardless of your proficiency. One can learn recitation and/or be tested on memorization.</p>	<p>8:30AM-10:30AM General 🌳</p> <p>Sisters' Class Ghazali's Forty Foundations Explained Habib Hussein as-Saqqaf Ustadha Shireen Ahmed</p> <p>Students watch a series of lessons on knowing Allah, improving one's outer actions, and purifying the heart - which they then discuss as a group.</p>
<p>7:30PM-9PM General 🧘</p> <p>The Friday Circle of Remembrance & Reminders Shaykh Faraz Rabbani</p> <p>Community event with nasheeds and beneficial lessons. Ideal for families and for weekly religious inspiration.</p>	<p>10:30AM - 12 noon General 🧘</p> <p>The Forty Foundations of Family: How to Improve One's Marriage and Nurture One's Children Shaykh Faraz Rabbani Ustadha Shireen Ahmed</p> <p>Discussion on various etiquettes of the home which can lead to greater tranquility & closeness. Ideal for a weekly dose of learning in a relaxed atmosphere.</p>	<p>11:30AM-1PM General 🧘</p> <p>Youth in Prophetic Times An Analysis of 40 Hadith Where Youths are Mentioned Shaykh Abdullah Misra</p> <p>Inspiring lessons & discussion on how young people conducted themselves in Mecca & Medina during the time of the Prophet (peace & blessings be upon him).</p>
	<p>Special Events (See pg. 10) for schedule</p>	<p>1:30PM-3PM General 🧘</p> <p>Dhahabi's The Major Sins Explained Avoiding Pitfalls to Attain Salvation Shaykh Abdullah Misra</p>
		<p>3:30PM-5PM 🧘</p> <p>Hadith Ibn Abi Jamra's Abridgement of Sahih al-Bukhari Explained Shaykh Faraz Rabbani</p> <p>Explanation of the greatest collection of Prophetic teachings, Imam Bukhari's Sahih.</p>

General Level Classes



Mondays – 7:30–9 pm
Quran Studies:
Sura al-Hadid Explained

Shaykh
Faraz Rabbani

General Level

Sura al-Hadid was revealed in Medina, and has twenty-nine Verses. Besides placing the doctrine on a firm basis, it also addresses certain injunctions in the realm of society and government. This surah was specifically mentioned to be meritorious to recite often. In this class, students will learn about the background of the sura, as well as the meanings and lessons associated with each of the verses.



Tuesdays – 7:30–9 pm
Ghazali's Dear Beloved Son Explained:
Advice for Living Right

Shaykh
Abdullah Misra

General Level

This text was written by Imam Ghazali in response to one of Imam Ghazali's advanced students who asked about what knowledge would benefit him most in the Hereafter. In this class students will learn about important topics such as the importance of acting on knowledge, regular devotions praying at night, and other beneficial topics for the one seeking true sacred knowledge.



Wednesdays – 7:30–9 pm
The Path of Muhammad:
Birgivi's Manual of Taqwa Explained

Shaykh
Faraz Rabbani

Level One

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 – 7:30–9 pm
The Revival Circle:
Ghazali's Ihya Explained

Shaykh
Faraz Rabbani

Shaykh
Abdullah Misra

Level One

Class covering a summary of Imam Ghazali's Revival of the Islamic Sciences. Join us this session where we will continue this great series from the Books on Adab with the Quran; Supplication (du'a') and Remembrance (dhikr); and the Structuring of Spiritual Routines (awrad).



Fridays – 7:30–9 pm
The Friday Circle of
Remembrance & Reminders

Shaykh
Faraz Rabbani

Reconnect with the love of Allah and His Messenger through remembrance and inspiring reminders. Local vocalists recite Habib Umar's Diya' al-Lami' (poem on the virtues of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him)), and a Chapter from Shaykh Abdullah Misra's own Seerah Song, with brief explanation. Ideal for families and weekly religious inspiration.

General Level Classes (Continued)

Saturdays
9am-10 am
(Brothers)



Saturdays
10am-11 am
(Sisters)

Quran Recitation & Memorization

Ustadh
Ahmad Quwatly | **& Female Qari**
Level One

Looking to improve your Quranic recitation? Learn from our SeekersGuidance reciters who can help you to correct common mistakes you may be making and help you to recite in a more precise manner. This class is for students who are already familiar with the alphabet and are able to join between letters to read words.



Sundays - 11:30am-1 pm
Youth in Prophetic Times:
An Analysis of 40 Hadiths
Where Youths are
Mentioned

Shaykh
Abdullah Misra

General Level

Teenagers of all ages should be in a weekly class which helps them to grow in knowledge and be inspired to better themselves as Muslims on an ongoing basis. Join us for this new class with our new instructor, Shaykh Abdullah Misra, where he will cover hadith for young people on common issues they may be facing and give them the tools they need to be resilient in the face of adversity.

Sunday Afternoons - 1:30pm-3 pm



**Dhahabi's The Major
Sins Explained:**
Avoiding the Pitfalls to
Attain Salvation

Shaykh
Abdullah Misra

General Level

Allah Most High tells us in the Quran that if we avoid the Major Sins, our minor misdeeds will be forgiven and given an honorable entry into Paradise. This course will explore what those Major Sins are through Imam Dhahabi's classic text on the subject. Are these just a list of Harams and Do-Nots? No! Allah tells us He forbade things that are base and disadvantageous for us, and so the rationale of why we avoid each and the personal and societal impact will also be analyzed, turning the exploration of wrong and evil into a means of helping ourselves, and most importantly, gaining nearness to Allah Most High.



Sundays - 3:30pm-5 pm
Hadith:
Ibn Abi Jamra's
Abridgement of Sahih
Bukhari Explained

Shaykh
Faraz Rabbani

Level Two

This course covers Ibn Abi Jamra's Mukhtasar Sahih al-Bukhari. This summary distills one of the most famed works of Islam into a highly practical manual presenting a key selection of Prophetic teachings.

This course presents a valuable introduction to the hadith of our beloved Messenger (Allah bless him and give him peace) in a clear and relevant manner.

Advanced Level Classes

The Seminary Class Schedule



Mondays – 3:30–5 pm
Beliefs:
Bajuri’s Hashiya
al-Sanusiyya Explained

Shaykh
Faraz Rabbani

Level Three

This course covers Imam Bajuri’s commentary on Imam Sanusi’s Umm al-Barahin, in detail. This covers the core beliefs of mainstream traditional Islam along with their key proofs in detail. Students will learn Islamic theology: the attributes of Allah Most High, those of His messengers (peace be upon them), matters of the unseen, and their logical proofs, culminating in how all of these meanings are contained in the Statement of Divine Oneness, there is no god but God.



Tuesdays & Thursdays
3:30pm–5pm
Law:
Tumurtashi’s Tanwir
al-Absar Explained

Shaykh
Faraz Rabbani

Level Four

This is a Level Four course in Islamic Law. The goal of the class is to begin the journey of gaining mastery of the fiqh details of the Hanafi school. This class covers the meta-matn (Tanwir al-Absar) that is the basis of the central commentary for legal details (al-Durr al-Mukhtar) in the later Hanafi school—and for the central work for the fatwa positions of the Hanafi school. This is an upper-intermediate to advanced class in Hanafi fiqh.



Tuesdays – 5:30pm–7pm
Law:
Nasafi’s Kanz al-Daqa’iq
Explained Understanding
Financial Transactions
(Hanafi)

Level Three

This is one of a series of courses covering one of the four main nuanced primers of the Hanafi school; Imam Nasafi’s Kanz al-Daqa’iq. The purpose of this course is to consolidate previous foundations on the subject and to deepen one’s understanding of the rulings of transactions, covering the chapters of what constitutes a sale, the rulings related to usury, forward transactions, currency exchange, and more.



Wednesdays – 3:30–5 pm
Law:
Nasafi’s Kanz al-Daqa’iq
Explained Understanding
Worship (Hanafi)

Shaykh
Faraz Rabbani

Level Three

The first in a series of courses which covers one of the four main primers of the Hanafi school; Imam Nasafi’s Kanz al-Daqa’iq. The purpose of this course is to consolidate previous foundations on the subject and to deepen the understanding of the rulings of worship, covering the chapters of purity, prayer, fasting, charity, and Hajj.



Mondays & Wednesdays
5:30–7 pm
Law:
Halabi’s Multaqa
al-Abhur Explained

Shaykh
Faraz Rabbani

Level Three

This is a Level Three course in Islamic Law (fiqh) in which Shaykh Faraz Rabbani covers

Advanced Level Classes (Continued)

the “Meeting of the Oceans” (Multaqa al-Abhur) by Imam Ibrahim al-Halabi (d. 956 AH). This is one of the most commented-upon texts in Islamic law, for good reason: it gathers, with clarity and precision, the main issues and legal details in Hanafi fiqh.



Thursdays - 5:30pm-7pm

**Law:
Shurunbulali's Nur
al-Idah Explained**

Shaykh
Faraz Rabbani

Level Two

This course is an explanation of Nur al-Idah (Light of Clarity), a detailed introduction to the rules of purity, prayer, and fasting authored by a leading authority of the Hanafi school, Abu'l-Ikhlās al-Shurunbulali (d. 1069 AH). Take this course to increase your knowledge of the questions that worshippers face in their purity, prayer, and fasting, all in light of a comprehensive textbook of Hanafi law that students have used for centuries.



Fridays - 5:30pm-7pm

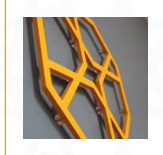
**Usul al-Fiqh:
Aqhisari's Samt
al-Wusul Explained**

Shaykh
Faraz Rabbani

Level Three

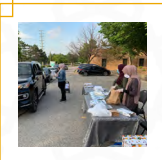
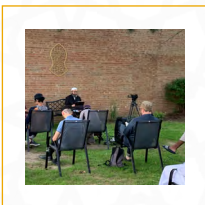
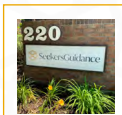
This course covers Aqhisari's Samt al-Wusul, an abridgement of Imam Nasafi's Manar in usul al-fiqh. This course covers the principles of understanding meanings from words according to the Hanafi school and how rulings are derived from primary texts. It aims to give students a deeper understanding and appreciation of the principles of Islamic law.





Fall 2021 Special Saturday Monthly Programming:

All classes available in person and
broadcast online.
Please register via
seekersguidance.org/canada



Family Circle

The Prophet's Life for Kids Program

OCTOBER 2ND (2PM-3PM)

Defending Truth & Justice

The Early Battles & the Peace Treaty of Hudaibiyyah

NOVEMBER 6TH (2PM-3PM)

Expansive Times

Inviting Rulers to Islam, Expeditions, and the Conquest of Mecca

DECEMBER 4TH (2PM-3PM)

The Final Farewell

The Battle of Hunayn & the Passing of the Messenger (peace & blessings be upon him)

Seekers Extra Curricular Program

OCTOBER 9TH (2PM-3:30PM)

Physical Wellness Workshop

Motivational Nature Hike & Family Picnic

NOVEMBER 13RD (2PM-3:30PM)

Mental Wellness Workshop

How to Deal with Stress & Optimize Your Resilience with Dr. Rania Awaad

DECEMBER 11TH (2PM-3:30PM)

Arts and Creativity Workshop

Arabic Calligraphy Artwork

Monthly Critical Issues Seminars

OCTOBER 23RD (2PM-5PM)

The Most Praised

Great Poetry in Praise of the Beloved Prophet (peace be upon him)

NOVEMBER 27TH (2PM-5PM)

The Pure Heart

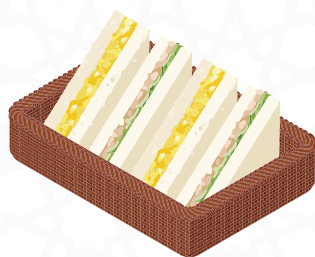
Abu Talib al-Makki's Qut al-Qulub Explained

DECEMBER 25TH (2PM-5PM)

Understanding the Mind

The Origin of Thoughts & How to Respond

Community Events



SEPTEMBER 25TH (2PM-3PM) 🌳

Free Outdoor Lunch



OCTOBER 16TH (10AM-6PM) 🌳

Community Bazaar



NOVEMBER 20TH (2PM-3PM) 🌳

Free Snack Box Drive Thru*



DECEMBER 18TH (2PM-3PM) 🌳

Free Cookies & Hot Chocolate Drive Thru*

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

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 14).



Want to attend a class or event, while benefiting others and earning even more reward from Allah عزوجل? **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.

SeekersGuidance Global

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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
Abdullah Misra**

Shaykh Abdullah Misra was born in Toronto, Canada in 1983. His family hails from India and he was raised in the Hindu tradition. He embraced Islam in 2001 while at the University of Toronto, from where he completed a Bachelor of Business Administration. He then traveled overseas in 2005 to study the Arabic language and Islamic sciences in Tarim, Yemen for some time, as well as Darul Uloom in Trinidad, West Indies. He spent 12 years in Amman, Jordan where he focused on Islamic Law, Theology, Hadith Sciences, Prophetic Biography and Islamic Spirituality while also working at the Qasid Arabic Institute as Director of Programs. He holds a BA in Islamic Studies (Alimiyya, Darul Uloom) and authorization in the six authentic books of Hadith, and is currently pursuing specialized training in issuing Islamic legal verdicts (ifta'). He holds a certificate in Counselling and often works with new Muslims and those struggling with religious OCD. His personal interests include Indian history, comparative religion, English singing and poetry. He has recently returned to Canada with his wife and children.



**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 Abel Wahhab 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.

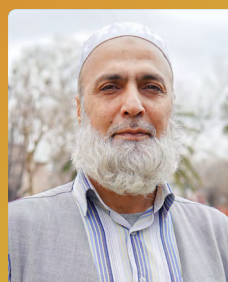
Special Guest Speakers



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Faid Said



Imam
Yama Niazi



Shaykh
**Muhammad
Qaylish**



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