

Introductory Information

*'Ali ibn Abi Talib took me by the hand ... and said, 'Oh Kumayl, people are of three types: the scholar who acts on their knowledge, **the student on the path to salvation**, and the uncivilised hooligan who follows every screeching caller and is blown by every wind.'*¹

The Path to Salvation (PTS) is an integrative modular syllabus of Islamic studies, laid out utilizing the best of both traditional and modern curriculum design philosophies. It is currently the most comprehensive and integrative program of Islamic education at foundation level available in the UK.

PTS is a course intended primarily for young adults, designed to be accessible to a range of students from different walks of life. Some have previous experience of Islamic courses; whilst for others, it is their first exposure to formal Islamic studies. Its format has proven especially popular with university students and professionals, given its resemblance to higher education courses.

In conformity with the rich spiritual heritage of classical Islamic thought, PTS places a strong emphasis on imparting and practically instilling the Prophetic qualities of clemency, kindness, tolerance and devotion. As such, there is a strongly ethical theme running through every component of the course, from the module design to teaching delivery. It adopts the traditional paradigm of religious knowledge as the transmission of spiritual wisdom and ethics, but at the same time utilizes contemporary techniques of knowledge delivery. The course provides a comprehensive syllabus, making use of Powerpoint-based lectures, diagrams, mindmaps and detailed study guides to aid the student's understanding.

The course is highly systematic, structured around nine primary domains of study (Principles, Worship, Spirituality, Doctrine, Interpersonal Ethics, Textual Studies, Biographies, History and Arabic Language Studies). Each domain is further sub-divided into modules which are taught over 6-10 hours. Examples include: Good Character with Creation, the Types of Prayer, the Rights of Creation, Financial Ethics and Marital Harmony. Students will be provided with Individualised Learning Plans that will allow them to track what they have learnt, test their understanding and implementation and plan further progress in discussion with the teacher.

Our educational philosophy encompasses a number of considerations, which can be summed up in five principles:

1. **Relevance:** to provide knowledge that is relevant to and cognisant of modern British society.
2. **Accessibility:** PTS does not require any prior experience of Islamic studies, is conveniently timed for part-time students, is taught in English by trained teachers and has open access to all.
3. **Authenticity:** all modules are based on classical manuals of law, belief and spirituality and are taught by authorized, classically-trained teachers.
4. **Systematic:** The course imparts all aspects of personally obligatory knowledge in context, as well as introducing sciences that will enrich the students' experience of Islam.
5. **Inspirational:** Religion is Divine guidance that speaks to the heart. PTS recognises this and aims to be informative, inspirational and transformative.

¹ Hilyat al-Awliya [1: 89]

Course Details

Timings: Sunday 27th March, from 11am-2pm. There will be a further 30mins for Q&A and discussion for any students who wish to remain. The semester will run for 16 sessions.

Location: al-Lawh Institute, North Watford Masjid Community Hall, 167 North-Western Ave, Watford, WD25 0AQ.

Modules: Navigating the Straight Path (ISO), Etiquette of Seeking Knowledge (ESK), Fiqh of Purification (HFT), Studies in Divinity (AQD), Early History of Fiqh (MSI).

Cost: The fee structure of the course has now been standardized. The deposit for the course is 50% of the fees due. Please ensure that this is paid in order to receive the notes. The table below lists the fees (with any queries to info@pathtosalvation.co.uk)

Item	Cost	Special Offer	Discounts (cumulative)
1 module	£30		
1 semester (5 modules)	£120 (£30 saving)	Upfront payment ²	10%
Certificate (15 modules) ³	£330 (£120 saving)		
PTS Bursary Fund	For students with genuine financial problems, please speak to the Admin		

The Certificate and Diploma in Foundational Classical Islamic Studies

The Path to Salvation syllabus builds towards a Certificate and Diploma in Foundational Classical Islamic Studies. In order to qualify for the Certificate and Diploma, students will need to attend the module and thereafter be assessed on their understanding of it. This will be done by a combination of assignments (that test applied knowledge) and some closed book examinations (that test factual recall). The assessments are only mandatory for students wishing to attain the qualification. The Certificate is awarded after successful completion and assessment of 15 modules; the Diploma after 30 modules

Individualised Learning Plans

Early in the semester, enrolled students will receive an Individualised Learning Plan, which should be used as a record of progress in their studies. It will comprise a domain-specific breakdown of the Path to Salvation modules, their major aims and boxes for dates of commencement, completion, revision and successful assessment. There will also be space to note any other studies the student has undertaken. It is hoped that this will facilitate tracking and monitoring of studies and knowledge as the student progresses through their seeking of sacred knowledge.

May Allah bless you with His enabling grace in your pursuit of the knowledge that leads to the Divine Presence and the company of the Best of Creation (peace and blessings on him).

² Upfront payment is defined as the entire amount owed paid within the first month of the course.

³ Students who wish to pay for the Certificate will receive a rebate of their Semester 1 fees from the £330.