



BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ISLAMIC STUDIES (USUL AL DIN)

PROSPECTUS

2026

About Madina Institute

Madina Institute is a dedicated centre of learning with full time and part time facilities and outreach initiatives in South Africa, Malaysia, Mauritius, India, United Kingdom, Norway and United States of America.

Madina Institute was founded by Shaykh Dr Muhammad bin Yahya Al Ninowy who was born in Syria and currently resides in Atlanta, USA. His lineage traces back to the Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him. Shaykh Ninowy studied under his father, As-Sayyed Yahya ibn Muhammad(RA), and scholars in Syria, Madina, Makkah, Morocco, Egypt, Sudan, and Jordan, memorising The Holy Qur'an and acquiring knowledge in Islamic sciences. He got his PhD in Hadith sciences at the Al-Azhar University in Egypt. Shaykh is also an Anesthetist and a Professor of Physiology and Anatomy at the University of Georgia. Shaykh Ninowy has authored books in Usul, Creed, Hadith, and Sufi Sciences. More recently Shaykh has published the Book of Love and Book of Mercy. Shaykh is a global advocate of peace, love and tolerance, and has been voted as one of the Top 500 most influential muslims in the world.

Madina Institute SA's main campus is in the heart of the Cape Town business and tourist district. We have recently acquired the Madina Belgravia Campus as a satellite campus in Athlone, where we are currently running the Foundations in Islamic Studies, Hifths, Deen 4 Teens, Tertiary Tuition, Imamah and Mualima courses .

The Foundations in Islamic Studies is especially for those under the age of 23 who have not completed their Matric and are wanting to delve into the Qur'anic Sciences following or pursuing Hifth of Qur'an. We also offer Full and Part Time Hifth for males and females. This is taught at our satellite campus.

The one Year Usul al Din full time program is taught at the Madina Institute main campus in Cape Town, South Africa and the part-time Usul al Din Program is facilitated in the UK and USA.

In 2019, Madina Institute welcomed its inaugural Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies (Usul Al Din) degree. The BA degree program is fully accredited with the Council on Higher Education (CHE), listed on the registry with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) and provisionally registered by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) until the 31st December 2024 as a Private Higher Education institute under the Act. Registration certificate No.2018/HE08/001.

As of 2022 the Institute introduced its first Internship Program to enable its BA graduates to acquire the necessary skills to obtain work placement opportunities. The internship is a 1 year at Main Campus and 2nd Year teaching as a junior lecturer.

As of 2024 we have introduced the Master of Islamic Studies to be taught at our Cape Town Campus. This is our first post graduate program and is fully accredited.

WHY MADINA INSTITUTE

AT MADINA INSTITUTE

- **Usul al Din graduates are recognized and respected worldwide as Ambassadors of Love, Tolerance and Peace.**
- **Students are under the guidance of internationally recognized Muhaddith, Shaykh Dr Muhammad al Ninowy, one of the Top 500 most influential Muslims in the world.**
- **Campus offers a tranquil and stimulating environment for students to learn and discover their Din.**
- **Our programs encourages creative and independent thought.**
- **Students conquer intellectual challenges and develop strong critical thinking skills.**
- **The ethos and environment encourages students to develop leadership skills and become positive contributors in their homes and communities.**
- **The Environment is conducive for students to form lasting friendships with their peers, and develop rich relationships of mutual respect with Lecturers and Mentors.**

AT MADINA INSTITUTE WE CULTIVATE THE WHY

No question is off the table, no matter how uncomfortable, awkward, difficult, out of the box, seemingly silly or obscure it may seem **YOUR QUESTIONS MATTER.**

BACK TO BASICS

The curriculum is based on the Holy Qur'an and Authentic Prophetic Sunnah, teaching classical texts written and taught by Scholars of Schools of Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa.

COMPASSION EDUCATION ILLUMINATION

WHAT IS YOUR DALEEL?

Sitting in our lecture rooms, you will find your horizons broadening and your heart yearning for more. At Madina Institute, our approach is evidence-based. Statements must be substantiated with authentic evidence. Our Lecturers endeavor to explain the meaning and foundation of the classical texts and further convey its relevance in contemporary times.



The Madina Methodology

Academic Methodology of the Institute:

Madina Institute adheres in its methodology to the Quran and the authentic Prophetic Sunnah.

In Aqeeda (Creed/Islamic Theology):

The Institute teaches the Māturīdī School of creed of Imam Abū Manṣūr al-Māturīdī (238 - 333 AH), the Ash‘arī School of Imam Abū al-Ḥasan al-Ash‘arī (260 - 324 AH) and the school of Ahlul Hadith creed like the school of Al Hafiz Abū al-Faraj ‘Abd al-Raḥmān ibn ‘Alī ibn Muḥammad ibn al-Jawzī (510 - 597 AH).

In Fiqh/law:

In its legal theory the Institute follows the schools of Imam Abū Ḥanīfa (80 - 150 AH), Imam Mālik ibn Anas (93 - 179 AH), Imam al-Shāfi‘ī (150 - 204 AH) and Imam Aḥmad ibn Ḥanbal (164 - 241 AH)

In Tazkiya and Ihsan:

The Institute follows the Quran and the authentic Prophetic Sunnah in the schools of Imam Abu 'al-Qasim al-Junayd ibn Muhammad al-Baghdadi (218 - 298AH) and Imam al Ghazali (423 - 505 AH)

"At Madina Institute we prioritize The Holy Qur'an and Authentic Sunnah over everything else"





Program Information

Our Programs are made up of 5 Science Streams: *

ARABIC LANGUAGE STUDIES	Nahw (Arabic Grammar), Sarf (Arabic Morphology) and Communicative Arabic
IMANIYAT	Aqidah (Theology and Creed), Tazkiyyah (Spiritual Purification of the heart) and Mantiq (Logic)
HADITH SCIENCES	Seerah (Prophetic History), Hadith and Ulum al Hadith (Sciences of Hadith)
QURANIC SCIENCES	Ulum al Quran (Sciences of Quran), Tafseer (Exegesis) and Tajwid (Application of Quranic Recitation Principles)
SHARIAH STUDIES	Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence – Shafi’i and Hanafi) and Usul Al Fiqh (Islamic Legal Theory - Shafi’ and Hanafi)

*Modules apply to a set curriculum dependent on the program registered for.



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

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Program Duration:
Minimum Three Years
Maximum five years

Program Overview

This Degree Program provides students with the necessary tools to delve into the foundational Islamic sciences. Our curriculum is characterized by an evidence-based, well balanced and moderate approach that includes many of the Classical texts of the Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jamaa. It offers modules in Fiqh, Arabic, Islamic History, Quran, Hadith, Seerah, Legal Theory and more. Graduates receive a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Islamic Studies and a traditional Ijaaza from Shaykh Dr. Muhammad Al Ninowy.

Program Prerequisites:

- Bachelor's Pass / Matric Exemption
- RPL/Age Exemption may apply
- English Proficiency

Modules Include:

- Theology and Logic
- Islamic Jurisprudence
- Islamic Legal Theory
- Spiritual Purification
- Quranic Sciences
- Hadith Sciences
- Prophetic and Islamic History
- Arabic



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STUDENT LIFE

TRANSPORT

Close to MYCITI, Taxi and Train facilities

CAMPUS TIMES

7am - 4pm (Monday to Friday)

SALAH TIMES (Waqts in office hours)

Thur & Asr - Monday to Friday

JUMUAH AT MADINA

Khutba starts at 12:50pm - Given by various speakers including our students

KHIDMA/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our Students are encouraged to engage, serve and educate communities by partaking in upliftment projects and offering their service at community events. Students are required to make 60 - 80 hrs of khidma

EVENTS CALENDAR

We have many exciting events, tours and programs throughout the year. Student debates, seminars, themed events and exciting programs make student life a spiritual and fun experience

SPIRITUAL PROGRAMS/THIKR

Daily Istighfar - online

- **Thursdays Student Thikr:** 11am
- **Thursday Night Thikr:** Darul Karaar, Park rd Wynberg and Masjidul Quds, Gatesville, Madina Belgravia
- **Ladies dhikr:** Last Sunday of every Month at 11: 30am at Belgravia Campus
- **Awraad:** Wednesdays after Esha and Saturdays at 7am at Belgravia Campus
- **Weekly Qur'an Khatam**

HALAL FACILITIES

Icon Ground Floor & neighboring eateries are accessible with seating

SRC

It is a Student elected body serving on the Student matters and development

ACADEMIA LIBRARY

We have an MOU with the Academia Library as well as a small library at our Campus, we are in the process of developing an onsite library. All Students and Staff are members of the Academia Library with faculties to borrow books on a 4 week loan. Research facilities, workshops & study area is available Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 5pm and Saturdays from 8:30-1pm

**First morning thought:
Allah Ta'ala is really good to me.
Thank you O Allah.**

The Book of Love - Shaykh Dr. Muhammad Al-Ninowy

STUDENT LIFE



Thikrs



Media and Public Speaking



Braai Day - Madina Belgravia



Heritage Day at Madina Institute



Islamia Academia Library



Chai and Chat - Madina Institute



Madina Institute - Student Union



Community engagement project



Salah facilities - Madina Institute



Kramat Tour



Mualima Course - Madina Belgravia



Charity Week



Imamat Course - Madina Belgravia



Anything but a Bag Day



Lasting Friendships

HOW TO APPLY

STEP 1

Visit www.madinainstitute.ac.za and choose your course.

STEP 2

Complete the application form

STEP 3

Submit supporting certified documents.

STEP 4

Pay the application fee of R250

STEP 5

Check your emails regularly, our admin team will be in touch with you

APPLYING FOR A STUDENT BURSARY

Almost 80% of our students are beneficiaries of the Madina Institute bursary fund

STEP 1

The bursary application may be found in the student application under section 4B.

STEP 2

When applying for a Student Bursary you will be required to disclose your Financial Details.

STEP 3

Fill out section 4B and attach the certified documentation requested including a copy of the most recent household pay slips

JOIN MADINA INSTITUTE THIS 2025

All queries can be clarified by contacting us.

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