

Module Title: Balāgha (ii)

Module Code: ARBBL2

Course Duration: 17 Weeks

Teaching Method: 2 units/week

Credits: 10

Overview:

‘Ilm al-Balāgha is taught over two semesters. In this semester students continue with the classical science of Arabic Rhetoric (*‘Ilm al-Balāgha*). This is a discipline which is required in the advanced critical textual analysis of the Qur’an, *ḥadīth*, Arabic prose and poetry, classical legal texts etc. This module will define the science of Arabic rhetoric and examine its historical background. It will also provide detailed explanation of the linguistic styles and norms discussed in the *Balāgha* texts by giving examples from classical Arabic sources, and demonstrate the link between *Balāgha* and other Muslim disciplines. This module will enable students to define and explain in detail (with examples) the linguistic and rhetoric rules/devices covered in each lesson. The text that will be used for study is *Durūs fī al-Balāgha al-‘Arabiyya* by al-Azhar al-Zanad

Syllabus:

This module will continue from the First Chapter that focuses on *‘Ilm al-Bayān* (pp. 11-95) of *Durūs fī al-Balāgha al-‘Arabiyya*, then move on to the Second Chapter that focuses on *‘Ilm al-Ma‘ānī* (pp. 95-149).

Learning outcomes:

On completion of this module, the successful student will be able to:

- Apply the theories of *‘Ilm al-Balāgha* in the advanced critical textual analysis of the Qur’an, *ḥadīth*, Arabic prose and poetry, classical legal texts etc.
- Define and explain the historical origin of *‘Ilm al-Balāgha*
- Define and explain in detail with examples the *qawā‘id* (rules) covered in each lesson
- Know parallels between *‘Ilm al-Balāgha* and other Islamic disciplines

Assessment Weighting:

- 100% Exam

Learning Materials:

Core texts:

- Al-Zanad, A (1992), *Durūs fī al-Balāgha al-‘Arabiyya*, Markaz al-Thaqafi: Tunisia

Further Reading:

- Al-Jarim, Ali et al (1418 AH) *Al-Balāgha al-Wāḍiḥa*
- Classical Arabic lexicographical works.