

**Module Title:** Theoretical Mysticism

**Module Code:** IRFQAY

**Course Duration:** 17 Weeks

**Teaching Method:** 2 units /week

**Credits:** 15

**Overview:**

This module provides a detailed and critical study of the major themes in theoretical mysticism by analysing the renowned works of Ibn ‘Arabi through a close reading of *al-Muqaddima* of al-Qaysarī. This module will introduce students to the language and terminology used in the discourse of ‘*Irfān*.

**Syllabus:**

To study:

- Selected themes and discourses of Ibn ‘Arabi from *al-Muqaddima* of al-Qaysarī
  - o The metaphysical discourse of Ibn ‘Arabi

**Learning outcomes:**

On completion of this module, the successful student will:

- Have acquired advanced knowledge of the major themes and discussions of Ibn ‘Arabi’s thought on ‘*Irfān*
- Have the ability to undertake a sophisticated analysis of the classical texts of Ibn ‘Arabi
- Have an in-depth understanding of the different theories of the God-World relationship in accordance with Ibn ‘Arabi.

**Assessment Weighting:**

- 60% Exam
- 40% Oral Exam

**Learning Materials:**

Core text:

*‘Irfān al-Nazarī: Uṣūl wa Masā’il ‘Irfān al-Nazarī, Tafṣīr wa Taḥlīl Muqaddima al-Qaysarī (bar sharḥ tā’iyyeh Ibn al-Fāriḍ), Pg. 205-564.*