

**STUDY PLAN**  
**Ph.D. IN QUR'ANIC EXEGESIS (TAFSĪR) AND SCIENCES ('ULŪM AL-QUR'ĀN)**

**A. General Rules and Conditions:**

1. This plan conforms to the regulations of the general frame of PhD programs in the University of Jordan.
2. Applicant should have had a Master degree in one of the following subjects in order to be accepted for doing this PhD course:
  - a. Qur'anic Exegesis and Sciences.
  - b. Qur'an and *Sunnah*.
  - c. Foundation of Religion

**B. SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

Student should memorize 6 sections (*ajzā'*) of the Qur'ān before the open discussion.

**Student should study (54) Credit Hours and pass the qualifying exam as Follows:**

- 1- Compulsory modules, student is requested to study the following seven modules (21 Cr. Hours):**

Module Number	Modules	Credit Hours	Theoretical Part	Practical Part	Prerequisites
0401901	Analytical Studies of Qur'anic Texts (Verses)	3	3		
0401902	The Theory of Lexical Indication in Qur'anic Exegesis	3	3		
0401903	Orientalist Studies in Qur'anic Exegesis and Qur'anic Sciences	3	3		
0401904	Principles of Qur'anic Exegesis	3	3		
0401905	Comparative Exegesis of the Qur'an	3	3		
0401906	The Impact of the Qur'anic Readings on the Exegesis of the Qur'an	3	3		
0401907	Studies in the Qur'anic Exegesis of Muslim Sects	3	3		

- 2- Elective modules, student should choose five modules (15 Cr. Hours) of the following:**

Module Number	Modules	Credit Hours	Theoretical Part	Practical Part	Prerequisites
0401908	Qur'anic Sciences in Early and Later Scholars' Works	3	3		
0401909	Advanced Studies of the Inimitability of the Qur'an	3	3		
0401910	Contemporary Qur'anic Studies	3	3		

0401911	Studies on the Verification of the Historicity of the Qur'anic Text	3	3		
0401912	The Obscure and Ambiguous in the Qur'an	3	3		
0401913	Modernists and the Qur'anic Exegesis	3	3		
0401914	Qur'anic Studies in English	3	3		
0401915	Studies in the Thematic Exegesis	3	3		
0401916	Methods of Research and Editing Manuscripts in Qur'anic Studies	3	3		

3- Student should take and pass a Proficiency Test in the subject (0401998).

4- Thesis (18 Cr. Hours), (0401999).

### Modules Description:

- 0401901      **Analytical Studies of Some Qur'anic Texts:**  
 In this module certain parts of the Qur'an are analytically studied and examined. This study is carried out on the light of the rules of the rhetorical art and style. It includes the investigation of Qur'anic words, expressions, terms and vocabulay in the light of Arabic grammatical and morphological rules.
- 0401902      **The Theory of Lexical Indication in Qur'anic Exegesis:**  
 This module studies the main features, characteristics and rhetoric secrets of the Qur'anic expression and its main elements, i.e. words, vocabularies and sentences. The Quranic style and language are also discussed in this course. This discussion includes the linguistic and rhetorical features of the Qur'anic text, word order, the advancing and retarding (*al-tqdim wa al-ta'khir*), metaphor and their implications and use in classical and modern linguistic and rhetorical works.
- 0401903      **Orientalist Studies in Qur'anic Exegesis and Qur'anic Sciences**  
 This course examines some of the most famous Western writings on the Qura'nic sciences and exegesis. The views of famouse figures such as Hamilton Gibb, Goldziher, Phiplie, Watt, NÖldeke, Smith, Massignon, Dunlop, Émile Homerun, Etienne Rene, and Carlyle will be discussed in this course in order to find out to what extent their arguments were objective or otherwise.
- 0401904      **Principles of Qur'anic Exegesis:**  
 This module gives students a general but advanced introduction to the principles of the art of Qur'anic exegesis. It discusses the rules and methods the exegetes followed and used in their works. The exegetics' approaches and methods of criticism are also discussed in this course.
- 0401905      **Comparative Exegesis of the Qur'an:**  
 This course deals with the definition of the comparative exegesis of the Qur'an. The inception of this category of Qur'anic exegesis, its kinds, methods of studying it, and ways of giving preference for one view over others will be discussed in this course. The course also includes a comparative practical study of selected themes, principles and approaches use by scholars in the field of Qur'anic exegesis.

- 0401906 **The Impact of the Qur'anic Readings on the Exegesis of the Qur'an:**  
This module highlights and discusses the impact which Qur'anic readings have on exegetical works. It investigates the scholars' use and selection of the authentic or otherwise Qur'anic readings in their works. The course also explores the role Qur'anic readings play in the enriching of the meaning of the Qur'anic verses and for proving its inimitability.
- 0401907 **Studies in the Qur'anic Exegesis of Muslim Sects:**  
This course presents the various approaches used by followers of Muslim sects in their exegetical works. It aims to highlight the main differences between their exegesis of the Qur'an, the reasons behind such differences, the impact of these differences and the most preferred views.
- 0401908 **Qur'anic Sciences in Early and Later Scholars' Works:**  
This course compares the works and studies on the Qur'anic sciences of scholars of the early period with those of the later period. It aims to develop indexes of these studies, concepts and terms which enable students to scrutinize these works. The efforts of later scholars are expected to be evaluated and appreciated in such a course.
- 0401909 **Advanced Studies of the Inimitability of the Qur'an:**  
In this module, the main aspects of the inimitability of the Qur'an are studied. These aspects include the rhetorical, legislative, scientific and spiritual inimitability of the Qur'an. The course also includes a practical part where these aspects are explored in the light of certain chapters of the Qur'an.
- 0401910 **Contemporary Qur'anic Studies:**  
In this course various contemporary and modern social, economical and cultural issues are addressed from a Qur'anic perspective. These issues include:  
1- The universality and the authority of the Quran.  
2- Human rights in the Qur'an.  
3- Dialogue between religions in the Qur'an.  
4- Women's issues and rights in the Qur'an.
- 0401911 **Studies on the Verification of the Historicity of the Qur'anic Text:**  
This module covers selected themes which are all related to the title of the verification of the historicity of the Qur'anic text. These themes include its revelation, writing, following the *Uthmani* way of writing, collection, copying, and the use of the signs used for the pronunciation and spelling the Qur'anic text, etc.
- 0401912 **The Obscure and Ambiguous in the Qur'an:**  
This course explores what may appear to be obscure or ambiguous verses of the Qur'an. It also investigates some of the reasons behind this obscurity or ambiguity and some of the clear and consistent ways used for removing the obscurity or ambiguity of the Qur'anic verses.
- 0401913 **Modernists and the Qur'anic Exegesis:**  
This module investigates the reasons behind what is known as Modernists' works on the exegesis of the Qur'an. It compares the

approach used in these writings and that used in the classical works on Qur'anic exegesis.

0401914

**Quranic Studies in English:**

This course focuses on studying some of the terms used in Qur'anic sciences and studies, and certain Qur'anic texts in English. It aims to enrich students' awareness of such terms and studies and their importance for Muslims.

0401915

**Studies in the Thematic Exegesis:**

In this module, the concept, principles, kinds, rules and advantages of the thematic exegesis of the Qur'an are discussed. It also includes a practical study of the relationship between letters, words, topics and the contextual flow (*al-siyaq*) of the Qur'anic verses.

0401916

**Methods of Research and Editing Manuscripts in Qur'anic Studies:**

This course explores the meaning and methods of academic research in the field of Qur'anic studies. It introduces students to the main features and characteristics of the analytical, critical and library based methods.