

Darul Irshad | Al Tafsir Al Rabbānī Program

A 3-Year Qur'anic Journey: Bronze (Year 1) – Silver (Year 2) – Gold (Year 3)

Al-Tafseer al-Rabbānī Program Structure

A 3-Year Journey of Depth, Devotion, and Divine Wisdom

The **al-Tafseer al-Rabbānī Program** is a structured, spiritually enriching 3-year course designed to guide students through a deep, meaningful engagement with the Qur'an — one rukū' at a time. It combines classical scholarship with contemporary relevance, enabling learners to connect with Allah's words intellectually, emotionally, and practically.

This is not just a tafseer class — it is a **transformative Qur'anic journey** that shapes your understanding of Islam, sharpens your spiritual vision, and renews your sense of purpose.

Course Structure

The program spans **3 years**, progressing through all **558 rukū's** of the Qur'an, at a manageable pace:

- **40 sessions per year approximately**
- **1 rukū' studied in-depth** per session
- **3–4 rukū's summarised** per session
- **Certificates awarded** at the end of each year:
 - **Bronze:** Year 1 (approx. 33% completed)
 - **Silver:** Year 2 (approx. 66% completed)
 - **Gold:** Year 3 (complete)

Each session includes:

- Arabic recitation with translation
- Overview of meanings and themes
- Tafsir based on classical sources
- Spiritual reflections and practical relevance
- Q&A and student interaction

Each Session will be divided in two parts:

1. In-depth Coverage of Content

Audience: Scholars, academics, and students seeking deeper understanding (General Muslims can still benefit)

This part draws upon **the most authoritative classical tafsir works** and blends them with contemporary relevance. It's as though you were studying **Ṭabarī, Māturīdī, Rāzī, Qurtubī, Ālūsī, Abī al-Su‘ūd, Thanwī, Shafi‘, and Kāndhlawī** — all in one place. **Duration:** 45 mins weekly

Each in-depth session will draw from **classical and contemporary tafsir works**, with added emphasis on **intellectual clarity** and **defence of Ahl al-Sunnah**. The following major references are used:

Classical Tafsir Works:

1. **Tafsir al-Ṭabarī** – Earliest major tafsir based on transmitted reports with sanad
2. **Māturīdī al- Māturīdī**- Earliest Tafsir detailing Islamic theology
3. **Tafsir al-Rāzī** – Philosophical insight, theological arguments, and mental stimulation
4. **Rūḥ al-Ma‘ānī** by al-Ālūsī – A multi-layered tafsir with broad referencing & spiritual insights
5. **Tafsir Abī al-Su‘ūd** – Strong on language (Nahw, Sarf, Balaghah) & Fiqh rulings
6. **Bayān al-Qur’ān** by Mawlānā Ashraf ‘Alī Thānwī
7. **Ma‘ārif al-Qur’ān** by Muftī Muḥammad Shafi‘
8. **Ma‘ārif al-Qur’ān** by Mawlānā Idrīs Kāndhlawī

Rebuttals & Clarifications:

Alongside tafsir, the program integrates **refutations and responses to:**

- **False ideologies** (e.g. atheism, liberalism, feminism, modernism)
- **Misguided sects** (e.g. Mu‘tazilah, Khawārij, Shī‘ah, Qādiyānīs, etc.)
- **Misinterpretations of Qur’an by pseudo-intellectuals or secular movements**
- **Deviant religious interpretations or cult groups**
- **Christian & Jewish distortions in theology** (where relevant)

These rebuttals are delivered **with evidence, intellectual balance, and inspired by the methodology of the Salaf** and our great scholars.

Main Focus areas for the in-depth session:

- **Translation & Recitation**
- **Maqāṣid al-Sūrah** – The thematic purpose
- **Munaāsabāt** – Coherence between verses and surahs
- **Lughah** – Key Arabic terms, morphology, grammar & balaghah
- **Mujmal Ma‘nā** – Concise translation
- **Mufasssal Ma‘nā** – Full explanation of meanings
- **Asbāb al-Nuzūl**
- **Aḥkām** – Legal rulings derived
- **Ishārāt & Naẓar Bāṭinī** – Mystical and spiritual points
- **Refutations** of false ideologies, sects & religions
- **Asbāb al-Nuzūl** – Context and reason for revelation
- **Contemporary Reflections** – Application in modern life
- **Live Q&A + Discussions**

2. Brief Coverage of Content

Audience: Youth, Adults seeking clarity & General Muslims

The overview and brief sessions will cover:

- **Smooth translation of verses**
- **Highlighting key meanings & messages**
- **Spiritual and practical reflections**
- **Encouragement for further personal tafakkur (reflection)**

Duration: 45 mins weekly

Learning Outcomes of the Course:

By the end of the program, students will:

- Understand the Qur’anic message with clarity and depth.
- Develop spiritual connection and personal relevance with the Book of Allah.
- Be equipped to explain key themes, rulings, and stories in the Qur’an.
- Gain familiarity with classical tafsir methodology.
- Be trained in identifying the structure, flow, and inner meanings of surahs.
- Be able to engage modern challenges through Qur’anic insight.

Duration, Days & Timings:

- The classes will run Monday every week from 07pm-08:30pm.
- School holidays, including term holidays and end of year (Dec-Jan) holidays will be off.

Content Allocation

The Qur'an will be completed over 3 years based on thematic and reflective flow. While a rough structure of **40 detailed rukū's + 150–160 overview rukū's per year** is followed, **the exact rukū's and surahs are subject to change** based on:

- Relevance to current events
- Spiritual impact
- Student needs
- Time management

Additional Electives for Certification

To ensure a balanced and well-rounded education, **certificate eligibility requires** the following parallel short courses:

Level	Course Required	Focus
Bronze	<i>Usūl al-Tafsīr & 'Ulūm al-Qur'ān – Level 1</i>	Foundations of Qur'anic sciences
Silver	<i>Minhāj al-Islām</i>	Core Aqeedah, Fiqh, Tasawwuf & Islamic Worldview
Gold	<i>Usūl al-Tafsīr & 'Ulūm al-Qur'ān – Level 2</i>	Advanced Qur'anic methodology

These courses are paid electives and essential for certification.

Final Product (Upon Completion)

By the end of this journey, you will have:

- Covered the **entire Qur'an** in depth and summary
- A library of **recorded tafsir sessions**
- Personal **tafsir notes** across 558 rukūs
- A complete set of **reflections, rulings, and meanings**
- A spiritual foundation for lifelong Qur'anic engagement
- Eligibility for **Dar al-Irshad certification (Gold Level)**

Certification Policy:

Bronze Certification – Year 1

Level: ~33% of the program completed

Eligibility:

- Minimum **75% attendance** for Year 1
- Completion of assessments (if applicable)
- Conduct aligned with Ahl al-Sunnah wa al-Jamā‘ah
- **Completion of the following required course:**
 - **Usul al-Tafsir & ‘Ulūm al-Qur’ān – Level 1** (*Paid Course*)

Award: *Bronze Certificate of Completion*

Signifies foundational understanding of Qur’anic tafsir sciences and successful participation in the first year.

Silver Certification – Year 2

Level: ~66% of the program completed

Eligibility:

- As above, plus:
- Continued commitment and growth from Bronze level
- **Completion of the following required course:**
 - **Minhāj al-Islām Course** (*Paid Course*)
Covers essential understanding in:
 - ‘Aqīdah (Theology)
 - Fiqh (Law – any of the four madhāhib)
 - Sulūk (Spiritual refinement)
 - Islamic Worldview and intellectual grounding
 - This course will cover the foundational and orthodox understandings of these areas of Islam. It will not cover the intricate details of these areas.

Award: *Silver Certificate of Completion*

Demonstrates intermediate engagement with Qur’anic sciences and Islamic foundations.

Gold Certification – Year 3

Level: 100% of the program completed

Eligibility:

- Full participation and attendance across all 3 years
- Completion of all assessments and program tasks
- **Completion of the following required course:**
 - **Usul al-Tafsir & ‘Ulūm al-Qur’ān – Level 2** (*Paid Course*)
 Deepens mastery in:
 - Tafsir methodologies
 - Revelation sciences
 - Historical development
 - Approaches to contemporary tafsir

Award: *Gold Certificate of Completion*

Grants formal recognition of comprehensive study of the Qur’an with all academic and spiritual components fulfilled.

Note on Electives & Exceptions

- All three required courses (**Usul Level 1, Minhāj al-Islām, Usul Level 2**) are **mandatory paid electives** for their respective certification levels.
- These are not optional and form part of the holistic tafsir training experience.
- In **special cases**, students may be advised or exempted by the teacher/director based on prior learning and/or experience (written approval required).

General Certification Conditions

1. **Minimum Attendance**
 - At least **75% per year** required.
 - Students with <50% attendance in any term may:
 - Lose certification eligibility
 - Be removed from assessments
 - Be withdrawn from the program
2. **Belief & Conduct**
 - Students must adhere to **Ahl al-Sunnah wa al-Jamā‘ah**.
 - Deviation in belief or behaviour may result in removal or withholding of certificates.
3. **Darul Irshad Discretion**
 - The institute may revise certification requirements,
 - and holds the final authority in awarding certificates and access to ijāzah or advanced studies.

Graduation Perks – Gold Level

- Priority for advanced tafsir or takhaṣṣuṣ tracks

- Access to recordings and notes
- Opportunity to contribute to *Tafsir al-Rabbānī* publication
- Personal recommendation letters (on request)

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