



The Online American School

KHDA COURSES OVERVIEW

Mandatory courses for all students
registered with KHDA

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iCademy Middle East is a KHDA-licensed school

What is the KHDA?

Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA) is responsible for the growth and quality of private education in Dubai, UAE.

All KHDA-registered students must be enrolled in two courses:

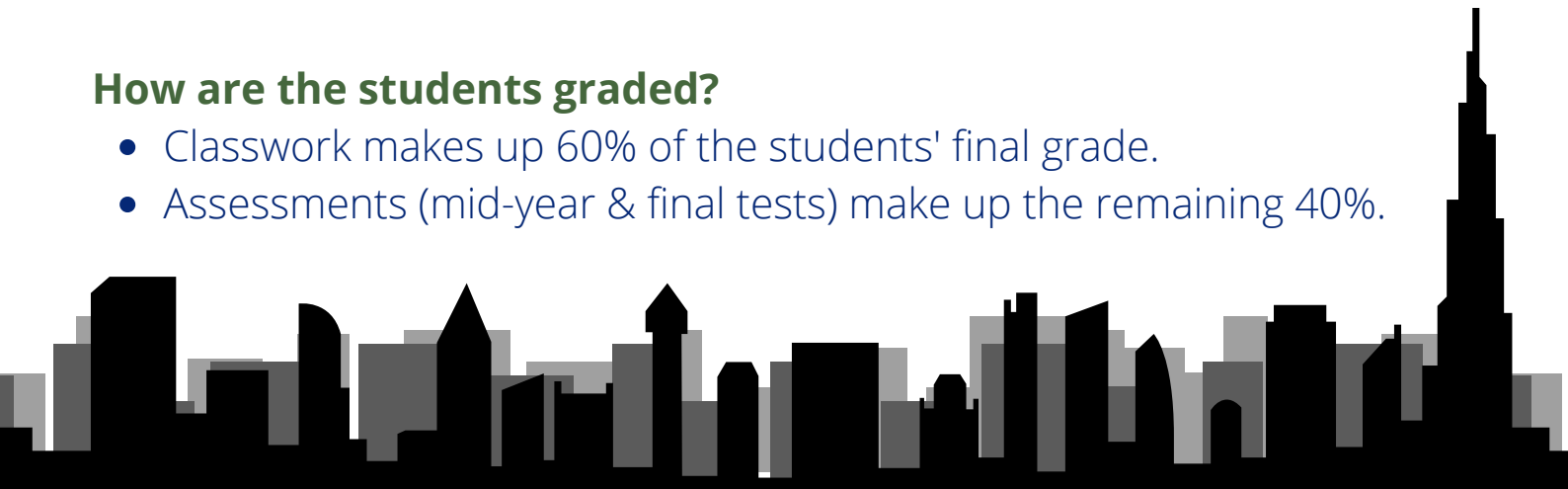
- **Arabic Language course (for both Native or Non-Native Arabic Speakers from Grade 1-12)**
- **Moral, Social and culture Education Course (for all students from Grade 1-12)**
- If the student is a **Muslim**, then a **third Islamic Education course** (in Arabic or English) is mandatory for Grades 1-12.

What does the school year look like?

The KHDA academic calendar runs from September to June. Students who start school after September will have to work on a “catch-up plan” with their teacher.

How are the students graded?

- Classwork makes up 60% of the students' final grade.
- Assessments (mid-year & final tests) make up the remaining 40%.



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ARABIC LANGUAGE

(Native Arabic Speakers)

The Native Arabic Course is **mandatory** for all **Arabic passport holder** students from grades 1-12

The Native Arabic course focuses on developing the four language skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening.

The materials provided to students, including the Arabic textbook and workbooks, are sourced from the UAE Ministry of Education. The teacher provides electronic books. Hard copies can be ordered online from the Ministry of Education bookstore.

Students attend **two live lessons** and **one live help** session per week, where they meet the teacher online, listen, watch, interact, ask questions, and work with their classmates on engaging activities.

Students participate in a weekly **reading program** that helps strengthen their fluency and accuracy in reading.

One of our main additions this year to the Native Arabic course is the transition of the curriculum to fully interactive lessons on the Abjadiyat and Alef Education platforms which are aligned with the MOE curricula. Students are guided on a personalized learning journey so they progress at their own pace, anytime and anywhere.



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ARABIC LANGUAGE (Non-Native Arabic Speakers)

The Non-Native Arabic course is **mandatory** for all **non-Arabs** students from grade 1-9, and is **optional** from grades 10-12

The Arabic language program for non-native Arabic speakers aims to build the students' communication skills from beginner to advanced levels. The courses develop reading, writing, listening skills, as well as oral communication. The students explore a variety of contemporary topics that relate to the modern world.

Our courses incorporate the use of a variety of resources and online materials, offering students the opportunity to practice the application of vocabulary and grammar in real-life situations. The courses prepare students to converse fluently and with confidence in Arabic.

Students attend **two live lessons** per week in lower school and **one live lesson** per week for MS and HS. In addition to **one live help** session per week for all grades. All the live lessons are recorded and the course material, homework assignments, and additional lesson resources are added to the Arabic course modules on Canvas.

In our non-native Arabic course, we use a digital interactive platform called Bareq. Bareq's standards and learning outcomes comply with the KHDA standards and outcomes for non-native Arabic speakers.



Arabic Language

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ISLAMIC STUDIES (Native Arabic Speakers)

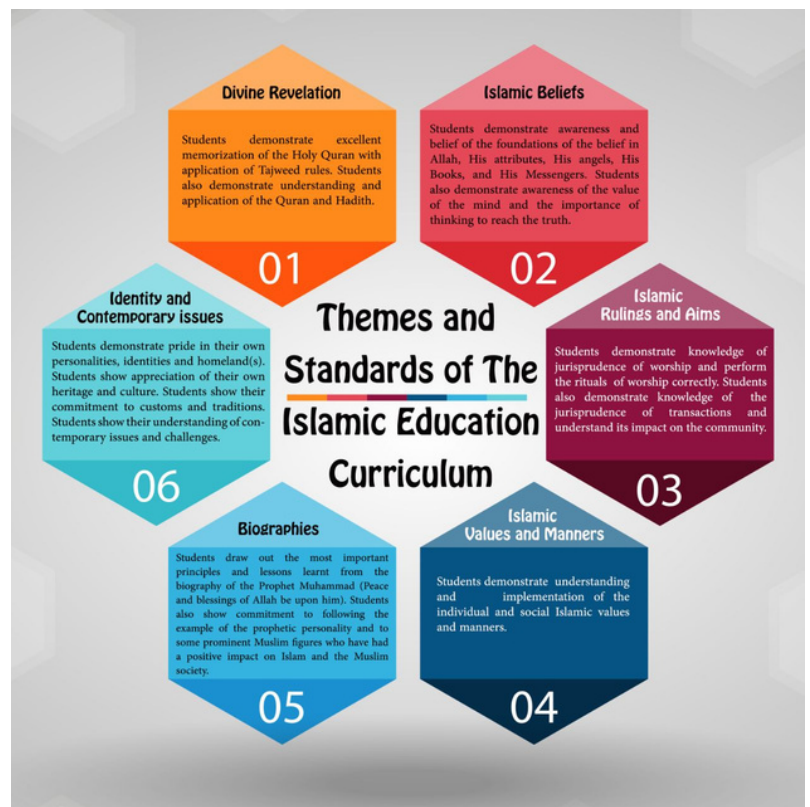
The Native Islamic Studies course is mandatory for all Arab Muslim students from grades 1-12.

The Islamic Studies course for Arab Muslims is an integrated curriculum. It includes six elements named the *Themes and Standards of the Islamic Education Curriculum*.

Students have a **weekly Live Session**, in addition to a **weekly Tilawa Session** and **Office Hours / Live Help** for one on one support. They are assigned Surahs from the Quran to study and memorize. They are also assessed on their ability to recite these Surahs by delivering a recorded video on **Canvas**. We use various educational applications (such as *Nearpod*, *Kami*, and *Flipgrid*) to provide students with easy-to-access information, accelerated learning, and fun opportunities to practice what they learn. Students connect concepts taught in class, and they can apply their learning to their everyday lives.

Students are given access to the curriculum in two formats: the digital textbook provided by MOE and the interactive lessons on *Alef Education*. Students should obtain at least 60% to pass this course.

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ISLAMIC STUDIES (Non-Native Arabic Speakers)

The Non-Native Islamic Studies course is mandatory for all the Non-Arab Muslims students from grade 1-12

This course inspires students to love Islam, understand it, practice its teachings, and be proud of it. It comprises of a variety of topics including: the divine revelation, Islamic creed, Islamic values and moral teachings, Islamic rulings and purposes, the Prophet's biography, Islamic personalities, national identity, and modern issues.

Students will have **three live classes weekly**; The lesson class in which they will be introduced to a new topic about Islam, the Telawa class in which they will learn to recite Quran correctly while observing Tajweed rules, and the live help class in which they will receive individual help and support.

The course represents a new transmission in teaching Islam in a simple and interactive way that enables learners to enjoy every step in it and be proud of applying its teachings to their lives. We use a rich variety of educational apps and resources to enrich learners' experience. Some of the apps we use are *Nearpod, Flipgrid, Edpuzzle, Wordwall*, and much more. The course also includes many activities, competitions, and discussions that stimulate learners' interaction and communication with one another and help them to go beyond the virtual setting to a more engaging learning environment.

All classes are recorded, and all resources and activities are saved in one place on our platform, **Canvas**, where students can access it at any time.



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MORAL, SOCIAL, AND CULTURE STUDIES (ENGLISH)

Moral, Social, and Culture studies course is mandatory for all students registered with KHDA from grade 1-12

This subject is offered ONLY in English.

The MSC program is an innovative, engaging curriculum designed to develop young people of all nationalities and ages in the UAE with universal principles and values that reflect the shared experiences of humanity.

Lower and Middle school students attend engaging weekly live sessions while Gr. 10-12 students attend bi-weekly live sessions. The course is delivered via teacher-led, synchronous interactive sessions and asynchronous discussions, projects, and assessments based on Ministry of Education materials. Enrichment is provided through "Virtual Field Trips" and projects. Students complete weekly assignments designed around the given topic. Through these assignments, students are able to apply their knowledge and understand how the course material is relevant to their everyday lives.

Gr.9 MSC is a self-study course where the teacher assigns a topic to read and research with a weekly live help session; individual feedback and support is provided to every student





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