



The Online American School

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Mandatory courses for all students  
registered with KHDA

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# OVERVIEW



**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:

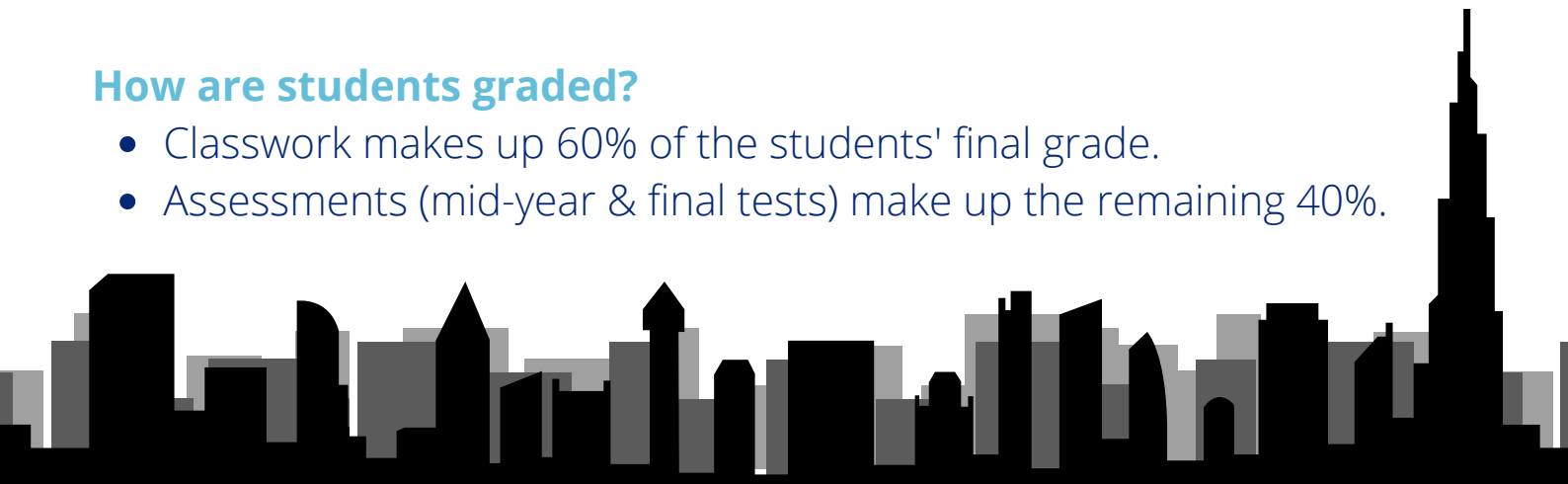
1. **Arabic Language for Native Arabic speakers in grades 1-12 and for Non-Native Arabic speakers in grades 1-9, where it is optional in grades 10-12.**
2. **Moral, Social and Cultural Studies (for all students in grades 1-12).**
  - If the student is **Muslim**, then a **third Islamic Studies course** (in Arabic or English) is mandatory in 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 students graded?

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



# 1

## ARABIC LANGUAGE

(Native Arabic speakers)

The Native Arabic course is mandatory for all Arabic passport holder students in grades 1-12.

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

The material provided to students, including the Arabic textbook and workbooks, are sourced from the UAE Ministry of Education (MOE). The teacher provides electronic books, but 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 the main changes made to the Native Arabic course is the transition of the curriculum to fully interactive lessons on the Abjadiyat and Alef Education platforms, which are in line 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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# 2

## ARABIC LANGUAGE (Non-Native Arabic speakers)

The Non-Native Arabic course is mandatory for all Non-Arab students in grades 1-9, and is optional in grades 10-12.

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

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

Students attend **two live sessions** per week in lower school, and **one live session** per week for middle and high school. All grades also have **one live help** session per week. 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)

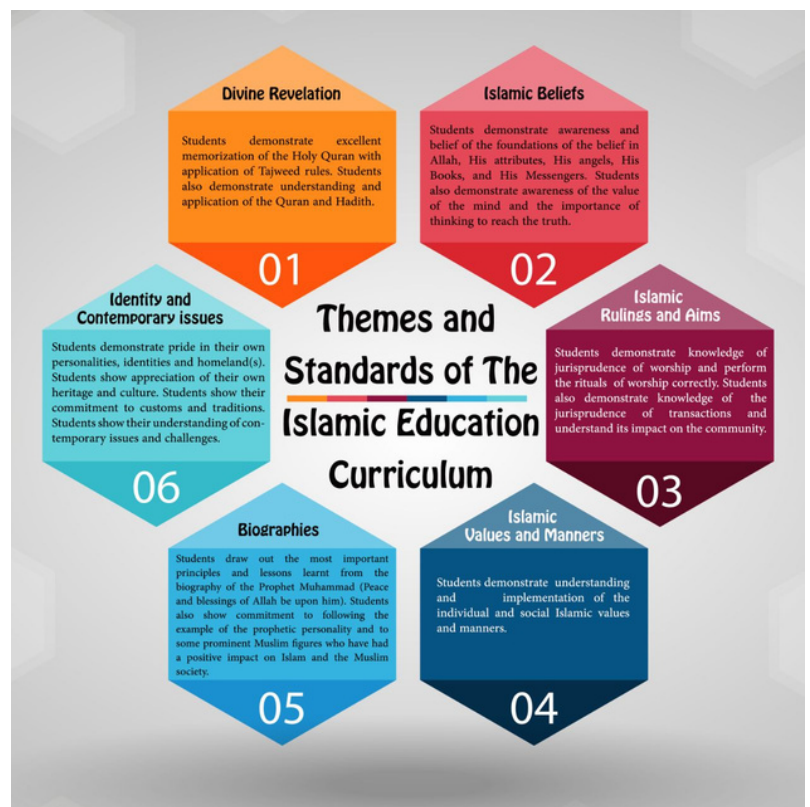
The Native Islamic Studies course is mandatory for all Arab Muslim students in grades 1-12.

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 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 must obtain at least 60% to pass this course.

One of our main changes to the Native Islamic Studies course is the transition of the curriculum to fully interactive lessons on the Alef Education platform, which is in line with the MOE curricula. Students are guided on a personalized learning journey so they progress at their own pace, anytime and anywhere.



# ISLAMIC STUDIES

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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 in grades 1-12.

This course inspires students to love Islam, understand it, practice its teachings, and be proud of it. It is comprised 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 have **two live sessions** weekly. The first session is a **live lesson**, where the students are introduced to a new topic about Islam. The second is a **Tilawa session**, where they learn to recite Quran correctly while observing Tajweed rules. In addition, there is a **live help session** that allows students to receive individual help and support from their teacher.

The course transmits traditional Islamic teachings in a unique, interactive manner that enables learners to enjoy the course 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' minds, encourages interaction and communication between one another, and helps 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 them at any time



# ISLAMIC STUDIES



# MORAL, SOCIAL, AND CULTURE STUDIES

(ENGLISH)

The Moral, Social, and Cultural (MSC) Studies course is mandatory for all students registered with KHDA in grades 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 **weekly live sessions**, while **grade 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 material. 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. Additional enrichment is provided through virtual field trips to important cultural sites in the country.

**Grade 9 MSC is a self-study course** where the teacher assigns students a topic to read and research, and holds a **weekly live help session** where students are given individual feedback and support.







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