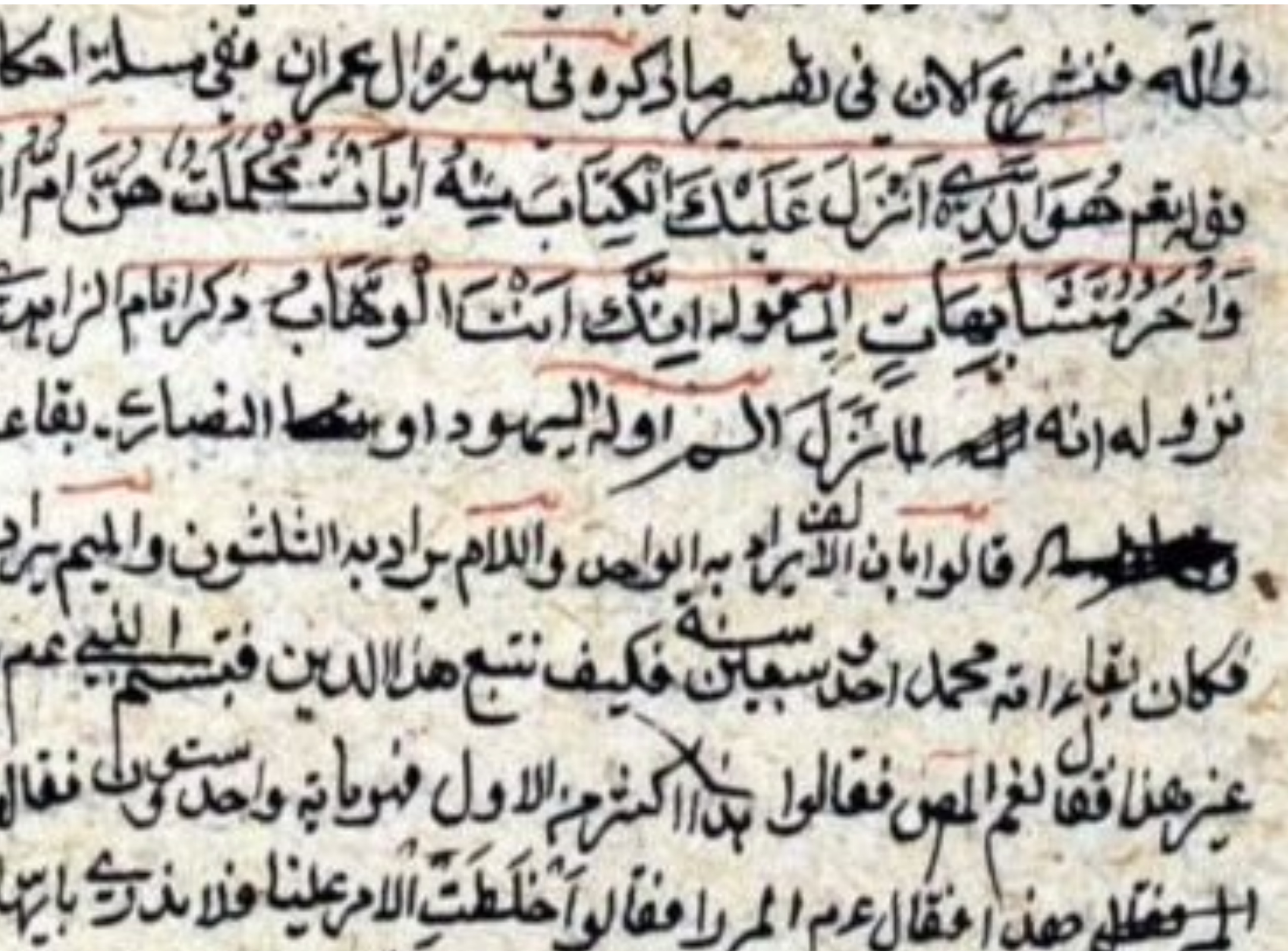


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SPECIALIZATION IN QUR'ĀNIC EXEGESIS







# The Takhaṣṣuṣ fī al-Tafsīr Program

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# The Takhaṣṣuṣ fī al-Tafsīr Program

## Year 1 Fall

### Two-year outline

#### Instructional

- Tamrīn al-Tafsīr I – Project-based learning to build aptitude for research and re-presentation of tafsīr.
- Semantic/Thematic Development of Tafsīr I (al-Tafsīr al-Mawḍūʿī) - Engage with advanced scholarship in Qurʾānic philology.
- Takwīn Malakat al-Tafsīr - Creating the skill of exegesis: Practical steps in creating the mind of the exegete.
- Tafsīr Methodologies I (Manāhij al-muffasirīn) - focus on tafsīr methodologies of important and influential tafsīr authors.

#### Goals

- Develop a malakah (mastery) within the science of tafsīr.
  - Describe the historical context and dynamic nature of exegetes (muffasirūn) and their tafāsīr.
- Understand the essential nature of tafsīr and its place in Islamic epistemology and relevance to our society.
  - Explain the impact of tafsīr on fiqh, ʿaqīdah, lugha, mantiq, and other sciences.
  - Develop appropriate academic responses to modern Qurʾānic questions.
  - Recognize and critique tafsir frameworks that circumvent the tradition and deconstruct taqlīd.
- Navigate and create knowledge across the spectrum of genres in ʿulūm al-Qurʾān and tafsīr.
  - Design resources that enhance tafsīr research and study.





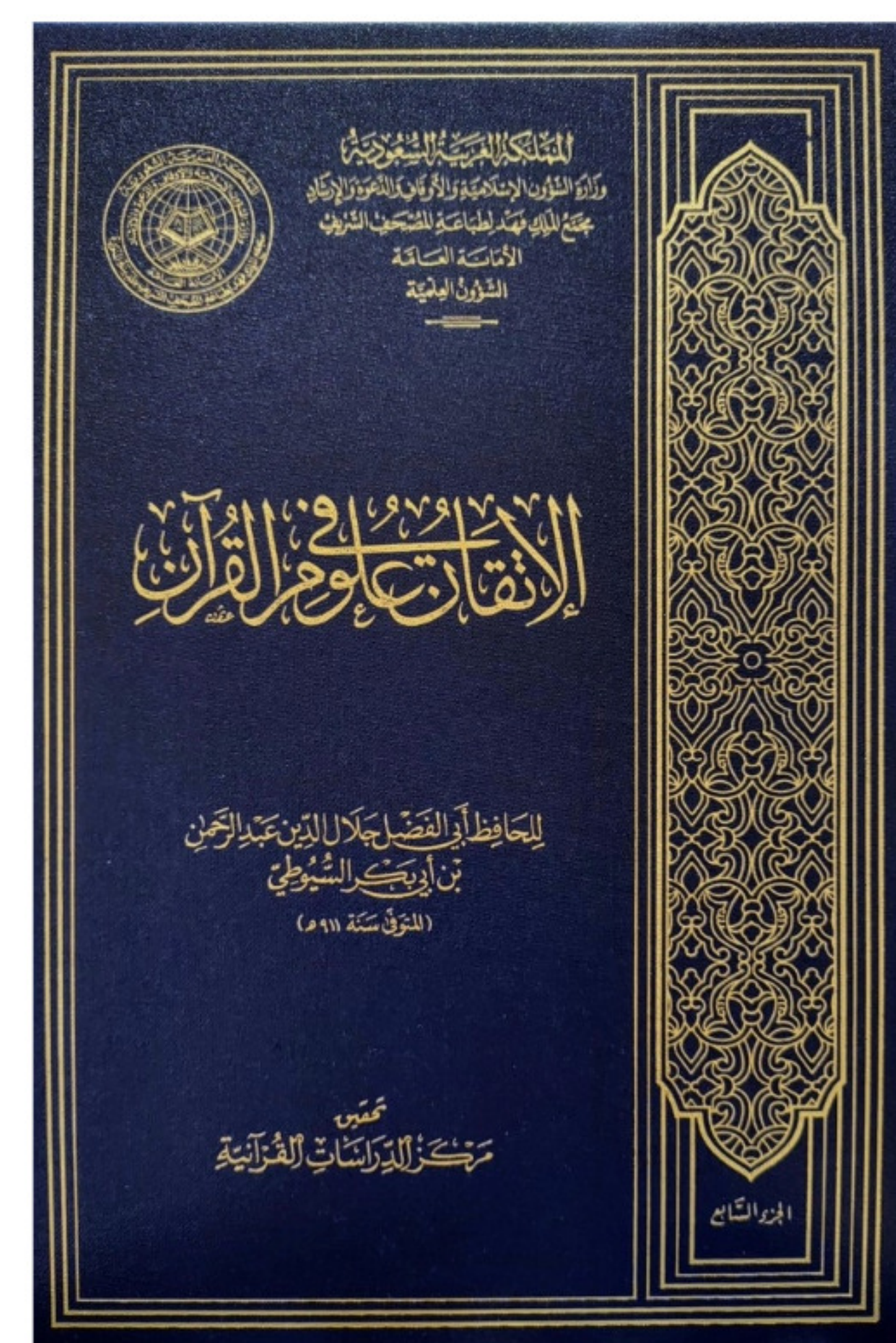
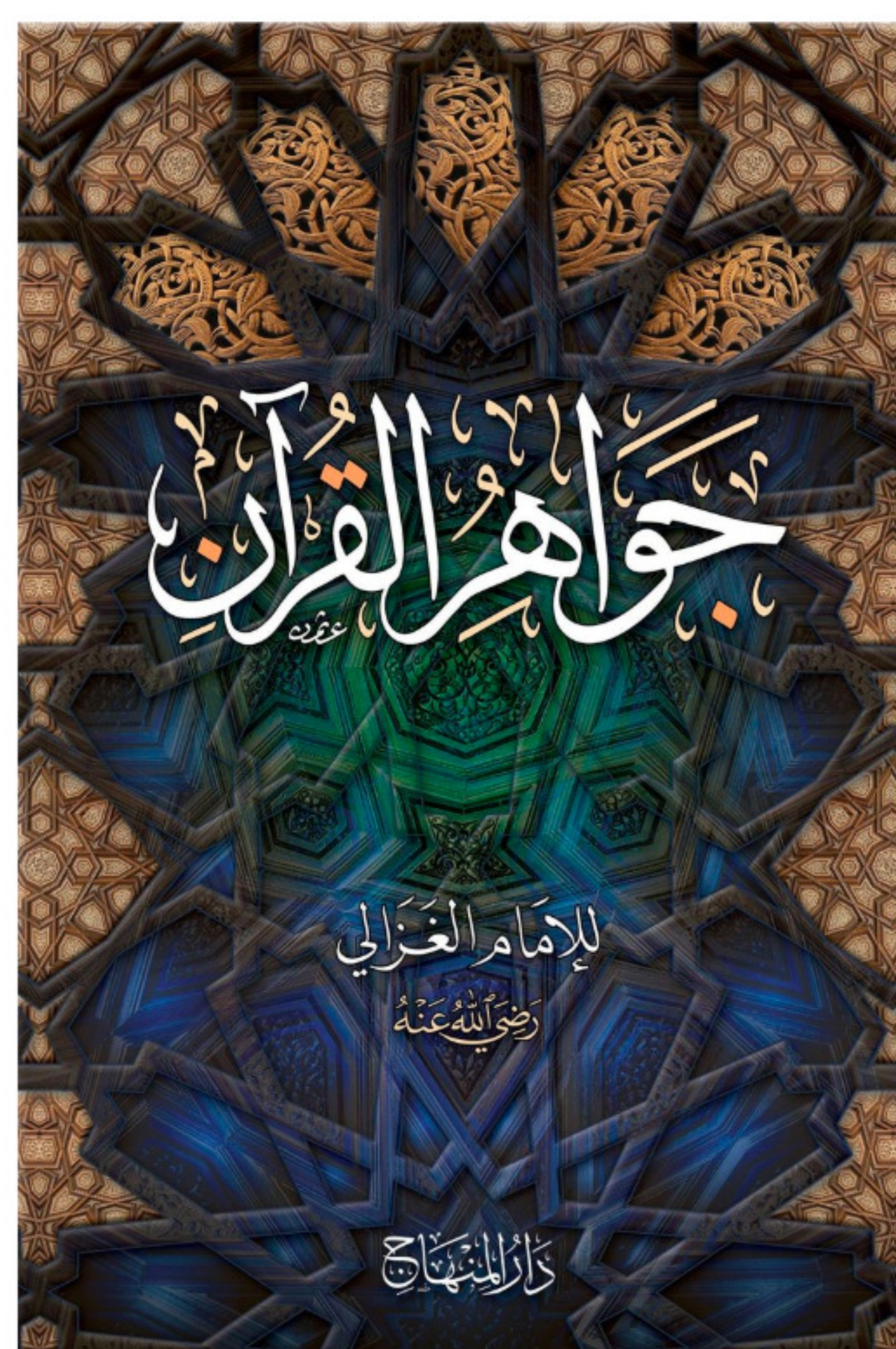
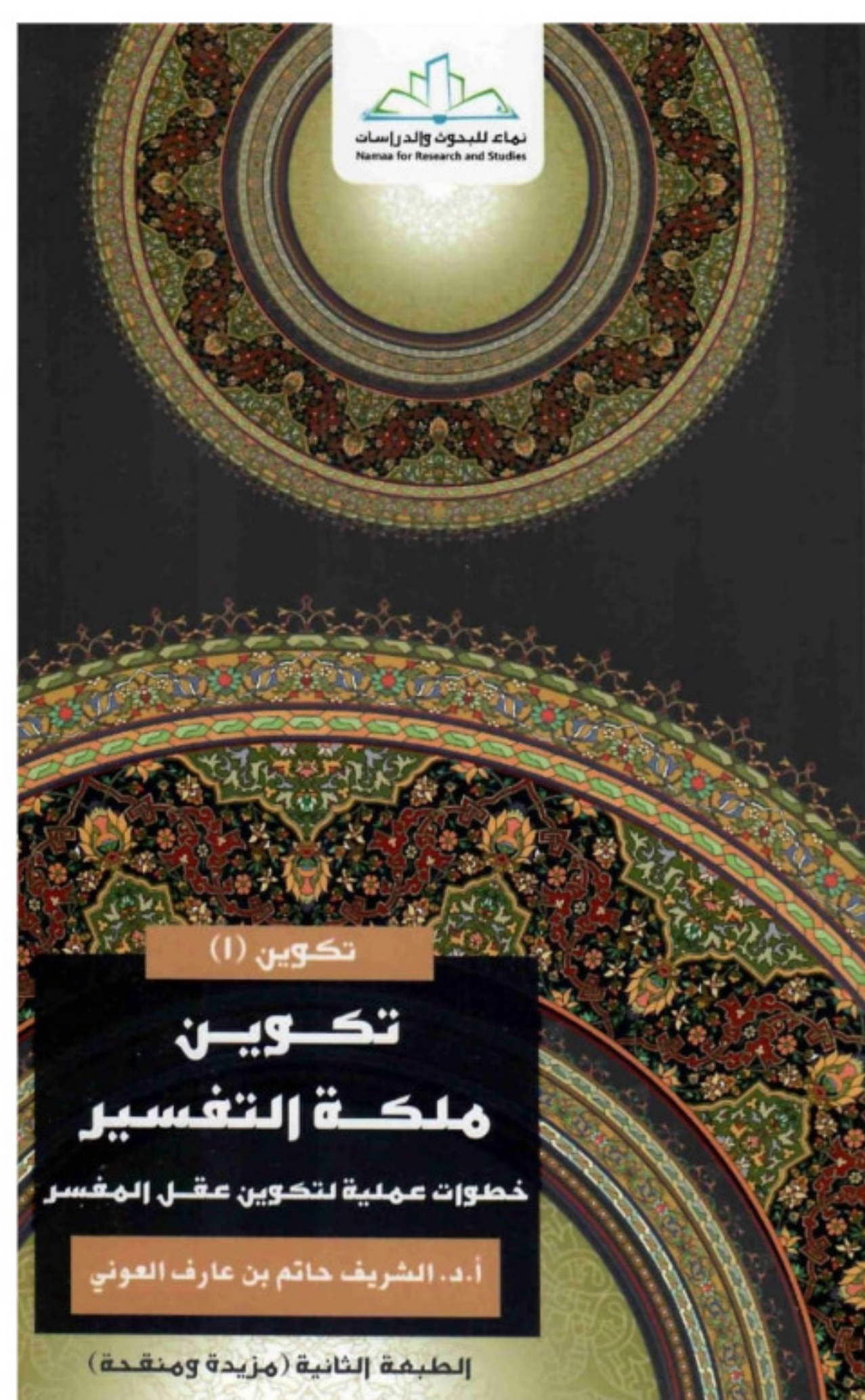
# The Takhaṣṣuṣ fī al-Tafsīr Program

Year 1  
Fall cont.

Two-year outline

## Readings

- Selected readings from the tafsīrs of:
  - al-Ṭabārī, al-Tha‘alabī, al-Wahidī, al-Māwardī, al-Zamakhsharī, Ibn al-Jawzī, al-Rāzī, al-Qurṭubī, al-Biqā‘ī, al-Ālūsī, and others
  - Jawāhir al-Qur’ān by al-Ghazālī
  - Takwīn malakat al-tafsīr: khaṭawāt ‘amaliya l-takwīn ‘aql al-mufasssir by Ḥātim al-‘Awnī
- Selected readings from the genres of: Ṭabaqāt al-Mufasssirīn
  - Ma‘ānī al-Qur’ān
  - al-Wujūh wa al-Naḏā‘ir
  - ‘Ulūm al-Qur’ān
- God and Man in the Qu'rān Semantics of the Koranic Weltanschauung by Toshihiko Izutsu





# The Takhaṣṣuṣ fī al-Tafsīr Program

## Year 1 *Spring*

### *Two-year outline*

#### **Instructional**

- Tamrīn al-Tafsīr II – Project-based learning to build aptitude for research and re-presentation of tafsīr.
- Semantic/Thematic Development of Tafsīr II (al-Tafsīr al-Mawḍūʿī) - Engage with advanced scholarship in Qurʾānic philology.
- Tafsīr Methodologies II (Manāhij al-muffasirīn) - focus on tafsīr methodologies of significant and valuable tafsīr genres such as lughawī, fiqhī, and ishārī.
- Tafsīr al-Māturīdī I (Taʾwīlāt ahl al-sunnah) - Al-Māturīdī's commentary will be used to analyze the Quran and the process of dirāya-based tafsir.

#### **Goals**

- Synthesize theory and practice within a dynamic, advanced, and polymathic field.
- Demonstrate teaching and learning standards in re-presenting tafsīr.
- Continue to develop a malakah (mastery) within the science of tafsīr.
- Demonstrate how a madhhab, mashrab, philosophy, theory, model, and/or major historical development impacts tafsīr in diverse settings.
- Evaluate current resources and tools that facilitate tafsīr research and translation.
- Navigate across the spectrum of genres in ʿulūm al-Qurʾān and tafsīr.
- Complete readings in tafsīr methodologies, uṣūl al-tafsīr, and history of tafsīr.
- Synthesize theory and practice within a dynamic, advanced, and polymathic field.
- Derive principles from classical tafāsīr and apply them to contemporary tafāsīr.
- Demonstrate teaching and learning standards in re-presenting tafsīr.





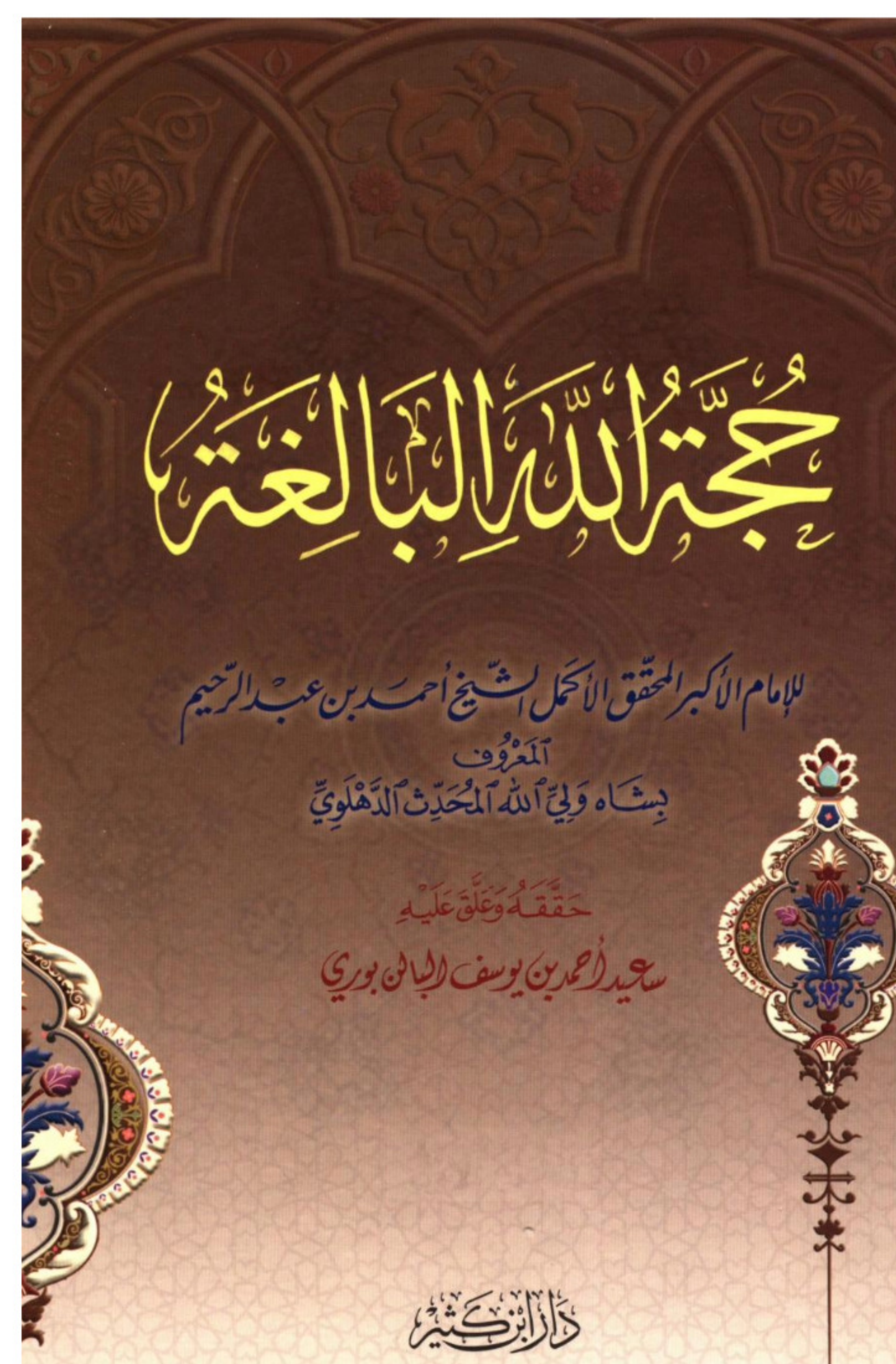
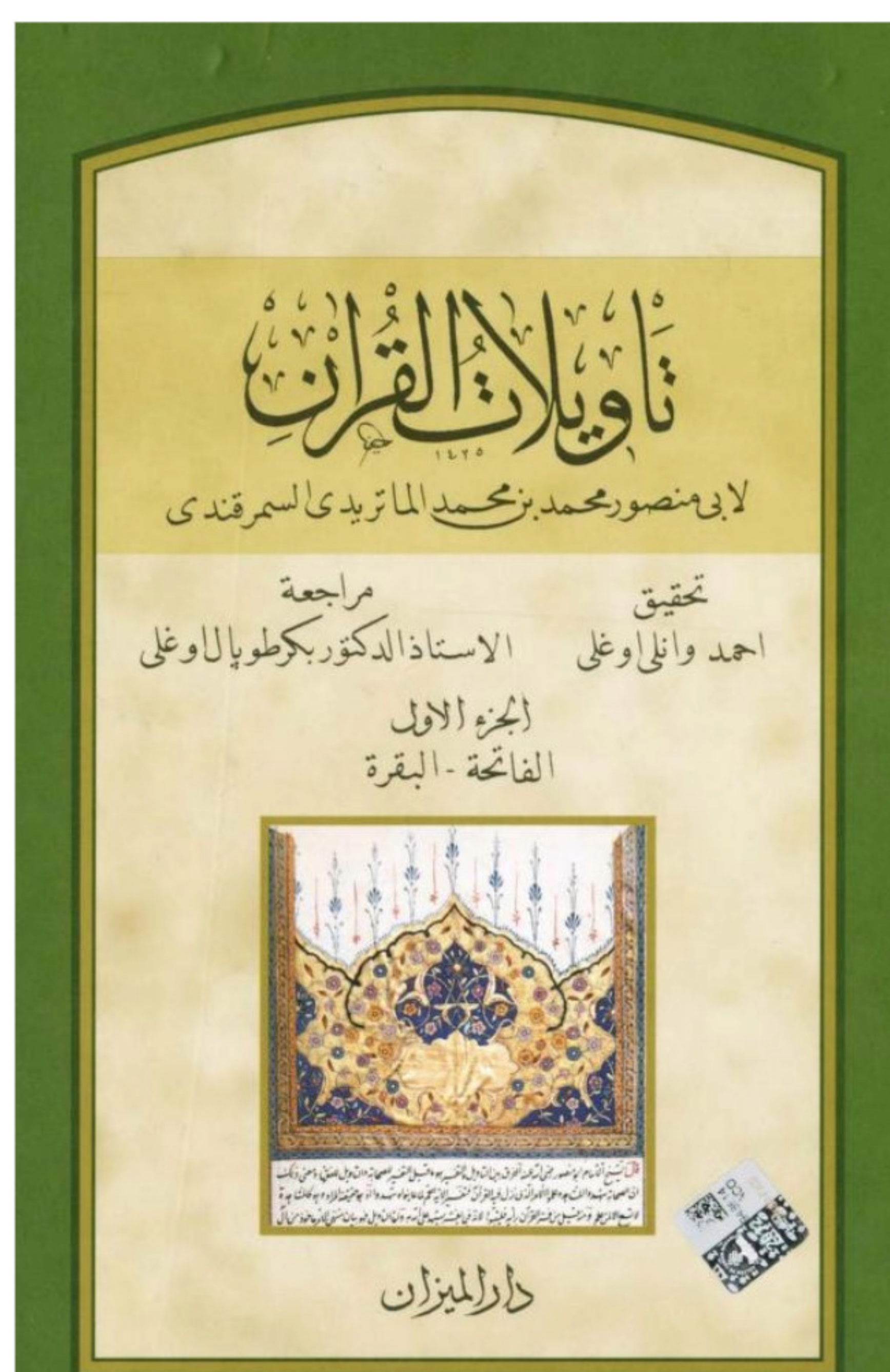
# The Takhaṣṣuṣ fī al-Tafsīr Program

Year 1  
Spring cont.

Two-year outline

## Readings

- Selections of Abū Manṣūr al-Māturīdī's "Ta'wīlāt ahl al-Sunnah" (Ta'wīlāt al-Qur'ān)
- Selected readings from the tafsīrs of: al-Tusturī, al-Qushayrī, Ibn 'Atiyyah, Abū Ḥayyān, Ismā'īl Ḥaqqī, al-Jaṣṣāṣ, Mullā Jīwan, and others
- Hujjatullah al-Bālighah by Shah Waliullah
- al-Tafsīr al-Lughawī by Musā'd al-Ṭayyār
- al-Tafsīr al-Ishārī by Ṣalāh al-Dāsī
- Structure and Quranic Interpretation A Study of Symmetry and Coherence in Islam's Holy Text by Raymond Farrin
- Coherence in the Quran by Muntasir Mir
- Major Themes of the Quran by Fazlur Rahman





# The Takhaṣṣuṣ fī al-Tafsīr Program

## Year 1 Short-Term

### *Two-year outline*

#### **Instructional**

- Tafsīr al-Māturīdī II (Ta'wīlāt ahl al-sunnah) - Al-Māturīdī's commentary will be used to analyze the Quran and the process of dirāya-based tafsīr.
- Tafsīr Azīzī– Unique selections and commentary from Shaḥ 'Abdul 'Azīz's tafsīr.
- Qur'ān & Biblical Texts - Explore the corpora of isrā'īliyyāt and the relationship between biblical stories as an exegetical approach and western studies on isrā'īliyyāt to view the inner and historical differences and the salient peculiarities ranging from this exegetical genre.

#### **Goals**

- Develop a malakah (mastery) within the science of tafsīr.
- Describe the historical context and dynamic nature of exegetes (muffasirūn) and their tafsīrs.
- Demonstrate how a madhhab, mashrab, philosophy, theory, model, and/or major historical development impacts tafsīr in diverse settings.
- Understand the essential nature of tafsīr and its place in Islamic epistemology and relevance to our society.
- Explain the impact of tafsīr on fiqh, 'aqīdah, lugha, manṭiq, and other sciences.
- Develop appropriate academic responses to modern Qur'ānic questions.
- Navigate and create knowledge across the spectrum of genres in 'ulūm al-Qur'ān and tafsīr.
- Evaluate current resources and tools that facilitate tafsīr research and translation.

#### **Readings**

- Selections of Abū Manṣūr al-Māturīdī's "Ta'wīlāt ahl al-Sunnah" (Ta'wīlāt al-Qur'ān)
- Faḥ al-'Azīz, (Tafsīr Azīzī) by Shaḥ 'Abdul 'Azīz
- Oxford Handbook of Quranic Studies Edited by Mustafa Shah and M. A. S. Abdel Haleem
- Quran and Late Antiquity by Angelika Neuwirth





# The Takhaṣṣuṣ fī al-Tafsīr Program

## Year 2 Research and Thesis

### *Two-year outline*

### **Description of Thesis Work**

Upon completion of Year 1 coursework and passing the qualifying process, Takhaṣṣuṣ fī al-Tafsīr students proceed to thesis work. This course is in the second year of the Takhaṣṣuṣ program. Students will be given step-by-step guidance on writing a successful thesis. This course covers vital processes like developing a research idea, writing a literature review, crafting a proposal, and submitting a thesis, and provides practical advice on utilizing the resources provided by the Mawlana Anwar Shah Kashmiri Library. It also gives students a chance to explore, articulate, and substantiate the theory, data collection and analysis supporting their thesis research.

### **Goals**

- Effectively research and write independent research that makes an original contribution in the field of tafsīr.
- Defend thesis.
- Critical reading of thesis by committee of graduate faculty members.
- Submission and acceptance of peer-reviewed articles and conference papers based on the thesis.



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