

## Subjects for Winter Semester 2016

1. Aqaid

Textbook: *Islamic Belief System* (2015), Unit 2 on Knowing God & Unit 3 on Knowing Man

2. Akhlaq:

Textbook: *Self Development: Essays on Islamic Spirituality* (2016)

This book contains eight essays on different aspects of Islamic spirituality:

- The Significance of Self-control and Self-purification
- Different Methodological Approaches to Spirituality
- Different Treatments of Spirituality
- A Glance at the Process of Self-development
- Key Concepts in Islamic Spirituality
- Practical Instructions for the Spiritual Journey
- Outcomes of the Spiritual Journey
- The Supreme Light and Created Lights: A Qur'anic Perspective

3. Usul al-Fiqh

Textbook: *Principles of Jurisprudence: An Introduction to Methodology of Fiqh* (2nd edition: 2012)

This book comes in twelve lessons and is planned to serve as an introductory book to the science of Uṣūl al-Fiqh. Attempts are made to make the ideas as simple and clear as possible without presupposing *any* prior knowledge of the reader about the subject. It is hoped that it can also be of help to those who are willing to learn more about Islam and particularly about the way that Shi'a jurists derive practical rulings from their sources.