

Short Dars-e-Nizami

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In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

A Programme of Sacred Knowledge for the Educated Mind

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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES FOUNDATION · LAHORE

A Four-Year Islamic Scholarship Programme — Designed for University Graduates and Lifelong Learners

Welcome Message

"Knowledge transforms minds, and revelation shapes destinies. We welcome you to a journey of both."

Dear Seeker of Knowledge,

It is a profound honour to welcome you to the **Short Dars-e-Nizami (SDN) Programme** — a four-year flagship initiative of the School of Social Sciences Foundation (SSSF), Lahore. SDN is far more than an Islamic course; it is a deliberate, structured, and intellectually rigorous journey designed for the modern Muslim graduate who seeks to harmonise faith with reason, tradition with critical inquiry, and personal spirituality with public service.

In an age that demands both depth of conviction and clarity of expression, SDN equips university-educated learners with the language of the Qur'an, the wisdom of the Sunnah, and the analytical maturity to navigate contemporary challenges. Whether you join us in our Lahore classrooms or from across the globe through our digital platforms, you become part of a growing fraternity of scholars, professionals, and lifelong learners committed to intellectual Islamic revival.

We invite you to step forward with sincerity. The path of sacred learning is demanding — but its rewards are immeasurable, both in this life and the next.

Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Zubair

Founder & CEO · School of Social Sciences Foundation, Lahore

Vision & Mission

Our Vision

To raise a generation of intellectually awakened, spiritually anchored, and globally engaged Muslim leaders.

The Short Dars-e-Nizami envisions a world in which the Muslim graduate is not divided between secular education and sacred knowledge, but inhabits both with confidence and grace. We aspire to revive the classical tradition of Islamic scholarship — the same tradition that produced jurists, scientists, philosophers, and reformers — and to translate it into a contemporary curriculum capable of shaping critical thinkers, conscientious citizens, and visionary leaders.

Our Mission

Our mission is to revive Islamic scholarship among university graduates and serious lifelong learners by offering a structured, accessible, and academically rigorous pathway into the foundational sciences of Islam.

- Re-anchor Muslim intellectuals in the primary sources of revelation — the Qur'an and the Sunnah.
- Cultivate disciplined reasoning, methodological clarity, and ethical integrity in our students.
- Build a global, ad-free community of learners who pursue knowledge for its own sake and for the service of humanity.
- Empower graduates to think critically, live faithfully, and lead intellectually within their families, professions, and societies.

Why Choose SDN?

SDN is not a parallel madrasa programme adapted for graduates; it is a purpose-built academic experience created from the ground up for the educated Muslim mind.

Designed for Graduates

A curriculum calibrated to the intellectual level of university-educated students — substantive in content, modern in pedagogy, and respectful of the learner's prior education.

Comprehensive Coverage

Forty-four courses spanning eight academic groups, from Quranic and Hadith Sciences to Comparative Religion, Western Philosophy, and Research Methodology.

Flexible Hybrid Model

Sunday-only physical classes in Lahore, paired with structured online instruction via LMS and WhatsApp — accessible from any city in the world.

Accessible by Design

A non-commercial, sponsorship-supported model ensures that no sincere seeker is turned away because of financial limitations.

Academically Credible

A rigorous assessment system based on weekly quizzes, monthly assignments, mid-semester and final examinations, and structured practical application.

Visionary Leadership

Direct mentorship under Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Zubair, an internationally respected scholar with 20+ books and 200+ research articles.

Programme Overview

The Short Dars-e-Nizami is a four-year, eight-semester scholarly programme that condenses the essential disciplines of the classical Dars-e-Nizami curriculum and reframes them in a structured, modern academic format. It is delivered in a hybrid mode — combining weekend physical classes at our Lahore campus with continuous online instruction.

Programme Title	Short Dars-e-Nizami (SDN) — Four-Year Islamic Scholarship Programme
Awarding Institution	School of Social Sciences Foundation (SSSF), Lahore
Duration	4 Years · 8 Semesters of 6 months each
Total Courses	44 courses across 8 academic groups
Total Contact Hours	1,956 hours
Mode of Delivery	Hybrid — Physical (Lahore campus) + Online (LMS & WhatsApp)
Physical Classes	Sundays only · 4 hours per week
Online Classes	6 hours per week · asynchronous + live
Medium of Instruction	Urdu (primary) · Arabic & English (selected texts)
Eligibility	Bachelor's degree (BS / BA) or equivalent · Intermediate (HSSC) considered on merit
Intakes	Twice a year · June and December
Programme Supervisor	Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Zubair, PhD

Academic Structure

The SDN academic architecture is built around the principle of credit-hour accountability — a transparent system that allows learners to measure progress, instructors to plan rigorously, and the institution to maintain consistent quality.

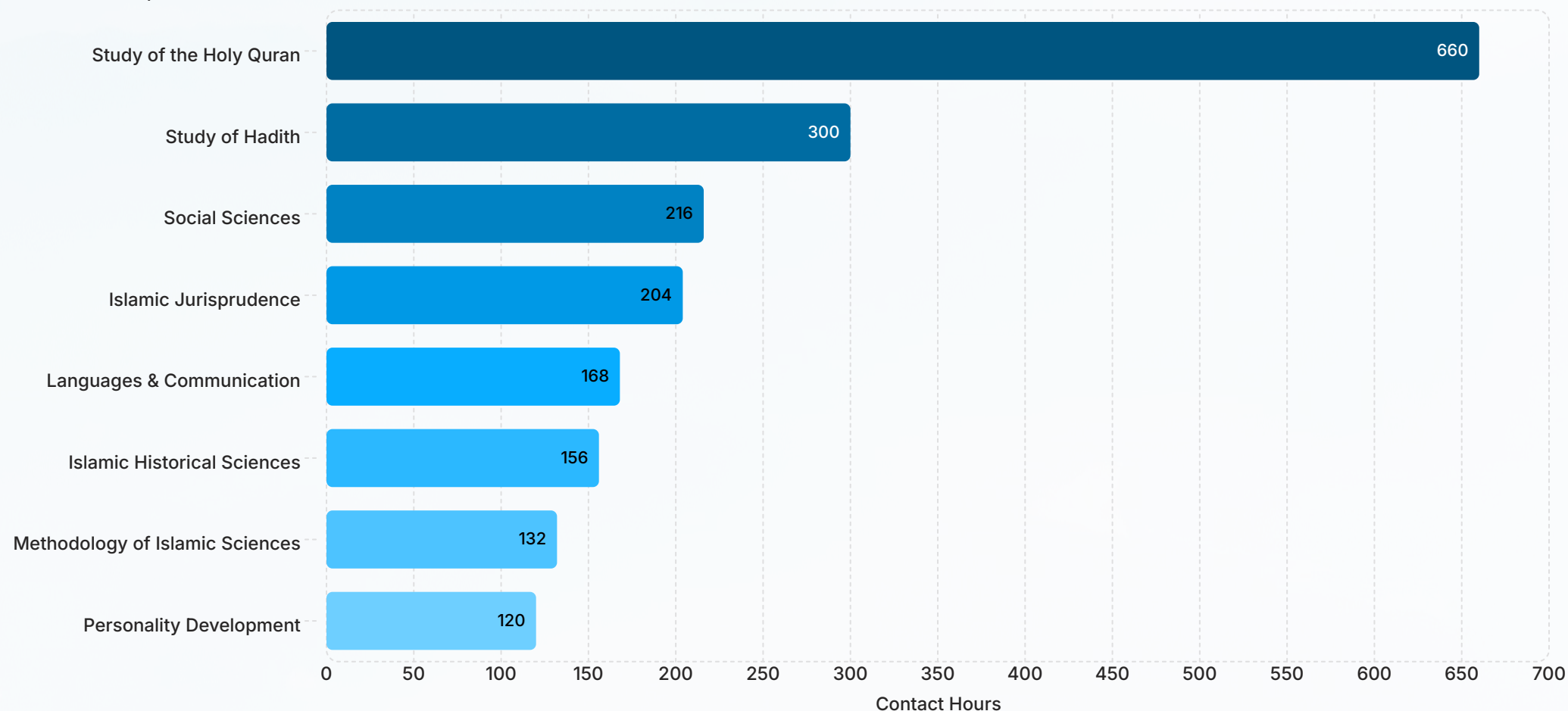
Credit-Hour Framework

Programme Duration	4 Years · 8 Semesters
Credit Hours per Semester	Approximately 250
Total Credit Hours	1,956
Weekly Commitment	10 hours (4 physical + 6 online)
Annual Teaching Weeks	48

Eight Academic Groups

Course Group	Courses	Hours
Languages & Communication Skills	6	168
Methodology of Islamic Sciences	6	132
Islamic Jurisprudence	4	204
Islamic Historical Sciences	4	156
Social Sciences	5	216
Personality Development	4	120
Study of Hadith	11	300
Study of the Holy Quran	4	660
TOTAL	44	1,956

Academic Group



Detailed Curriculum Overview

The complete catalogue of courses, codes, prescribed reference texts, and contact hours for each of the eight academic groups. All named texts are supplemented by the original lecture notes and curated readings of Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Zubair.

Group 1 – Languages & Communication Skills (168 hrs)

#	Code	Course Title	Hours
1	LC-101	Easy Quranic Arabic Grammar	48
2	LC-102	Medina Arabic Reader	48
3	LC-103	Quranic Rhetoric (Balaghah)	12
4	LC-104	Logic (Mantiq)	12
5	LC-105	Urdu Literary Criticism	24
6	LC-106	Study of Allama Iqbal	24

Group 2 – Methodology of Islamic Sciences (132 hrs)

#	Code	Course Title	Hours
1	MIS-201	Fundamental Beliefs in Islam (Usul al-Aqeedah)	24
2	MIS-202	Principles of Quranic Sciences (Usul al-Tafsir)	24
3	MIS-203	Principles of Hadith Sciences (Usul al-Hadith)	24
4	MIS-204	Islamic Legal Theory (Usul al-Fiqh)	36
5	MIS-205	Principles of Islamic Historiography	12
6	MIS-206	Research Methodology (Usul al-Tahqiq)	12

Group 3 – Islamic Jurisprudence (204 hrs)

#	Code	Course Title	Hours
1	FQ-301	Pillars of Islam (Fiqh al-Ibadat)	60
2	FQ-302	Islamic Law of Transactions & Social Relations	60
3	FQ-303	Islamic Law of Inheritance (Fiqh al-Mawarith)	12
4	FQ-304	Lessons from the Seerah of the Holy Prophet ﷺ	72

Curriculum – Groups 4 to 8

Group 4 – Islamic Historical Sciences (156 hrs)

#	Code	Course Title	Hours
1	HS-401	History of the Rashidun Caliphate	60
2	HS-402	Biography of Hadith Narrators (Ilm al-Rijal)	60
3	HS-403	Islamic Civilisation & Culture	12
4	HS-404	Islamic Intellectual Heritage	24

Group 5 – Social Sciences (216 hrs)

#	Code	Course Title	Hours
1	SS-501	Comparative Schools of Thought	72
2	SS-502	Comparative Religion & Islam (Sacred Texts)	48
3	SS-503	History of Western Philosophy	36
4	SS-504	Islamic Philosophy (Ilm al-Kalam)	36
5	SS-505	Islamic Ideology of Life	24

Group 6 – Personality Development (120 hrs)

#	Code	Course Title	Hours
1	PD-601	Arabic Literature	24
2	PD-602	Modern & Islamic Psychology	12
3	PD-603	Tarbiyah Models of Islamic Movements	12
4	PD-604	Tasawwuf wa Tazkiyah	72

Group 7 – Study of Hadith (300 hrs) · Group 8 – Study of the Holy Quran (660 hrs)

Code	Hadith Collection	Hours
SH-701	Sahih al-Bukhari	48
SH-702	Sahih Muslim	48
SH-703	Sunan al-Tirmidhi	36
SH-704	Sunan Abu Dawud	36
SH-705	Sunan al-Nasa'i	12
SH-706	Sunan Ibn Majah	12
SH-707	Muwatta Imam Malik	24
SH-708	Mishkat al-Masabih	24
SH-709	Bulugh al-Maram	24
SH-710	Riyadh al-Salihin	24
SH-711	Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah	12

Code	Quranic Course	Hours
SQ-801	Quranic Phonetics & Pronunciation (Tajwid)	12
SQ-802	Introduction to Quranic Sciences	48
SQ-803	Translation of the Holy Quran	300
SQ-804	Interpretation of the Holy Quran (Tafsir)	300

i The Study of the Holy Quran group alone accounts for **660 contact hours** — one third of the entire programme — reflecting the centrality of the Qur'an to the SDN journey.

Year-by-Year Programme Roadmap

The four-year journey of an SDN student is sequenced to mirror the natural arc of Islamic scholarship — beginning with linguistic and methodological foundations, advancing through jurisprudence and history, and culminating in deep engagement with the Qur'an and Hadith.



Year 1 — The Foundations

Arabic Grammar · Logic · Usul al-Aqeedah · Usul al-Tafsir · Usul al-Hadith · Tajwid. The learner is oriented in the linguistic, logical, and methodological tools required for serious Islamic study.



Year 2 — Jurisprudence & Method

Usul al-Fiqh · Fiqh al-Ibadat · Fiqh al-Mu'amalat · Balaghah · Research Methodology. Deepens engagement with Islamic legal theory and applied jurisprudence.



Year 3 — History, Civilisation & Society

Rashidun History · Ilm al-Rijal · Comparative Religion · Western Philosophy · Tafsir. Broadens the lens to historical and civilisational achievements of Islam.



Year 4 — Mastery & Integration

Tafsir al-Quran · Sahih al-Bukhari & Muslim · Tasawwuf · Ilm al-Kalam · Iqbaliyat. Culminates in comprehensive final examination and the awarding of the SDN Certificate.

Teaching Methodology

Three Pillars of Instruction

Lecture-Based Tradition

Each course is anchored in a prescribed canon of authoritative reference works. Instructors lead structured lectures that walk the learner through the text, its context, and its enduring relevance.

Multi-Modal Delivery

Lectures are reinforced with slides, instructor notes, and board explanations, supported by curated digital resources accessible through the LMS and student WhatsApp groups.

Conceptual & Critical Focus

Beyond memorisation, the methodology prioritises conceptual mastery and critical thinking — equipping students to apply principles, weigh evidence, and engage thoughtfully with contemporary questions.

- ✔ **Practical & Applied Learning:** Foundational disciplines — Usul al-Fiqh, Usul al-Hadith, Arabic Grammar, Balaghah, and Fara'id — are reinforced through structured exercises. Practical work carries the highest single weighting (30%) in our assessment system, ensuring that habit, character, and discipline are formed alongside intellect.

Assessment & Examination System

The SDN assessment framework is designed to be continuous, transparent, and balanced — measuring not only what a student knows, but how that knowledge is applied, refined, and lived.

Assessment Components

01

Weekly MCQ Quizzes

Short, focused quizzes that reinforce reading and lecture content week by week.

02

Monthly Assignments

Written assignments developing capacity for analysis, structured argument, and academic referencing.

03

Mid-Semester Examination

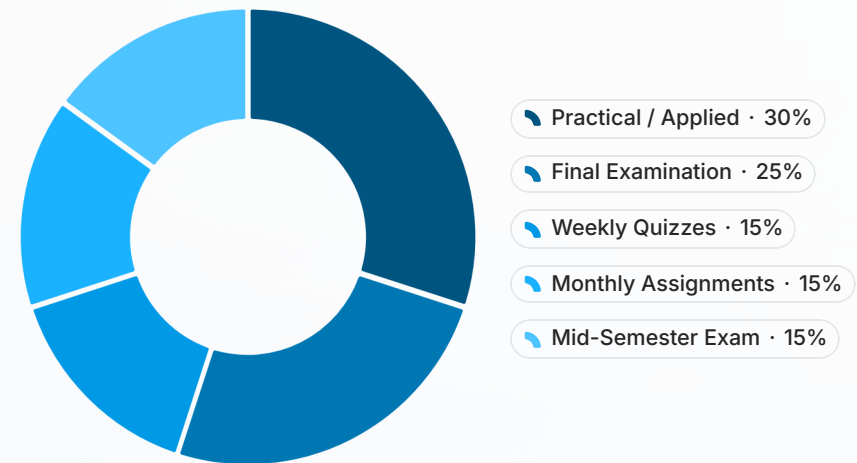
A formal mid-point evaluation covering the first half of each semester's syllabus.

04

Final Comprehensive Examination

A cumulative end-of-semester paper assessing total mastery of the course.

Marks Distribution



Grading Scale

Grade	Marks	Descriptor
A	85–100%	Excellent
B	70–84%	Very Good
C	60–69%	Good
D	50–59%	Satisfactory
F	Below 50%	Fail

Certification Policy & Learning Outcomes

Formal Credentials

Certificate of Completion

Awarded to students who maintain at least 80% attendance and secure a minimum of 60% aggregate marks. This is the principal academic credential of SDN.

Certificate of Participation

Awarded to students who complete the programme but do not meet the attendance or aggregate-marks threshold. It acknowledges sincere engagement with the curriculum.

Each of the 44 courses is documented through a standardised Course Outline recording title, code, credit hours, objectives, CLOs, weekly teaching plan, assessment plan, and prescribed references.

What You Will Achieve

- Read, translate, and reflect upon the Holy Qur'an with grammatical and exegetical confidence.
- Engage critically with the major Hadith collections using authentic methodological tools.
- Apply the principles of Usul al-Fiqh, Usul al-Hadith, and Usul al-Tafsir to contemporary questions.
- Locate Islam intellectually within comparative religion, Western philosophy, and modern psychology.
- Conduct independent research using sound academic methodology and primary Islamic sources.
- Lead Da'wah, teaching, and community service with scholarly competence and ethical maturity.

Career & Da'wah Pathways

SDN is not designed to replace a student's professional career; it is designed to elevate it. Graduates serve their communities in a wide range of capacities, while others use the programme as a springboard into formal Islamic scholarship.



Public Da'wah & Khateeb

Delivering Friday sermons, public lectures, and community classes with scholarly grounding.



Islamic Education

Teaching at Islamic schools, weekend academies, university departments, and online platforms.



Digital Da'wah

Producing high-quality YouTube content, podcasts, articles, and social-media outreach grounded in authentic sources.



Writing & Research

Publishing books, research articles, translations, and scholarly commentary.



Mosque & Community Leadership

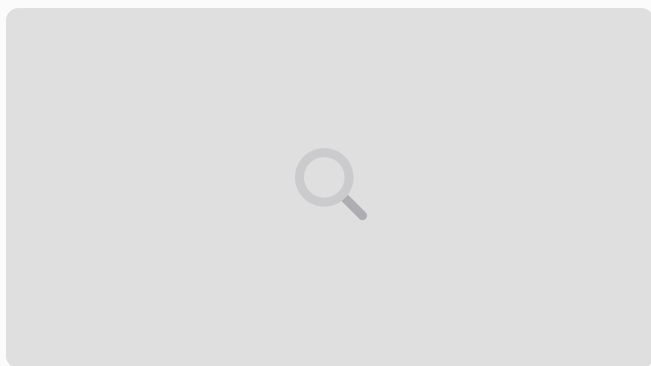
Serving as Imams, board members, and programme directors of mosques, Islamic centres, and welfare organisations.



Higher Islamic Studies

Pursuing advanced degrees in Islamic studies, Hadith, Fiqh, or Quranic sciences in Pakistan or abroad.

Faculty Leadership Profile



Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Zubair

Founder & CEO · School of Social Sciences
Foundation, Lahore

PhD Scholar · Public Intellectual · Islamic
Preacher

Two decades of experience in Islamic
education, academic research, and digital
Da'wah.

Areas of Specialisation:

- Quranic Studies and Tafsir
- Hadith Sciences and Ilm al-Rijal
- Arabic Grammar, Rhetoric, and Literature
- Islamic Thought, Ideology, and Intellectual History
- Comparative Religion and Schools of Thought
- Contemporary Islamic Issues and Public Da'wah



20+

Books Authored

On Islamic thought and sciences

200+

Research Articles

Academic and public outlets

1000+

Lectures on YouTube

Freely accessible, ad-free

30+

Structured Courses

Covering core disciplines online

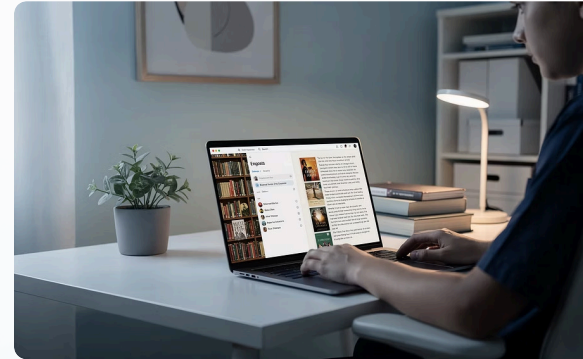
Campus & Online Facilities

SDN is delivered through a thoughtful blend of physical and digital infrastructure, designed to make sacred learning both dignified and accessible.



On-Campus — Lahore

- Air-conditioned classrooms for adult learning and small-group dialogue
- Multimedia-equipped lecture spaces with projector, audio, and digital board
- Reading and reflection areas for self-study and group discussion
- A dedicated prayer space for daily Salah



Online & Digital Facilities

- Dedicated LMS hosting recorded lectures, slides, course outlines, and assessment portals
- Active WhatsApp study groups for class updates and peer interaction
- Digital library of curated PDFs, classical references, and instructor notes
- Open access to 1,000+ lectures and 30+ structured courses on YouTube
- Technical support for international students joining live and asynchronous sessions

Student Support Services

From the moment a student is admitted to the day of graduation, SDN provides a continuous web of academic, spiritual, and personal support.



Academic Mentorship

Direct access to the programme supervisor and assigned course instructors for guidance on readings, assignments, and research.



Orientation & Onboarding

A structured induction programme at the start of every intake, introducing students to the LMS, WhatsApp groups, study habits, and faculty.



Peer Learning Networks

Active class WhatsApp groups, peer-led study circles, and discussion threads that knit together a global cohort.



International Student Support

Time-zone considerate scheduling, asynchronous learning options, and dedicated technical assistance for overseas students.



Spiritual Companionship

Regular reminders, du'a sessions, and Tarbiyah moments embedded into the academic rhythm.



Pastoral Care

Confidential support for students navigating personal, family, or financial challenges that affect their studies.

Admissions Process

SDN admits students twice a year, in **June** and **December**. The application process is intentionally simple, but applicants are expected to demonstrate sincerity, academic readiness, and a commitment to the discipline of weekly study.

Eligibility

Primary Route

A Bachelor's degree (BS / BA) or equivalent from a recognised university.

Merit Route

Intermediate (HSSC / FA / FSc) qualification considered on academic merit and demonstrated motivation.

Language

Working knowledge of Urdu sufficient to follow lectures and reference texts.

Commitment

Willingness to commit to weekend physical attendance (Lahore) or weekly online engagement (international).

Important Dates

Summer Intake	June each year
Winter Intake	December each year
Application Window	Open year-round
Orientation	First week of each new semester

Step-by-Step Application

1

Register Online

Visit **sdnstudios.com** and complete the online registration form.

2

Upload Documents

Submit scanned copies of your educational certificates and a recent CV or statement of purpose.

3

Join WhatsApp Group

Join the official SDN WhatsApp study group — the primary admissions and academic communication channel.

4

Confirm Intake

Submit onboarding details and confirm your intake (June or December).

5

Begin Your Journey

Receive your acceptance, course schedule, and LMS credentials, and begin your journey.

Fee & Sponsorship Model

"No sincere seeker of sacred knowledge will ever be turned away from SDN for want of means."

SDN operates on a deliberately non-commercial model. Our fees are not a price for knowledge — knowledge in Islam is never bought or sold — but a contribution toward sustaining a noble mission, covering the operational realities of a serious academic institution.

Monthly Contribution

Standard	PKR 2,000 – 4,000 per month
Reduced / Waived	Available for genuine financial difficulty — no application rejected
International	Contribute in line with means; waivers available on request
Sponsorship	Donors may sponsor one or more students as Sadaqah Jariyah

Sponsor a Seeker of Knowledge

Sponsoring a student — fully or in part — is one of the most enduring forms of **Sadaqah Jariyah**: every verse they recite, every Hadith they teach, and every soul they guide carries the reward back to those who made their education possible.

- ✔ Donors and sponsors are warmly invited to contact the SDN administration to discuss flexible sponsorship arrangements. Every contribution, however modest, sustains the mission of intellectual Islamic revival.

Rules & Regulations

To preserve the academic integrity and spiritual atmosphere of the programme, all SDN students agree to the following expectations upon enrolment.

- 1 Regular attendance is mandatory.** Students must maintain a minimum 80% attendance to qualify for the Certificate of Completion.
- 2 Deadlines must be respected.** All assignments, quizzes, and online classes must be completed within the announced deadlines.
- 3 Academic decorum is expected.** Respectful conduct toward faculty, peers, and sacred subject matter must be maintained at all times.
- 4 WhatsApp groups are for academic use only.** Promotional, political, or off-topic content is not permitted.
- 5 Academic honesty is non-negotiable.** Plagiarism, cheating, and dishonesty may result in withdrawal of credentials.
- 6 Islamic etiquette applies.** Students are expected to dress modestly and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with Islamic values during physical and online classes.
- 7 Lecture recordings are protected.** Audio or video recordings must not be redistributed or published without written permission of the institute.
- 8 Seek support when needed.** Students experiencing personal, academic, or financial difficulty are encouraged to communicate with the administration in confidence.

Institutional Achievements

From a humble beginning to a thriving global community of learners, the SDN programme has become a quiet but powerful force for intellectual Islamic revival.

1700+

Active Online Students

Worldwide, all studying free of cost

100+

On-Campus Learners

Across four active batches in Lahore

1000+

YouTube Lectures

Freely accessible, ad-free

30+

Structured Courses

Covering core Islamic disciplines

20+

Books Authored

On Islamic thought and sciences

200+

Research Articles

In academic and public outlets

These numbers represent more than statistics. They represent thousands of conversations, hundreds of communities served, and an enduring commitment to the principle that authentic Islamic knowledge should be accessible, ethical, and transformative.

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A Final Call to Sacred Knowledge: The seeking of knowledge is an obligation upon every Muslim — and the path to it is illumined the moment a sincere step is taken. If you are a graduate, a professional, a parent, a teacher, or simply a believer who feels that you owe the Qur'an a more deliberate engagement — **SDN is built for you.** Register today at sdnstudios.com or send a WhatsApp message to +92 300 4093026. Become part of a worldwide movement of intellectual Islamic revival.