

## Core Curriculum

### 2 Foundations of Islam - Theology

#### 2.6 **Imāmah or divinely guided leadership in Islam after the Prophet Muhammad.**

**Word:** Imām of the Ahl al-Bayt (as)

**Meaning:** Divinely appointed leader after the Prophet Muhammad (s)

**Word:** Sunnism

**Meaning:** Those who follow Sunni Islam principally follow the opinions of the Prophet Muhammad's companions and the immediate followers of those companions.

**Word:** Shi'ism

**Meaning:** Those who follow Shi'i Islam are those who follow the opinion of the Prophet's Ahl al-Bayt (as)

**Word:** Ahl al-Bayt (as)

**Meaning:** The divinely selected guides for mankind from among the Prophet Muhammad's (s) Holy Household.

**Word:** 12 Imāms

**Meaning:** The twelve divinely appointed religious guides for mankind. The first Imām is the cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad (s) called Ali ibn Abi Talib. The rest of the eleven Imams are descendants of Ali.

**Word:** Imāma

**Meaning:** Divinely appointed leadership after the Prophet Muhammad (s).

**Word:** Wahī

**Meaning:** direct revelation by Allah through the medium of the Archangel Gabriel. It is conditioned upon propagation.

**Word:** Ilhām

**Meaning:** Unmediated divine knowledge which God inspires His select few with, at least in its technical sense.