

ONE UMMAH PROJECT



KHATEEB

TRAINING



OBJECTIVE

With the centrality of the Jumu'ah Khutbah established in American Muslim religious life, Khateeb Collective aims to raise the standard of the Masjid Khutbah by training individuals to deliver engaging, informed, and relevant khutbahs, ultimately maximizing the spiritual benefit of this communal resource.

COURSE METHODOLOGY

Borrowing from a Multi-Tiered System of Supports pedagogy, Khateeb Collective aims to leverage intelligent education, course-specific tools and resources, and community mentors to provide the appropriate level of support for students to be successful during and well after the course. Students will not only benefit from bi-weekly classes taught by experts in the Islamic sciences and in the field of public speaking, but they will also have access to extracurricular spiritual trainings and a breadth of research informing Khutbah topics and development. The goal is to equip all khateeb with the skills to develop the 4 pillars of an excellent khutbah:

01

SINCERITY:

Students must first look inward. Without self-reflection, mentorship, and the tools for growth, no student can expect to make an impact.

02

RELEVANCE:

Relevance is more than just topical; an impeccable khutbah makes impact by addressing real concerns with practical solutions.

03

KNOWLEDGE:

All khutbahs must be delivered with accurate content in accordance with the Quran and Sunnah. Without basic foundational knowledge, a poorly informed khutbah may be null and void, in addition to being a source of misguidance.

04

CAPTIVATION:

Ultimately, if the khutbah cannot keep the congregation awake, it doesn't really matter how great the content might have been. The khutbah must be able to touch the hearts and minds to make an impact.



Khateeb can expect to leave the course with a firm spiritual foundation and clear tools to continue personal spiritual development. They will also possess the competence and compassion to uplift their communities from the Minbar. At a minimum, every student will leave with 3 khutbahs that they have prepared, delivered, and mastered as a starting point in their journey as khateeb.



COURSE FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

The course is taught in a hybrid format in order to leverage active learning through the interplay of knowledge building and application. 12 hours will be online, broken into six 2-hour sessions focusing on theory and preparation. 18 hours will be in-person focusing on implementation and public speaking skills. The course calendar will be guided by the four pillars that constitute an excellent khutbah: sincerity, knowledge, relevance and captivation.

**AUG
14TH**

The first session will begin with an overview of the course, the pillars of a khutbah that is researched and delivered with ihsan, and a comparison between relevant and topical khutbahs. In addition, we will begin our journey of purification as khateebis by focusing on the heart as the seat of intention, spiritual diseases, and purity.

**AUG
28TH**

We will continue our conversation around maintaining topical relevance by practicing Idea Funneling. In addition, we'll explore our framework for a well-designed khutbah and analyze real-life khutbahs. We will cover the ideal Sunnah style Khutbah and examine source texts regarding the Khutbah of the Prophet SAW.

**SEP
10TH/
11TH**

During this extended weekend session, we will deep dive into the practical skills of public speaking including nonverbal and verbal communication, connecting with your audience, dealing with anxiety, and other key skills.

**SEP
25TH**

Students will learn about the value, responsibility, and potential pitfalls of leadership in Islam, as well as the perfect etiquette of Prophetic leadership. The second half of the session will be dedicated to understanding the Fiqh of the Jumu'ah Khutbah.

**OCT
9TH**

This session will focus on research methodology. We will learn how to use reliable texts to form the backbone of a khutbah and will practice navigating online hadith and tafsir databases.

**OCT
23RD**

We will continue our practice in research methodology, transitioning from scriptural sources to tertiary sources of knowledge. We will close this session with a conversation about Post-Khutbah Piety: Practicing What You Preach.

**NOV
6TH**

Our last instructional session will focus on Communication Theory as we delve into a myriad of rhetorical devices and learn how to utilize them to construct an engaging khutbah. We will also peer-review our classmates' written khutbahs. We will close the instruction of the course with miscellaneous khutbah conversations: recycling khutbahs, responding to community feedback (good or bad), and rebounding from a khutbah gone wrong.

**NOV
13TH**

After incorporating gained knowledge into their Khutbahs, students will present their last Khutbah to family and friends during this final session. Students will receive feedback from peers and course mentors based on an Effective Khutbah rubric and will then be awarded certificates of course completion.



IN PERSON

Saturday, September 10
Sunday, September 11
Sunday November 13

10 AM TO 4:30 PM



ONLINE

Sunday, August 14 | Sunday, August 28
Sunday, September 25 | Sunday, October 9
Sunday October 23 | Sunday November 6

11 AM - 1 PM



Outside of the weekly sessions, students will have access to a variety of resources and mentorship opportunities to continue spiritual and oratory growth.

Sincerity:

MENTORSHIP:

- A course-specific Ibadah routine consisting of tahajjud, dhikr, and Qur'an to maintain inward focus and purity
- Regular sessions with a Murabbi, or religious guide, for feedback on spiritual growth
- Post-course relationships with and feedback from community-validated speakers.

RESOURCES:

- Topically organized Khutbah manual and regular content sessions where potential Khutbah curriculum and topics will be organized
- Access to research on issues impacting the community, gained from post-Khutbah surveys, town halls, focus groups, and consumer panels
- Pathways to continue seeking knowledge at Islamic seminaries and institutions of higher learning

INSTRUCTORS AND MENTORS INCLUDE:

Ahmed Ali, Mufti Nafis Rahman, Fayyaz Mohammed, Faraz Iqbal Nabeel Alauddin, , Zubair Zafar, and others.

Upon completion of the course, students will work towards 1 of 3 certifications:

- Yellow Belt: completion of all course material
- Orange Belt: completion of all course material with excellence.
- Green Belt: completion with excellence and 12 khutbahs given within 1 year of completing the course



NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in enrolling

please submit your application

