

Wilmette INSTITUTE

The Wilmette Institute was established by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States in 1995. Every year it offers some 60 academic, professional, and service-oriented online courses related to the Bahá'í Faith. It has 80 part-time faculty and averages almost 1,300 learners every year.

- Most courses are from 7 to 8 weeks long, except for the 2 to 4 week long marriage and parenting courses. Course work can be done any time, 24/7.
- Learners have mentors to accompany them during the course.
- Some of the courses are suitable for college credit if the learner completes an extensive project in addition to the usual reading and discussion. (*Visit www.wilmetteinstitute.org/credit for more info.*)
- Learners who are not seeking college credit are encouraged to pursue a project that will bring their learning to their local community.
- Non-credit 7 week courses typically cost \$75. Seniors and college students are offered a 20% discount, and there are ample tuition discounts (scholarships) available for anyone who needs them.
- Wilmette Institute courses are generally offered every other year. (*For upcoming courses, visit www.wilmetteinstitute.org/2019-courses.*)



Courses Offered by Subject Area

Bicentenary of the Birth of the Báb

- The Báb and the Bábí Faith, 1844–1863: Rediscovering the Dawnbreakers (2019)
- The Báb's Qayyúmu'l-Asmá': Commentary on the Qur'an's Surih of Joseph (2019)
- Discovering the Báb's Bayán: The Most Holy Book of the Bábí Religion (2019)
- The Life of the Báb (2019)
- Sharing the Bicentenary of the Birth of the Báb with Children (2019)
- The Writings of the Báb (2019)

World Religions, Theology, and Philosophy

- Bahá'í Theology (2019)
- Christianity for Deepening and Dialogue (2019)
- Exploring the Book of Isaiah (2020)
- Exploring the Book of Revelation (2019)
- Exploring the Hebrew Bible (2020)
- Exploring the New Testament (2019)
- Exploring the Qur'an (2019)
- Hinduism for Deepening and Dialogue (2019)
- Indigenous Perspectives on the Sacred (2019)
- Introduction to Buddhism (2020)
- Introduction to Islam (2019)
- Introduction to Shaykhism (2020)
- Introduction to Shi'í Islam (2020)
- Introduction to Sufism (2020)
- Introduction to Zoroastrianism (2019)
- Judaism for Deepening and Dialogue (2020)
- Philosophy and the Bahá'í Faith (2020)

Social Transformation

- The Bahá'í Faith and Social Change (2020)
- Bahá'í Perspectives on Agriculture and Food (2019)
- Bahá'í Principles of Business Ethics (2019)
- Building a World Federation: The Key to Resolving Our Global Crises (2019)
- Climate Change (2019)
- The Destiny of America (2020)
- Economic Justice and the Bahá'í World Order (2019)
- Economics and Community Building (2019)
- The Equality of Women and Men (2019)
- Preparing for Interfaith Dialogue (2019)
- The Promise of World Peace (2020)
- Racism in America: The Most Vital and Challenging Issue (2019)
- Relating the Bahá'í Teachings to Public Life (Without Being Political) (2020)
- Science, Religion, and the Bahá'í Faith (2019)
- Sustainable Development and the Prosperity of Humankind (2019)
- Sustaining Eleven Billion People: A Challenge for an Ever-Advancing Civilization (2019)

The Arts

- The Bahá'í Faith and the Arts (2019)
- Finding the Hidden Gift: Approaches to Studying the Bahá'í Writings (2019)
- Gifts of the Spirit: The Spiritual Practice of Creative Writing (2019)
- The Seven Valleys and the Arts of Transformation (2019)
- Writing about the Writings: The Art and the Craft of the Personal Reflection Piece (2019)
- Writing Biographies and Histories: Recording Stories of People and Places (2019)

Courtship and Marriage

Are We Ready for Marriage*
Becoming a Couple (2020)
Building Intercultural Understanding as a Couple (2020)
Building Unity toward Marriage (2020)
Consulting and Problem-Solving as a Couple (2020)
Creating a Fortress for Well-Being (2020)
Engaging in Parental Consent for Marriage*
Enhancing Love, Friendship, and Service in Marriage (2019)
Exploring Friendship, Dating, and Courtship (2020)
Thinking of Relationships and Marriage*
What Is Bahá'í Courtship and Marriage? (2019)
Youth: Learning about Bahá'í-Based Relationships (2019)

Parenting

Communication Skills for Spiritually Minded Parents (2019)
Conscious Parenting of Young Children (2019)
Embracing a Spiritual Identity of Motherhood (2019)
Fostering a Bahá'í Identity in Children (2019)
Helping Teens and Children Navigate Media and Screen Time (2019)
Nurturing your Baby Spiritually During Pregnancy*
Sharing the Bicentenary of the Birth of the Báb with Children (2019)

Bahá'í History

`Abdu'l-Bahá: His Life and Ministry (2020)
`Abdu'l-Bahá in America (2020)
Approaches to Bahá'í History (2020)
The Báb and Bahá'u'lláh: Two Lives, One Story (2020)
The Báb and the Bábí Faith, 1844-1863: Rediscovering the Dawnbreakers (2019)
Introduction to Bahá'í History, 1863 to the Present (2020)
The Leaves of the Twin Divine Trees (2020)
The Life of Bahá'u'lláh (2020)
The Life of the Báb (2019)
Shoghi Effendi: His Life and Ministry (2019)
The Three Stages of Bahá'u'lláh's Declaration (2020)

Bahá'í Community Life

The Badí' (Bahá'í) Calendar (2020)
Bahá'í Institutions, the Community, and the Individual (2019)
The Bahá'í Faith: A Comprehensive Introduction (2019)
Bahá'í Spirituality (2020)
A Closer Look at Storytelling*
The Covenants of the Bahá'í Faith (2019)
How to Organize and Maintain a Bahá'í Archives (2019)
The Institution of the Mashriqu'l-Adkár (2019)

Bahá'í Sacred Texts

The Báb's Qayyúmu'l-Asmá': Commentary on the Qur'an's Surih of Joseph (2019)
Bahá'u'lláh's Proclamation to the World's Leaders: The Summons of the Lord of Hosts (2020)
Bahá'u'lláh's Early Mystic Writings (2019)
Bahá'u'lláh's Writings: A Systematic Survey (2020)
Charters of the Faith: The Tablet of Carmel, the Will and Testament of `Abdu'l-Bahá, and the Tablets of the Divine Plan (2020)
Discovering the Báb's Bayán: The Most Holy Book of the Bábí Religion (2019)
Exploring Bahá'u'lláh's Last Major Work: Epistle to the Son of the Wolf (2020)
From Mysticism to Prophecy: Gems of Divine Mysteries and Other Early (Baghdad Period) Tablets by Bahá'u'lláh (2019)
Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh (2020)
Introduction to the Kitáb-i-Aqdas (2020)
Introduction to the Kitáb-i-Íqán (2019)
The Secret of Divine Civilization (2020)
Some Answered Questions (2020)
The Tabernacle of Unity: Bahá'u'lláh's Letters to Zoroastrians (2020)
Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh Revealed after the Kitáb-i-Aqdas
The Writings of the Báb (2019)

Bahá'í Authoritative Texts

The Advent of Divine Justice (2019)
Century of Light (2020)
The Dispensation of Bahá'u'lláh (2020)
One Common Faith (2020)
The Promised Day Is Come (2019)
The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh (2019)



Bahá'í Insights for a New World

- **Credit and non-credit courses**
- **Free Web talks: Perspectives for public discourse**

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