

Madinah al-Ilm and Bab al-Ilm Short Summer Courses – Frequently Asked Questions

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DRESS CODE:

OUTSIDE OF ACCOMMODATION

Boys: (the same)

Girls: Students must observe full hijab including; Black scarves only, Abaya and non-transparent socks and hand socks. *Monto's* or *short-chadar's* are not permitted.

Students can not apply make-up or perfume outside of accommodation. In addition, an Iranian *chador* is compulsory to be worn at all times. These will be provided as a gift on arrival.

INSIDE THE ACCOMMODATION

Boys: (the same)

Girls: Full hijab need not be observed. However, students are not permitted to wear sleeveless tops, shorts and any type of indecent clothing.

[Please amend on pg 65: For girls: **Black** scarfs/ Shellas]

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Students are not permitted to use mobile phones, ipods, or other electronic gadgets **except for cameras** during the entire course.

The Mobile phones that students bring on arrival will be collected at the Opening Ceremony and will be returned back before departure. This rule is in order for students to immerse themselves in the experience and hence provide the ability to gain the most out of the course.

Phone calls to parents will also not be permitted. Parents will be sent regular emails concerning the activities of their children and will be kept informed.

INTERNET USAGE

Students are not permitted to use the internet for checking emails, etc during the time of the course.

MEETING WITH RELATIVES RESIDING IN IRAN/ON ZIYRAH

Students may meet with their relatives at permitted times arranged through the WF Co-ordinator. This can be organised by speaking to any one of the mentors in advance.

Students will not be permitted to meet with relatives during class hours or whilst participating in activities.

LAUNDRY

Students are advised to bring with them detergent, and will be required to wash their own clothes.

FOOD

Majority of the food provided will be Iranian, hence students are advised to bring chilli sauce or other additives. Students are advised to bring snacks and sweets.

For girls: A travel kettle is useful for late night tea/hot chocolate/pot noodles.

How long will we be in Qum and Mashhad?

During the 3-week course, students will normally spend approximately 12 days in Qum and 5 days in Mashhad. The time spent in Qum will include any field day-trips to Tehran.

Please note this will be confirmed closer to the course and on arrival students will be handed their daily schedules.

Where will we be staying in Qum and Mashhad?

Girls are normally accommodated in Jamiatuz Zahra in Qum.

Boys' accommodation is yet to be confirmed.

Accommodation in Mashhad will be in a hotel close to the haram of Imam Ridha (as).

How often will we be going to the Haram?

Frequent visits to the Haram will be accounted for in the timetable for Qum. However, additional visits can be arranged if students feel they wish to visit the Haram more.