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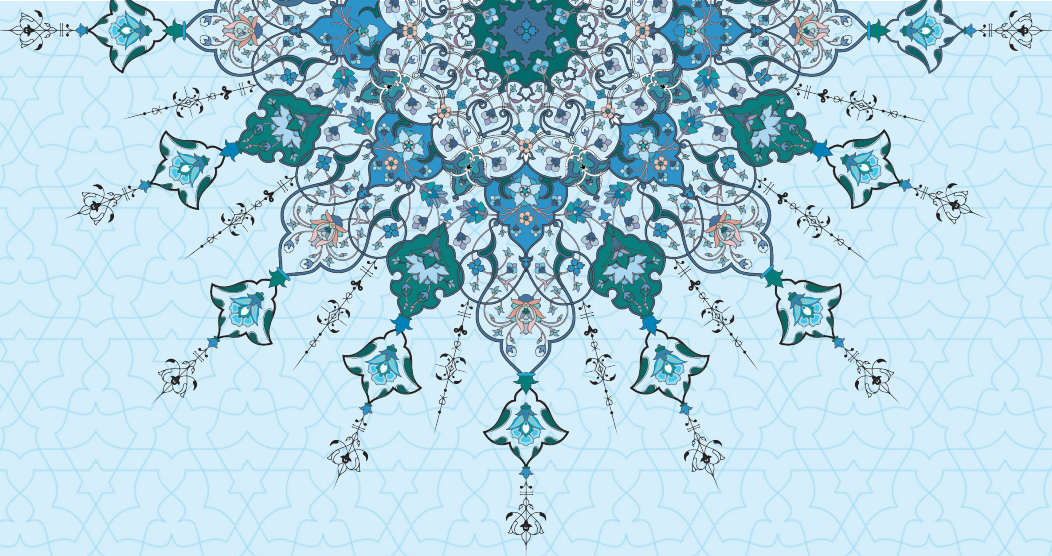
# **International Majors of Baqir al-Olum University**



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## **M.A. in Islamic Philosophy and Theology**

### **Objectives and Necessity:**

The purpose of studying in this field is to find answers to the most fundamental questions that are raised for every human being about man and his origin and the end, as well as acquaintance with the most important ontological, theological and anthropological foundations for correct, deep and accurate understanding of beliefs and answers to doubts and problems in question. In addition, critical survey of competing views is also intended to be made in this field.

### **Background and Capability Required:**

Familiarity and mastery of Arabic language to the extent of understanding the texts of Islamic philosophy, basic familiarity with Aristotelian logic, familiarity with philosophy at the level of B.A.

### Career Future:

Graduates of this field can teach philosophy, logic and religious and Islamic studies in schools, higher education centers and universities, and take responsibility in managerial-cultural positions and theorize in the field of culture and thought.

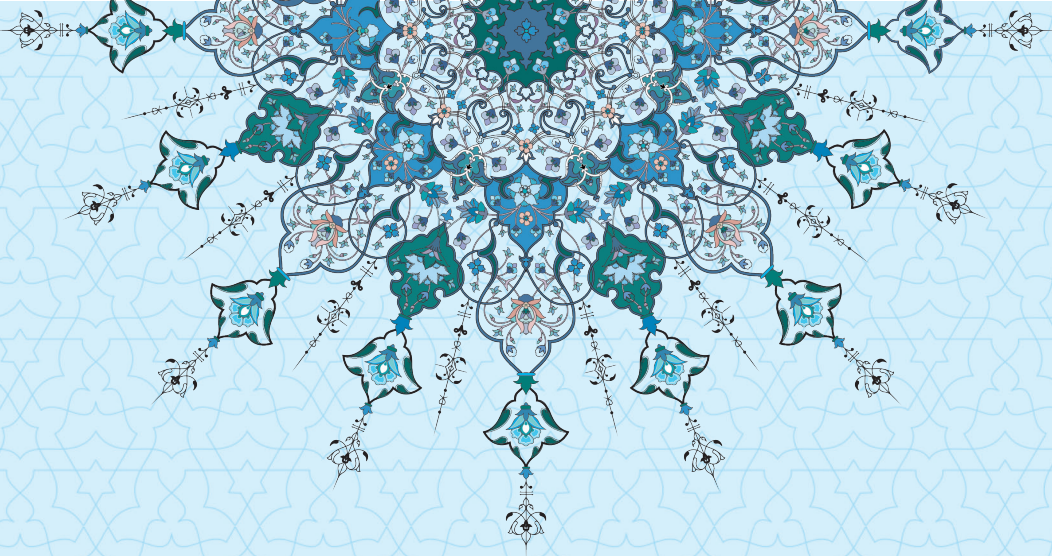
### Main Courses:

Ontology of Mulla Sadra Philosophy, Theology of Mulla Sadra Philosophy, Immortality of the Soul and the Issue of the Hereafter, Avicennan Philosophy, Illuminationist Philosophy, Avicennan Logic, New Logic, Western Philosophy, New Theological Issues, Specialized language Thesis.

### Special Points:

Various philosophical and theological publications in the country are published mainly with articles written by professors and students in this field. Also, many philosophical books published in the country are the product of research by professors in this field, both in the Department of Philosophy and Islamic Theology of Baqir al-Olum University and in philosophy and theology departments of other universities. Many graduates of this field from Baqir al-Olum University have been recruited as faculty members in scientific and academic centers of the country, such as: Al-Mustafa University, Iranian Research Institute of Wisdom and Philosophy, University of Islamic Studies, etc.





## **M.A. in Philosophy of Religion**

### **Objectives and Necessity:**

Attempts made to respond the challenges arising from natural sciences and humanities in recent centuries that can weaken the foundation of religious beliefs on the one hand, and the existence of great potential in the Islamic intellectual and philosophical heritage, as well as awareness of the development of philosophical studies in principles and foundations of new science and open-ended and unanswered questions in justifying the rationality of science, on the other hand, can all play an important role in deepening religious thoughts and beliefs.

### **Background and Capability Required:**

It is necessary for the applicant of this field to have philosophical and theological information at the undergraduate level or to be ready to learn them in the form of prerequisites and compensatory courses.

### Career Future:

Considering the topics and content of the courses and deep familiarity with different fields of science and the interdisciplinary nature of most of the titles, the graduates of this field have a high relative ability to continue their education and acquire the necessary skills and specializations for teaching in academic courses and faculty membership.

### Topics, Main and Optional Courses:

#### A) Main Courses:

The Origin of Religion, Proofs of the Existence of God and His Attributes, Comparative Theology and the Problem of Evil, Prophecy, Revelation and Religious Experience, Truth of Religion and Human Salvation, Science and Religion.

#### B) Optional Courses:

Religion and Ethics, Religion and Culture, Religion and Lifestyle (good life), Religious Language, Anthropology, Miracle, Immortality of the Soul and the Issue of the Hereafter, Logic of Understanding Religion, the Realm of Religion and its Totality, Reason and Religion, Comparative Theology (history of the compilation of revealed scriptures and pivotal problems)

#### C) Compensatory Courses:

Islamic Philosophy, Research Method, Critical Thinking, History of Western Philosophy, Religious Epistemology, Specialized Language

### Special Points:

In the master's degree, the Department of Philosophy and Theology, with professors of various specializations appropriate to the topics of the approved courses, has graduated 13 times so far, and soon after the approval of the Ministry of High Education, students are to be admitted for Ph. D. level.

The works and writings of the professors of the group cover a wide range from



epistemology, hermeneutics and philosophy of religion to the language of religion and works in reappraisal the common traditions in Islamic philosophy.

### Other Details:

The field of philosophy of religion is an influential and popular field in the world today. Comparative studies between the philosophy of religion and the philosophy of science have caused this field to be in the center of full attention of all the famous people in the field of science and theology and make scientists and theologians strive for a deeper understanding of the world. The existence of this field in different levels of education from bachelor to doctorate and the existence of countless and up-to-date writings testifies to the vitality and enthusiasm of those working in this field of research and field of study. To name just a few among many other prominent philosophers of religion, mention can be made of William Alston, Alvin Plantinga, Richard Swinburne,

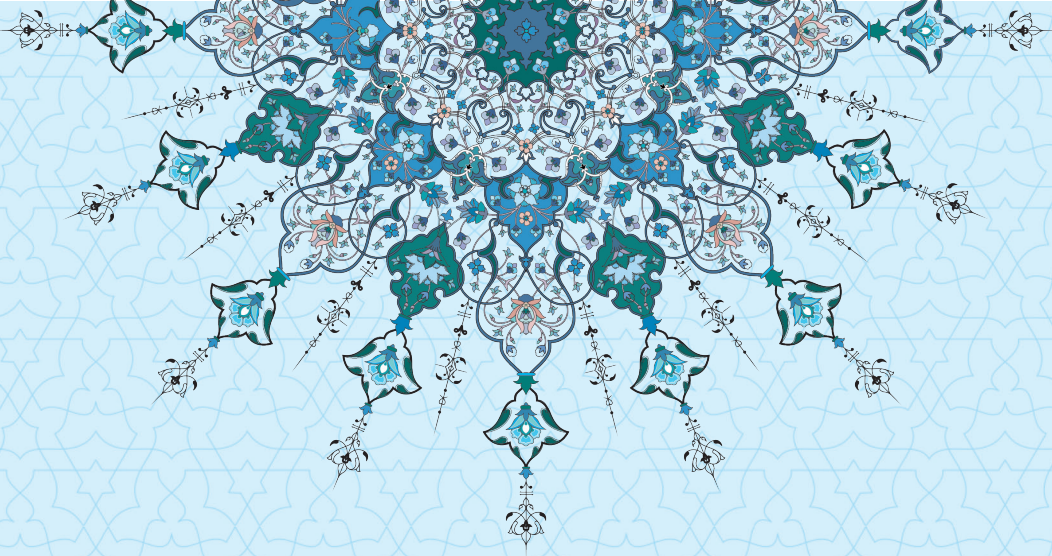
The following professors are full-time faculty members of Theology and philosophy Department in Baqir al-Olum:

Dr. Ahamd Waezi, Dr. Hassan Abdi, Dr. Hassan Moallimi, Dr. Javad Asghari, Dr. Mohsen Qummi, Dr. Muhammad Taqi Yousofi, Dr. Sayyed Mahmoud Mousavi, Dr. Yarali kordfirouzjaei.



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## M.A. in Philosophy of Physics

### Necessity:

- ◆ There are many changes in the world of knowledge, especially physics, and understanding these developments requires fundamental research.
- ◆ Observing these developments and being active in this field requires a center for content production and training of people for intellectual orientation in these fields.
- ◆ There are many centers in seminaries and universities that work in the field of basic research, but knowledge of the evolution of physics and the foundations of its philosophy is essential for all of these basic research centers.
- ◆ The Islamic Republic of Iran also would like to have an active presence in the field of basic science developments, so it is necessary, firstly, to strengthen this field and, secondly, to discuss it with thinkers from other parts of the world.
- ◆ Educating foreign students and scholars, considering the existing contexts in the university, is one of the necessities to enter the field of dialogue with thinkers from other countries.
- ◆ It is necessary to respond to the doubts arising from the basic sciences at the doctrinal level.

### Objectives:

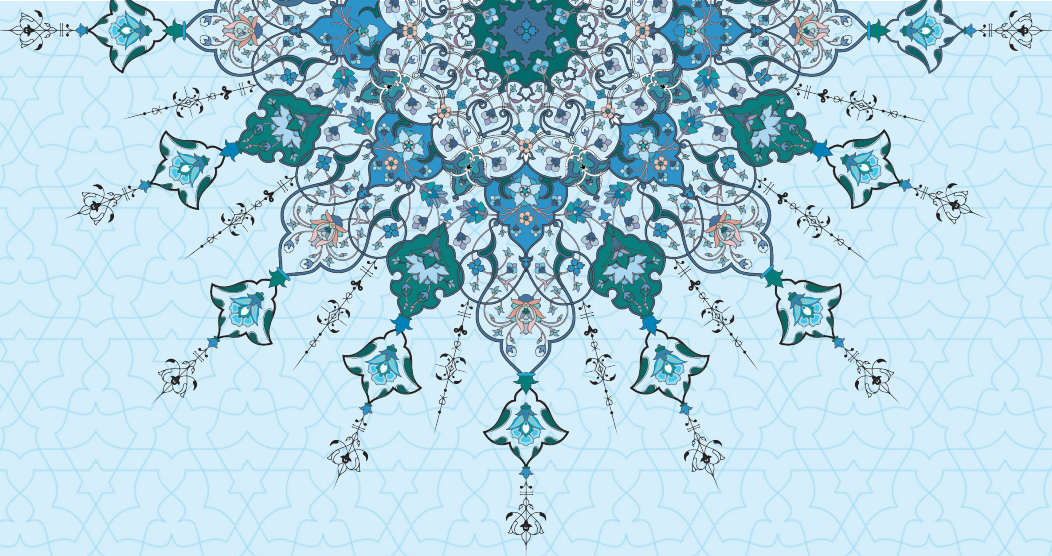
- ◆ Scientific study of developments related to philosophy and basic sciences, especially physics;
- ◆ Providing the content and human resources needs of promotional, executive, academic and research centers in the field of philosophy and basic sciences, especially physics;
- ◆ Orienting the policy of executive institutions active in the field of philosophy and basic sciences;
- ◆ Communication with educational-research centers of the Islamic world and introduction of basic Islamic thought in philosophy and basic sciences, especially physics;
- ◆ Communication with the elites of philosophy and basic sciences, especially physics,
- ◆ Training international researchers and experts in the field of basic science studies, especially physics at the international level;
- ◆ Communication and cooperation with influential institutions and research centers in the world in the field of philosophy and basic sciences, especially physics.

### Background and Capability Required:

The applicant student must have a set of prerequisite knowledge of physics, Islamic philosophy, Western philosophy and philosophy of science.

### Career Future:

- ◆ Graduates of this field can teach in philosophical educational fields related to the philosophy of physics or the history of science, developments in physics and philosophy of science.
- ◆ Graduates of this field can research in research fields related to this field, such as philosophy of physics or history of developments in physics and philosophy of science.



## M.A. in Philosophy of Law

### Necessity:

- ◆ There are many changes in the knowledge of law that are rooted in its fundamental layers. Therefore, it is necessary to identify these layers and do a thorough in-depth study.
- ◆ Fundamental research in the field of philosophy of law requires a center for content production and training of people for intellectual orientation in these fields.
- ◆ There are a number of international institutions affiliated with the seminary and the university that study, research and teach in the field of law. All of these centers need basic research and legal findings in this area.
- ◆ The Islamic Republic of Iran, which is based on pure Islamic thought, requires to explain the legal facts based on legal teachings at the international level.
- ◆ Observing and responding to the suspicions raised in the media space of the Islamic world against the legal foundations of the Islamic Republic, indicates the need for research and training of researchers at the international level based on the pure teachings of Islamic law.

### Objetives:

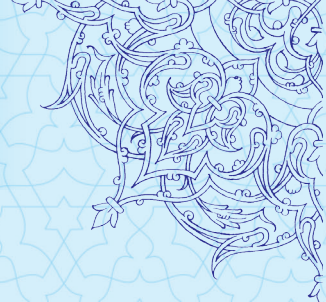
- ◆ Scientific study of developments related to jurisprudence at the basic level providing the content and human resources needs of promotive, executive, academic and research centers in the field of philosophy of law;
- ◆ Orienting the policy of executive institutions active in the field of pure teachings of Islam in the science of law through the philosophy of law;
- ◆ Communication with educational-research centers of the world and introduction of the basics of Islamic law;
- ◆ Communicating with the world's elites in the field of philosophy of law and carrying out joint projects;
- ◆ Training researchers and experts in the field of basic studies of law;
- ◆ Communication and cooperation with influential research institutions and centers in the world.

### Required Scientific Field and Capability:

The applicant student must have a set of prerequisite information including basic knowledge of law, Islamic philosophy, Western philosophy and philosophy of science.

### Career Future:

- ◆ Graduates of this field can teach in philosophical educational fields related to philosophy of law or history of science, developments of science.
- ◆ Graduates of this field can research in fields related to this field, such as philosophy of law or the history of the development of jurisprudence.



### Topics, Main and Optional Courses:

#### A) Compulsory Courses:

Philosophy of Law, Fundamentals of Law, Methodology of Law, Approaches to Jurisprudence and Principles.

#### B) Optional Courses:

Philosophy of Criminal Law, Philosophy of Human Rights, Hermeneutics and Law, History of Developments in Western Law, History of Developments in Jurisprudence, Philosophy of Women and Family Rights, History of Developments in Principles of Jurisprudence, Philosophy of Science

#### C) Compensatory Courses:

Generalities of Islamic philosophy, Generalities of Western Philosophy, Political philosophy of Islam, Philosophy of Ethics, Modern Political Philosophy (theory of government), Philosophy of Social Sciences, Generalities of Islamic Theology and Law, Theological Principles of Ijtihad.

### Special points:

Achievements of this field can be one of the most important attractions of this field due to its fundamental studies and researches and the publication of books and articles in this field and its transformative role. This course is held exclusively in Iran, only at Baqir al-Olum University for doctoral degree.

### Other Details:

Among the professors in this field Dr. Hamid Parsania, Dr. Mahmud Hekmatnia, Dr. Ahmad Vaezi, Dr. Javid and others, can be mentioned.