



Shaykh Amjad Tarsin

Lecturer and Researcher in Islamic Studies

Place of Birth and Residence: Ann Arbor, Michigan

Academic Education

Amjad Tarsin was born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he developed a strong commitment to Islamic learning and scholarship. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan in English Literature and Islamic Studies, providing him with a solid foundation in both classical humanities and Islamic sciences. This dual focus on literary studies and Islamic knowledge has shaped his ability to communicate complex theological and spiritual concepts to contemporary audiences.

Traditional Islamic Training

Following his undergraduate studies, Tarsin spent an intensive year studying at Dar al-Mustafa for Islamic Sciences in Tarim, Yemen, one of the premier institutions for traditional Islamic learning. During this formative period, he studied under such luminaries and esteemed scholars as: Habib Umar bin Hafiz, Habib Ali Abu Bakr, Habib Muhammad al-ʿAydarus, Sayyid Salim Bin Hafiz, Sh. Munir Ba-Zhayr, and others. This intensive training in classical Islamic disciplines provided him with comprehensive knowledge in Islamic jurisprudence, Qurʿanic sciences, hadith studies, Islamic theology, and spiritual development.

Professional Credentials and Advanced Training

Following his studies in Tarim, Tarsin enrolled in the Islamic Chaplaincy program at Hartford Seminary, where he completed his Master of Arts in June 2012. This advanced degree equipped him with specialized training in pastoral care, interfaith dialogue, and the application of Islamic principles to contemporary spiritual and psychological needs.

Professional Experience and Leadership

Tarsin served as Muslim Chaplain at the University of Toronto for seven years, providing spiritual guidance, pastoral care, and Islamic counseling to Muslim students and the broader university community. His work as a chaplain demonstrated his commitment to serving Muslim communities in secular institutional settings and his ability to address the spiritual needs of young Muslims navigating contemporary challenges.



In June 2019, he joined the faculty at Al-Maqasid, an institution dedicated to Islamic education and scholarship. In this role, he contributes to the education of students pursuing Islamic knowledge and serves in various capacities within the educational and administrative structures of the organization.

Media and Publishing Work

Tarsin is the host of SoulFood FM, a podcast dedicated to exploring practical ways of achieving spiritual refinement and personal transformation through Islamic teachings. Through this platform, he makes Islamic spiritual guidance accessible to a wide audience, addressing contemporary challenges through the lens of Islamic tradition and wisdom.

Tarsin has undertaken significant translation work, making important Islamic texts accessible to English-speaking audiences. He has translated *Sufism: Its Essence & the Traits of Its People*, *Sacred Knowledge: Aims & Objectives*, and *The Islamic Discourse: Its Current State & Future Development*. All of these works were authored by al-Habib Umar Bin Hafiz, one of his principal teachers. Through his translation work, Tarsin has contributed to the dissemination of contemporary Islamic thought and spiritual guidance rooted in classical Islamic tradition.

Areas of Expertise

His specialized knowledge encompasses Islamic jurisprudence, Qur'anic sciences, Islamic theology, Islamic spirituality and Sufism, pastoral care and Islamic counseling, interfaith dialogue, and contemporary Islamic thought. He is particularly skilled in communicating Islamic concepts to diverse audiences, including young Muslims, university students, and those new to Islam, drawing upon his background in literature and his extensive Islamic training.

Current Focus and Mission

The present work of Amjad Tarsin focuses on bridging traditional Islamic scholarship with contemporary spiritual and intellectual needs. Through his teaching, chaplaincy work, podcast, and translation efforts, he endeavors to make Islamic knowledge and spiritual guidance accessible and relevant to modern Muslims while maintaining fidelity to classical Islamic tradition and methodology.

