

Spiritual Foundations for a Global Civilization

2005 Home Study Units and Summer Session

The 2005-06 program focuses on the annual theme of individual development and the creation of Bahá'í marriages and families. The course of study, which includes both home and residential study, is divided into five modules. Home Study runs from June 1, 2005, through July 28, 2005; is followed by the summer session, July 29-August 7, 2005; then is capped with the final Home Study, September 2005 through April 2006.

I. Introductory Home Study, June 1 – July 28, 2005

Focus: Intensive reading, some preliminary discussion

SCHEDULE OF STUDY

June 1-10	Life and Writings of Bahá'u'lláh
June 11-20	Life and Writings of `Abdu'l-Bahá
June 21-30	Bahá'í History, 1892-1921
June 8-15	Bahá'í History, 1892-1921
July 1-14	Individual Development
July 15-28	Marriage and Family Life

II. Study Units and their Lengths During the Summer Session

Orientation, Introduction	1 hrs
Module B: Individual Development and the Creation of Bahá'í Marriages and Families	
28.5 hrs	
<i>B1. Individual Development</i> (15 hrs.) [Saba Ayman-Nolley and Michael Penn]	
The Nature of Humanity: Overview	
An Introduction to the Human Temple	
The Mental Dimension	
The Spiritual Dimension	
<i>B2. Marriage and Family Life</i> (13.5 hrs.) [Leslie Asplund]	
The Social Dimension of the Individual	
Autonomy and Connection	
The Institution of Marriage	
Parenthood	
Family Life	
The Equality of Women and Men	
Module E: Bahá'í History, 1844-63	12 hrs
E1. The Life of Bahá'u'lláh, 1863-92 (3 hrs) [Ghasem Bayat]	
E2. The Life of `Abdu'l-Bahá (3 hrs) [Robert Stockman]	
E3. Writings and Talks of `Abdu'l-Bahá (1.5 hrs) [Robert Stockman]	
E4. The Development of the Bahá'í Community, 1863-1921 (4.5 hrs) [Robert	

Stockman]	
Module F: Bahá'í Writings on Individual Development and Spirituality (Ghasem Bayat)	4.5 hrs
Module G: Expository Writing (Gayle Morrison)	6 hrs
Module H: Teaching the Faith (Morris Taylor)	3 hrs
Orientation to Home Study II	1.5 hrs
TOTAL:	56.5 hrs

III. Home Study Session II, September 2005 through April 2006

Focus: Review of material covered, integration of and application of learning

Sept. 1-Oct. 7:	Individual Development
Oct. 7-Nov. 15:	Marriage and Family Life
Nov. 15-Dec. 21:	The Life and Writings of Bahá'u'lláh
Dec. 22-Jan. 31	The Life and Writings of `Abdu'l-Bahá
Feb. 1-28	Bahá'í History, 1892-1921
Mar-Apr.:	Integrative Final Projects

Teaching the Faith: Every Month, but especially the last week of the month