



CIEE Amman, Jordan

Course name:	Introduction to Islam
Course number:	RELI 3001 AMAL
Programs offering course:	Advanced Arabic Language
Language of instruction:	Arabic
U.S. Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45
Term:	Spring 2019

Course Description and Goals

Islam is a world religion with approximately 1.3 billion adherents. It has spawned a civilization, numerous massive empires and important geo-political resistance movements since the faith's founding in seventh-century Arabia. This class provides an introduction to the tenets, practice and historical development of the religion of Islam. It also introduces students to the principal genres of scholarly and religious expression in Islamic civilization.

This course explores the different ways in which Muslims have interpreted and put into practice the prophetic message of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم through historical and phenomenological analyses of varying theological, philosophical, legal, political, mystical and literary writings. These analyses aim for course participants to develop a framework for explaining the sources and symbols through which historically specific experiences and understandings have been signified as Islamic. The course focuses in particular on the classical and modern periods of Islamic history.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this session, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate a broad knowledge and understanding of the basic general principles of Islam.
- Define the meaning of the Islam ,Qur'an, Fiqh, Hadith, Biography of the Prophet, Jihad in Islam, Family and Marriage in Islam, Politics in Islam- Religion and politics
- Describe the personality of the Prophet and the mission Allah charged him with for the whole mankind.
- Identify Islam look for: women, science, the other non-Muslims
- Discuss the term Tafsir and its place in the understanding of the Qur'an.
- Relate and evaluate the views of non-Muslims about the Qur'an.

Course Prerequisites

Students are expected in this chapter to be advanced linguistic level to accommodate individuals, terminology and raised in discussions of texts and grade teacher, and the total number of students.

It is also expected that the student has studied a course primarily about the Islamic religion or look and read a range of texts and maybe some books to be raised and discussed general issues of Islam.



Methods of Instruction

1. Texts (articles and reports)
2. Documentary films
3. Lectures and seminars
4. Discussions

Assessment and Final Grade

- Participation and Attendance	20%
- Homework	30%
- Term Paper	20%
- Presentations	10%
- Final Exam	20%

Course Requirements

Homework

Homework is due in class on the date noted on the weekly plan schedule and should be put in the folder on my desk at the start of each period. The aim of the homework is to make sure that students had prepared for class. Also, students are required to submit a daily written text expressing their understanding and opinion on the different topics.

Presentations

The students will be engaged in numerous communicative activities, which include frequent class presentations. Some of these activities will be graded (e.g. will be asked to do skits/plays, oral presentation, etc). There will be specific assignments that will be graded.

Attendance and Class Participation

In order to get the most out of each class, it is very important that you are prepared, alert, and engaged during class activities. In-class activities are designed with the assumption that you already studied the vocabulary and grammar explanations at home and are prepared to activate that knowledge in class. It is essential that you attend every class in order to not fall behind. If you come to class late it will reduce your participation grade. If you are more than 20 minutes late for class it will be considered an absence.

Term Paper

The student chose a topic of their interest in the field of Islam and Islamic studies. The paper needs to be 4-5 pages and should be submitted at the end of the semester. Additionally, students will have to present their paper in class.

Final Exam

At the end of the semester, there will be a final exam that tests the students understanding of the topics and their ability to express their opinions on the different topics.

Weekly Schedule



Week 1

Introduction
Intro to Islam
Homework

Week 2

A General Definition of the Religion of Islam
Homework

Week 3

The Decline of Islamic Culture
Homework
Presentation

Week 4

The Islamic Civilization
Homework

Week 5

The History and Spread of Islam
The Life of Muhammad
Jihad in Islam
Presentation

Week 6

The Holy Qur'an
Homework

Week 7

Spring Break

Week 8

Schools of Jurisprudence
Presentation

Week 9

Sects of Islam
Homework

Week 10

Islam and Science
Homework

Week 11

Islam and the Family
Presentation

**Week 12**

Islam and the “Other”-Islam in Human and International relations
Homework

Week 13

Islam and Women
Homework
Presentation

Week 14

Political Islam
Homework

Week 15

General Review
Term paper due
Term paper presentation

Week 16

Final Exam

Readings

Because this course covers a variety of topics, there is no specific one book for the material so far, but there will be different materials and a variety of several books and journals on issues of Islam. Student will have access to some of the following resources:

- 1- Interpretation of the Qur'an: such as Tafsir Ibn Kathiir, Tafsir Ibn Ashour, and Tafsir (في ظلال القرآن) to Sayyid Qutb.
- 2- السيرة النبوية Biography of the Prophet: Ibn Hisham
- 3- تعريف عام بدين الإسلام A General Definition of the Religion of Islam: Ali Tantawi
- 4- نظام الأسرة في الإسلام The Family System in Islam: Muhammad Oqlah
- 5- نظرة الإسلام للعقل والعلم Islam's Position on Reason and Science: Yusuf al-Qaradaawi
- 6- Articles, reports and texts that can be read in newspapers, magazines and websites.