

ISLAMIC STUDIES & Related Courses

Fall 2019-Winter 2020

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"a" courses are in the fall term; "b" courses are in the winter

Quranic Arabic for Beginners Arabic 1070a

Dr. Yahya Kharrat / Thursdays, 3:30-6:30

An introduction to Quranic Arabic for beginners with no previous knowledge of the Arabic language. Learn the script of the Qur'an, acquire core vocabulary necessary to understand short Quranic chapters, and dive into basic grammar of classical Arabic. Extra Info: Those with any Arabic language background must see Instructor to determine eligibility for course.

Intermediate Quranic Arabic Arabic 2080b* (*subject to course approval)

Dr. Yahya Kharrat / Thursdays, 3:30-6:30

Builds upon Quranic Arabic for Beginners 1070A/B. Expand your Quranic vocabulary and acquire a familiarity with more complex grammatical structures through studying Quranic texts, and acquire the key principles of Quranic grammar. Prerequisite: Arabic 1070a or permission of instructor.

Islamic Spiritual Care & Chaplaincy Religious Studies 5223a

Instructor: Dr. Nazila Isgandarova

Discover the methods and findings of modern Islamic spiritual care and psychotherapy. Seven class meetings: Fridays, 3:30-8:30 pm (Sept. 6, 20, Oct. 4, 18; Nov. 1, 15, 29, 2019).

Islam & Politics Religious Studies 5220b/RS3130b

Dr. Ingrid Mattson / Mondays, 2:30-3:30 + Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30

Examine Islamic political thought and practice from the Medina Charter and the early Caliphate through to contemporary movements and developments. Central topics include: religion and the state, the main branches of Islam, religious tolerance, good governance, human rights, rule of law, and colonialism.

Interpreting the Qur'an in Translation Religious Studies 5310a/2310a

Dr. Ingrid Mattson / Tuesdays, 11:30-1:30 + Thursdays, 11:30-12:30

Explore passages in the Qur'an that have shaped classical and contemporary Islam, particularly regarding the tensions between text, context, and community. Also, review the history of reception and the influence these texts and their interpretations have on social relations and contemporary issues.

Key Issues in Islamic Theology Systematic Theology 5208a

Dr. Ingrid Mattson / Mondays, 4:30-7:30

A study of the major theological issues addressed by traditional and modern Muslim theologians, such as the attributes of God, revelation and science, human freedom and responsibility, suffering and religious pluralism.

Intro to Islamic Ethics Theological Ethics 5213a/Religious Studies 3121a

Dr. Ingrid Mattson / Mondays, 2:30-3:30 + Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30

Examination of principled reasoning in classical Islamic jurisprudence, the theological status of reason in Islam, the principles and priorities of traditional ethical reasoning, the arguments for a goal-oriented approach to ethics, the contemporary emphasis on the context of the ethicist and the construction of religious authority, and the importance of individual moral formation.

Intro to Islamic Law & Legal Theory Theological Ethics 5190b/Theology 9505b

Dr. Ingrid Mattson / Mondays, 4:30-7:30

History, practice and principles of Islamic law as understood by the major schools, with focus on their ethical and theological foundations and their adaptations to changing times.

Prerequisite: Any university-level course in Islamic Studies



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