

AL-MAKTOUM INSTITUTE

COURSE DETAILS

Course Code	AM 5001
Course Title	Islam & Muslims in History and Society
Course Co-ordinator	Dr Abdullah Sahin
Semester	Autumn

COURSE CONTENT

The course will examine historical, social and political developments within the Muslim world, from the rise of Islam to the present day. Making use of critical historical and social scientific approaches, the diversity of Muslim societies will be placed with general theoretical frameworks for analysing specific trends and periods.

Students will be introduced to Muslim concepts such as *Ummah*, *Khilafah* and *Syadah*, which will be examined within the context of the diverse understandings and applications of the concepts within history. Key issues, theories and methods in the course will be highlighted and explored through the use of specific historical and social case studies.

COURSE AIMS

1. To develop students' historical critical skills; and develop an awareness of some of the key features of the study of Muslim history
2. To provide a survey of the major events which have shaped political, economic and social developments in the Muslim world. This includes the early caliphate, the historical and geographical spread of Islam and the decline of the Islamic political system; and to gain an understanding of the main contours of Muslim history and society.
3. To provide a historical and sociological background of the modern Arab and Muslim world
4. To understand the impact of Islam on Arab history and to trace the roots of the major social and ideological trends which exist in Arab societies today.
5. To offer a solid base for the study of its politics and economics and an understanding of political, religious and social institutions that have emerged since the advent of Islam.
6. To examine particular case studies of Muslim social and historical contexts, to explore the diversity of expressions of Muslim society and Muslim social and political concepts
7. To explore concepts of social science in respect of the study of Islam and Muslim societies and to examine concepts associated with the idea of 'Islamic Social Science'

MAIN LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of the course students should be able to

1. Distinguish between analytical approaches to the study of history and society
2. Become familiar with both the Muslim traditions and modern scholarship regarding this history
3. Discuss the concepts of *khilafah* (caliphate), *ummah* (community/nation) and *syadah* (sovereignty) with respect to Muslim historical, political and social contexts
4. Acquire the necessary tools to analyse socio-political developments, including historical and social scientific theoretical and methodological approaches.
5. Demonstrate deep understanding of the main events of Muslim history, outline and critically analyse the most significant periods.
6. Make best use of the available literature and the latest research on the subject; and present sound written and oral arguments and provide personal views on the subject

Assessment

100% coursework

- 10% seminar presentation
- 30% critical review – 2,000 words
- 60% essay – 3,500 to 4,000 words

Resit: Not normally applicable

Teaching Hours

Total Number of hours	200
Timetabled teaching hours	24
Private Study Time	176