Spring 2013

Introduction to Islam – REL 2362/Sections 0038, 0049, 0050
Florida Gym –(Rm.220) Tuesdays, Thursdays (Lectures) 4th period (10:40 -11:30 am)
& Fridays (discussion) group locations: 3rd period in MAT-14/ 4th period
In MAT 07 & 6th period in MAT 118

COURSE OUTLINE

Texts and Information for our Course:

REQU AND OTHER MATERIALS


3). There will be Additional Readings from other texts listed on this Course Outline that will be sent as a pdf via our Class e-mail List and/or on our Sakai Course Site, when set up. I will let the class know when the Sakai Site is up & running

4). On and off campus events related to Islam will be announced in class, posted on the Sakai site and sent via our e-mail list site.

5). Study Question to help with your reading of the Course material will be sent by e-mail and posted on our Sakai Course Site when it is ready.

6). The date for the final exam is: May 2, 2013 – 7:30 – 9:30 AM (AWFUL!!!!) .

7). Missed quizzes and the Mid-Term can be made up only with a doctor’s note, a UF approved activity such as a sports team event in which you are a participant, or the band or the choir, or a court appearance, job interview,etc., or a genuine emergency to be determined by the instructor and teaching assistant. If you know of a conflict before hand, please inform us so that arrangements can be made for you to take the Quiz before hand or if necessary take a make-up Quiz. A Make-Up for the Final Exam is much more difficult. I also hate to schedule it early but will consider only if there is a real emergency

copy. At those sites you can not only read the English translations and transliteration, you see (read) the Arabic and hear it recited in both Arabic & English. There are also teaching tools on line for those who want to learn surahs (chapters) of the Qur’an. Plus these sites enable you to download the Qur’an to your IPAD, IPHONE, KINDLE or similar devices. You can begin your on-line explorations of the Qur’an at: [http://www.quranexplorer.com/]

Date / Topic and Readings:

1.) 1/08. Introduction to the Study of Islam, Introductions Review of Syllabus, Course Outline, Discussion of Perspectives, Problems, Bibliography for the Course, Goals, Class Requirements, Expectations – 1/12. Continued viewing of Inside Islam with discussion

2.) 1/10. Video: Beginning of viewing of Inside Islam w/Q & A

3.) 1/11. Discussion Groups Cont’d viewing of Inside Islam w/discussion

Part One - Religion and Common Life in the Pre-Islamic Near East

4.) 1/15. Early Civilizations and the Origins of Judaism and Christianity,
Denny, Chpt. 1, pp. 5-27 (pp. 3-28)

5.) 1/17. View a Documentary on Islam w/discussion (Title TBA)

6.) 1/18. View a Documentary on Islam w/discussion (Title TBA)

7.) 1/22. Pre-Islamic Arabia: Beliefs, Values, Way of Life,
Denny, Chpt. 2, pp. 32-36 (pp. 29-43)

Part Two - The Coming of Islam: The Prophet, His People, and God’s Religion

8.) 1/24. Muhammad and the Early Muslim Community,
Denny, Chpt. 3, pp. 49-73 (pp. 47-71)
Esposito, Chpt. 1, “Muhammad and the Qur’an: Messenger and Message” (pp.1-31) from Islam The Straight Path, by John L. Esposito, 3rd ed. (This chapter will be sent via our Class List & posted on Sakai.)

9.) 1/25. Discussion of Denny Chapters 1 & 2


11.) 1/31. The Arab Conquests & Islamic Rule: The Struggle for a Unified Umma
Denny, Chpt. 4, pp. 74-96 (pp.72-94)

12.) 2/01. Discussion of readings from the week
13.) 2/05. Esposito Chapter 2 “The Muslim Community In History”, (pp. 32-67) from Esposito: Islam The Straight Path. (This chapter will be sent at a pdf file via our Course List & will be posted on Sakai)

14.) 2/07. Basic Beliefs and Worship Practices of Islam, Denny, Chpt 5, pp. 97-129 (pp.97-127)

15.) 2/08. Quiz # One on Denny Chapters 1-4, Esposito 1-2

**Part Three – The Islamic Religious System**


17.) 2/14. Classical Islam, Chapter 2, pp. 23-54

18.) 2/15. View Video on Salat

19.) 2/19. The Nature and Function of the Qur’an
Denny, Chpt. 6, pp. 130-149 (pp. 128-148)

20.) 2/21. W. Montgomery Watt and Richard Bell, “The History of the Text” (pp.40-56) from Introduction to the Qur’an will be sent via the Class List as pdf.

21.) 2/22. Discussion of Denny Chpts. 5 & 6 and Watt/Bell’s The History of the Text

19.) 2/26. The Prophet’s Sunnah as Preserved in the Hadith, Denny, Chpt. 7, pp. 150-163 (pp149-163) “The Islamic Tradition”, (pp.17-35) from Introduction To The Hadith by John Burton. (This chapter will be sent as a pdf via the Course List).

20.) 2/28. Continuation of discussion of our readings on the Hadith.

21.) 3/01. Quiz # Two on Denny Chpts. 5, 6, & 7

**SPRING BREAK**

March 2nd through the 10th

23.) 3/14. Muslim Creeds and Theologies: Their Purposes and Varieties, 
     Denny Chpt. 8, pp. 164-186 (pp. 164-186)

24.) 3/15. Class Discussion of Readings


26.) 3/21. Law and the State in Classical Islamic Formulations 
     Denny, Chpt. 9, pp. 187-208 (pp.187-210) 
     Classical Islam, Chapter 7, pp. 247-293

27.) 3/22. In Class Mid-Term Exam

28.) 3/26 Islamic Mysticism and the Disciplines of Esoteric Piety 
     Denny, Chpt. 10, pp. 211-237 (pp.211-237)

     Denny Chpt. 11, pp. 238-260 (pp. 238-262)

30.) 3/29 Classical Islam, Chapter 8, pp. 299-352

   **Part Five Patterns of Islamic Personal & Communal Life**

31.) 4/02. The Islamic Life Cycle and the Family 
     Denny Chpt. 12 pp. 263-288 (pp. )

   **Part Six – Islam in the Modern World**

32.) 4/04. Major Movements and Trends in Renewal and Reform 
     Denny Chpt. 14, pp. 315-340 (pp. 315-339)

33.) 4/05. **Quiz Three (Questions on Readings from the Mid-Term to this date)**

34.) 4/09. Three Forms of Islamic Revival: Fundamentalism, Feminism, Establishing 
     The Umma in North America, Denny Chpt. 15 pp. 341-364 (pp. 340-362)

     Islam without Borders, Denny Chpt. 16 pp. 363-380)

36.) 4/12. Class Trip to Jumah Prayers at the Hoda Islamic Center - 5220 
     SW 13th St. (352) 377-8080. Time TBA (it is mid-day either 12:30 or 1:30)
37.) 4/16. Readings TBA or time to go over earlier readings
38.) 4/18. Readings TBA or time to go over earlier readings
39.) 4/19. Quiz Four (Questions on Readings from Quiz three to this date)
40.) 4/23. WRAP UP DISCUSSION & REVIEW

In Class Final Exam: May 2nd 7:30 to 9:30 AM

HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER !!!!!!!

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