

CET Syllabus of Record



Program: CET Intensive Arabic Language in Amman

Course Title: Islamic *Shar'ia*: *Qur'an*, *Hadith*, and the *'Ulama*

Course Code: AM/LANG 380

Total Hours: 45

Recommended Credits: 3

Primary Discipline / Suggested Cross Listings: Arabic Language / Middle East Studies, Religious Studies, Islamic Studies

Language of Instruction: Arabic

Prerequisites/Requirements: ACTFL Intermediate High or equivalent, final placement at discretion of academic director

Description

This course examines the definition of the religion of Islam from its founding, and the rich interpretive traditions of the *hadith*, or teachings of the Prophet Muhammad. It acquaints students with Islamic ethics, the way Muslims relate to people of other faiths, and varied Islamic positions on contemporary issues. Students compare the varying interpretations and *ijtihad* of Islamic scholars or *'ulama* with emphasis placed on areas of disparate opinion among Muslims. Finally, the course examines the process by which worship becomes custom and the reasons why.

This course begins meeting a few weeks into the program, after a period of intensive instruction in MSA and Jordanian dialect. Depending on the number of students enrolled, the course may be split up into smaller groups so instructors can devote personalized attention to students at varying levels of Arabic to ensure all students are able to actively participate in the larger class meetings. Class sections make up approximately one-third of the total class hours, while large group meetings and activities make up the remaining two-thirds.

Objectives

During this course, students:

- develop a comprehensive understanding of the specific aspects of the pillars of Islam and the acts of worship, the biography of the Prophet Muhammad before and after Islam, and the *hadith* as a source of legislation in Islam
- are introduced to Islamic moral reasoning according to the Prophet, and negotiated through Muslims' relationships to one another and to non-Muslims.
- learn to distinguish between *ijtihad*, *fatwa*, and original texts
- identify subjects that have been carefully and critically interpreted by Islamic scholars
- become familiar with current important topics in Islam:
 - extremism and terrorism
 - homosexuality
 - dress and adornment
 - women's rights
 - Islamic economics

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- religious parties
- democracy
- develop speaking and writing skills learned in the Modern Standard Arabic course
- increase their Arabic vocabulary bank and high-frequency expressions
- analyze expressions commonly found in historical documents that overlap with modern usage.

Course Requirements

Students must complete all readings in advance of class meetings and come prepared to discuss and analyze content. Readings average 10-30 pages per class. Mandatory practica in the form of excursions and field-based activities make up a part of the course. A final paper of 15-20 pages is required.

Methods of Evaluation

The final grade is determined as follows:

Participation and attendance	30%
2 short papers	20%
Presentation	20%
Final paper/project	30%

Primary Texts

The Holy Qur'an

بن هشام، أبو محمد عبد الملك. السيرة النبوية. تحقيق: مصطفى السقا، وإبراهيم الأبياري، وعبد الحفيظ شلبي. مجلدان. أربعة أجزاء. 2009م

Ibn Hisham, Abu Muhammad Abd Al Malak. *al Sira al Nabawiya* (The Biography of the Prophet). Ed. Mustafa al Seqa, Ibrahim al Ibyari, and Abd al Hafid Shalabi. Beirut: Dar al Ma'arifa, 2009. Print.

حوى، الدكتور معاذ سعيد. التزكية والاخلاق على منهاج النبوة. ج1 وج2. عمان: دار النور المبين، 2012. صفحات 12 – 153؛ 231 – 271.

Hawa, Mu'ath Said. *al Tazkia 'ala Manhaj al Nobowa* (Self-purification and Morals According to the Prophethood). Parts 1 and 2. Amman: Dar al Nur al Mubin, 2012. Pages 12 – 153; 231 – 271.

زيدان، الدكتور عبد الكريم. المدخل لدراسة الشريعة الإسلامية. الطبعة 11. بيروت: مؤسسة الرسالة، 1989م. صفحات 159 – 163.

Zaidan, Abd al Karim. *Al Madkhal li Dirasat al Shari'a al Islamiya* (Introduction to the Study of Shari'a). 11th ed. Beirut: al Risala, 1989. Print. Pages 159 – 163.

عاشور، أحمد عيسى. الفقه المبسّر في العبادات والمعاملات. ج1 وج2. الطبعة الثالثة. دمشق: دار الخير، 2006. صفحات 26 – 210.

Ashour, Ahmad Eissa. *al Fiqh al Muyasir fil 'Abadat wal Mu'amilat* (Simplified Islamic Jurisprudence in Worship and Procedure). Parts 1 and 2. 3rd Edition. Damascus: Dar Al Kheir, 2006. Print. Pages 26 – 210.

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المباركفوري، صفي الرحمن. روضة الأنوار في سيرة النبي المختار. الطبعة العاشرة. الرياض: وكالة المطبوعات و البحث العلمي، 2013. صفحات 5 – 162.

al Mubarakfuri, Safi al Rahman. *Roudat al Anwar fi Sirat al Nabi al Mukhtar (The Garden of Lights in the Life of the Prophet Muhammad)*. 11th Ed. Riyadh: Wikalat al Matbu'at wa al Bahth al 'Ilmi, 2013. Pages 5 – 162.

ملحم، الدكتور أحمد سالم. التطرف: حقيقته وبواعثه ومظاهره وعلاجه. عمان: مديرية الإفتاء في القوات المسلحة الأردنية، 2006م.

Melhem, Ahmad Salem. *Al Tataruf; Haqiqatuhu wa Bawa'ithuhu wa Madhahiruhu wa 'ilajuhu (Extremism: Its Reality, Motives, Forms, and Treatment)*. Amman: Department of Fatwas in the Armed Forces, 2005. Print. Pages 93 – 116.

دراسات إسلامية في الفكر و الثقافة و السلوك. عمان: جمعية عمال المطابع التعاونية، 2005. صفحات 25 – 69.
Dirasat Islamiya fi al Fikr wa al Thaqafa wa al Suluk (Islamic Studies in Thought, Culture, and Behavior). Amman: Jam'iyat 'Umal al Mutabi' al Ta'awuniya, 2005. Print. Pages 25 – 69.

نوفل، أحمد و آخرون. في الثقافة الإسلامية. الطبعة الثانية. عمان: دار عمّار، 1990م. صفحات 100 – 104.
Nofal, Ahmad, et al. *Fi al Thaqafa al Islamiya (In Islamic Culture)*. 2nd ed. Amman: Dar Ammar, 1990. Print. Pages 100 – 104.

النووي، الإمام أبو زكريا يحيى بن شرف الدين. كتاب الأربعين النووية. بيروت: دار ابن كثير، 1972.
al Nawawi, Imam Abu Zakarya Yahya bin Sharaf al-Din. *Kitab al Arba'in al Nawawiya (Imam Nawawi's Forty Hadith)*. Beirut: Dar ibn Kathir, 1972.

النووي، الإمام أبو زكريا يحيى بن شرف الدين. كتاب رياض الصالحين من كلام سيّد المرسلين. تحقيق: محمود بن الجميل. الطبعة الثانية. القاهرة: مكتبة الصفاء، 2004م.
Al Nawawi, Imam Abu Zakaria Yahya bin Sharaf al Din. *Kitab Riyad al Salihin min Kalam Sayyid al Mursilin (Gardens of the Righteous)*. Ed. Bin al Jamil, Mahmud. 2nd ed. Cairo: al Safa, 2004. Print.

Secondary Texts

Readings and information may be taken from online sources such as newspapers, academic articles and research papers; other various media channels; lectures from local Islamic scholars and religious authorities.

أبو شهبه، محمد. "المبحث السادس: المكي و المدني." المدخل لدراسة القرآن الكريم. رياض: دار اللواء، 1987م.
Abu Shahba, Muhammad. "al Mabhath al Sadis: al Makki wa al Madani (The Sixth S: The Meccan and Medinan Verses)." *Al Madkhal li Dirasat al Quran al Karim (An Introduction to the Study of the Noble Quran)*. Riyadh: Dar al Lewaa, 1987. Web.

بن ناصر الشثري، الشيخ سعد. "مفهوم الجهاد في الإسلام و شروطه و ضوابطه." 13 يوليو، 2012. السكينة. عبر الانترنت.

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bin Nasr al Shathri, Sheikh/Doctor Saad. "Mafhoom al jihad fi al'islam wa shurutu wa darabatuhu" (The concept of Jihad in Islam and the Conditions and Precepts). 13 July, 2012. Assakina. Web
جاء، الحسيني سليمان. "الأمر الأول: علاقة الإسلام بالديانات الأخرى." وثيقة مؤتمر السكان والتنمية؛ رؤية شرعية. الطبعة الأولى. دوحة: وزارة الأوقاف والشؤون الإسلامية، 1996. "إسلام ويب." عبر الانترنت.
Gad, al Husseini Suleiman. "Alaqaat al'islam wa al diyanat al ukhrra" (The relationship between Islam and other religions). *Wathiqat Mu`tamar al Sukkan wa al Tanmiya; Ru`ya Shar`iya* (A Record of the Conference on Population and Development; A Legitimate Vision). First Edition. Doha: Wizarat al Awqaf wa al shu`un al islamiya, 1996. IslamWeb. Web

محمود، رامي حنفي. "ملخص أحكام الغسل من تمام المنة." الألوكة. الألوكة، 23 يونيو، 2012. عبر الانترنت.
Mahmoud, Rami Hanafi. "Mulakhas Ahkam al Ghasl min Tamam al Mina (A Summary of the Rulings on Washing from Sheikh Adel al Azazi's Tamam al Mina). *Alukah*. Alukah, 6 June, 2012. Web.

المصلح، شيخ عبد الله. حياة الرسول صلي الله و سلم قبل الهجرة و بعدها. 18 نوفمبر، 2012م. "إيه في آي." عبر الانترنت.
Musleh, Sheikh Abdullah. *The Life of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) Before and After the Hijra*. 18 November, 2012. AVI. Web.

النووي، الإمام أبو زكريا يحيى بن شرف الدين. شرح متن الأربعين النووي في الأحاديث الصحيحة النبوية. الطبعة الرابعة. دمشق: دار الفتح، 1984م. مكتبة تحميل وقراءة الكتب الإسلامية مجاناً "بي دي إف." عبر الانترنت.
Al Nawawi, Imam Abu Zakarya Yahya bin Sharaf al Din. *Sharh Matn al Arba'in al Nawawiya fi al Ahadith al Sahiha al Nabawiya* (Commentary on al Nawawi's Forty Hadith). Fourth Edition. Damascus: Dar al Fath, 1984. Download Islamic PDF EBooks. Web.

Outline of Course Content

Topic 1: The *Qur'an* and the *Hadith* (1 week)

- The manner and reasons for Revelation
- Meccan and Medinan *suras*
- Additional short *suras*
- Strong versus weak *hadith*

Topic 2: The Creed and Pillars of Islam (1 week)

- 'Aqidah (creed), its connection to *hadith* and the *Qur'an*, and the pillars of Islam as the basis for substantiating faith
 - Belief in God, angels, divine messengers and sacred books
 - Belief in the Day of Judgment and predestination
- Established practices connected to the pillars of faith, and their basis in the *Qur'an* and *hadith*.
 - *Wudu'* (partial ablution)
 - *Ghusl* (full ablution)
 - *Tayammum* (dry ablution)

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- Prayer
- Alms
- Charity
- Fasting
- *Haji* (pilgrimage)

Topic 3: Islamic Economy (1 week)

- Goals, means, and foundation in the *Qur'an* and *hadith*
- Islam's approach to interest and banking
- Usury: reasons for its prohibition and alternatives

Topic 4: The Prophet Muhammad (1 week)

- Origins, development, and conditions before the Prophethood.
- The life of Muhammad prior to the Prophethood
- The prophecy and proselytism
- Open proselytism
- The torment of the Muslims [in Mecca]

Topic 5: Muhammad's Journeys (1 weeks)

- The position of the polytheists [in Mecca] vis-à-vis Muhammad
- The journey to Ethiopia.
- The *Isra* and *Mi'raj* (Night Journey)
- Muhammad's journey to Medina and his deeds there

Topic 6: Praised Ethics and Behaviors (1 week)

- Honesty, loyalty, generosity, bravery, tolerance, charity, patience, humility, justice
- Morals and purification in accordance with the Prophethood.

Topic 7: *Jihad* in Islam (1 week)

- Extremists and the distortion of *jihad* in Islam
- The pillars of faith
- *Sunna* and evidence for the authority as a source of [*Shari'a*] lawmaking

Topic 8: Islamic culture (1 week)

- Muslim culture and modern challenges
- Differentiating between traditions and Islamic law, eg. punishment for honor killings, adultery, consumption of alcohol, and *hijab*, and their religious interpretations based on the *Qur'an* and *hadith*
- The suspicion that Islam is an extremist religion

Topic 9: Families and Women in Islam (1 week)

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- The issues of the family, education, and the beginning of polygamy in Islam
- The relation which ties children to parents; familial piety
- The position of women in Islam

Topic 10: Politics and Islam (1 week)

- Political order in Islam
- Religious political parties
- Democracy
- Qur'anic and Islamic influences on Arab constitutions

Topic 11: Current issues and Islam (1 week)

- Extremism and terrorism
- Homosexuality
- *Jihad al nikah* (sexual jihad)
- Clothing and adornment