

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the Qur'an. It focuses on the revelation, the history of Qur'anic text, and the thematic features of the Qur'an. The structural features of the Qur'an and its content will be analysed. Through the course, students will be able to learn the basic Qur'anic references in understanding the thematic characteristics and the key terms of the Qur'an.

Course Syllabus

Week 1	Introduction to the Course
Week 2	The Qur'an: Text and History
Week 3	<i>Tawhīd</i> in the Qur'an
Week 4	Human Being in the Qur'an
Week 5	Prophet Stories in the Qur'an I
Week 6	Prophet Stories in the Qur'an II
Week 7	Prophet Stories in the Qur'an III
Week 8	The Prophet Muhammad in the Qur'an
Week 9	Hereafter in the Qur'an
Week 10	Ethical Behaviours in the Qur'an
Week 11	Worships (<i>ibādāt</i>) in the Qur'an I
Week 12	Worships (<i>ibādāt</i>) in the Qur'an II
Week 13	<i>Ahl al-Kitāb</i> in the Qur'an
Week 14	Evaluation

Requirements

- Students should come to the class having read the study materials.
- Students will be expected to write a two-page essay from Qur'anic references and reading/study materials for the theme of the week in which they present their own interpretation. Students must write with their own sentences. This also involves an in-class presentation.
- Students should attend the classes and participate in discussions.
- There will be one mid-term exam and a final exam.

Readings & References & Study Materials

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