

North South University
Department of History and Philosophy
HIS 203- Islamic History
(History of the Muslims Around the World)
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Section: MW 9.40am-11.10am (Class Room. SAC- 512)

Objective of the Course: This course is designed to give an overview of the journey of the Muslims over the past time in Asia, Africa and other parts of the Globe. This course has also aimed at offering an insight into the historical development of the Muslim world. Furthermore, this course is intended to provide a general background of the history of the Muslims of different countries in the world.

Learning Outcomes of Students:

- Students will be equipped with learning skills including heuristic skills (method of learning).
- Students will be enabled to analyze and interpret the background and events of history along with a chronological approach.
- Students will be introduced with the themes and issues of the History of Muslim World.
- Students will be inculcated with new insight and analytical mind regarding the History of the Muslims.

Course Contents:

The content of this course has included a variety of themes and topics related to the historical development of the Muslim Communities almost all over the World. The breakup of the themes and topics of the course has given below:

1. Introductory Class: Teacher-Students Introduction; An Overview of the Course; Structure; Outlines; Examination and Schedules.
2. Definitions: Islam; Muslim; History; Jaziratul Arab (Arabian Peninsula); Community Other Religions and Types.
Definitions of Map, Atlas and Globe.
3. Geography; People; Features of Land; Sources of History; Social-Economic-Political and Cultural Conditions of Pre-Muslim Arabia.

4. Prophet Muhammad: Early Age- Life and Works at Macca and Madina; Muhammad Before and After Hijrat; Charter of Madina; Battles of Prophet; Prophet's Policy Towards Jews and Christians; Treaty of Hdaybiah; Conquest of Macca; Prophet's Place in History.
5. The Era of Four Caliphs (Khalifa): Beginning and Establishment of Khilafat; Khalifa Abu Bakr and Ridda War; Khalifa Umar-I and the Expansion of Khilafat; Diwan of Umar; Reign of Usman; Development of Conflicts and Murder of Usman; Khalifa Ali and Civil Wars among the Muslims.
6. Government and Administration: Internal and External Policies of Four Caliphs (Khalifa); Society; Education; Culture and Urbanization.
7. The Umayyads (661-750): Sources of Umayyad History; Genealogy of the Umayyads; Establishment of Umayyad Dynasty and Muawiyah-I; Tragedy of Karbala; The Kharijites; The Rise of Shi'ites; Abdul Malik; Consolidation and Arabicization; The Mawali Issue.

First Mid-term Examination.

8. Al-Walid: Expansion of Khilafat to the East and West; Hajjaj bin Yusuf; Tareq and Musa (Conquest of Asia, Sind and Spain); Umar bin Abdul Aziz; Decline and Fall of the Umayyads; Social Features of Umayyad Dynasty; Administration; Revenue Policy; Society and Culture.
9. The Abbasids (750-1258): Rise of the Abbasids; Battle of Jav; Establishment of Abbasids Dynasty; Al-Mansur (the Real Founder of Abbasid Dynasty); Harun-or-Rashid; Civil War Between Amin and Mamun.
10. Later Abbasids: Rise of the Turks; Downfall of the Abbasids; Causes and Consequences; Foreign Policy of the Abbasids; Administration, Society and Culture During the Abbasids.
11. Regional Dynasties of the West and East: Such as Idrishids; Aghlabids; Tulunids (West); Tahirids; Saffarids; Buwaihids; Saljuks and so on (East).
12. Muslim Rule in India: Pre-Muslim Background and Arab Conquest of Sind; Sultan Mahmud's Invasion in India; Ghorid Era; Delhi Sultanate Period; Central and Provincial Administration.
13. Muslim Rule in Bengal: Background; Early Muslim Rule- Ikhtiyar Uddin Muhammad bin Bakhtiyar Khalji; Conquest of Laknouti and Other Places in Bengal.

14. Independent Sultanate in Bengal: Iliyas Shahi Dynasty and Hussain Shahi Dynasty.

Second Mid-term Examination

15. Muslim Rule in Spain: Pre-Muslim Condition; Muslim Conquest; Establishment of Independent Amirate; Abdur Rahman I and II; Decline and Fall of Umayyad Dynasty in Spain.
16. History of the Fatimid: Background; Egypt and North Africa; Fatimid Khalifat (909-1177); Ayyubid Sultanate: Rise of Salahuddin Ayyubid and the Crusades.
17. Mamluk Dynasty (1250-1517): Origin and Establishment of Mamluk Dynasty.
18. Muslims in Iran (Persia) and Central Asia: The Mongols and Their Conversion to Islam; Iran and Central Asia under the Mongols.
19. Muslim Rule in India (Later Afghans and the Mughals): Background, Babur's Invasion and the First Battle of Panipath; The Establishment Mughal Empire in India; Later Mughals and The Fall of Mughal Empire.
20. History of the Ottomans: Origin and Development of the Ottomans; Uthman the Founder; Conquest of Constantinople; Ottoman Rulers; Ottoman Turkey and the First World War; Mustafa Kemal and The Abolition of Khilafat and Sultanate; Society; Culture; Economic System; Army and Foreign Policy.
21. Developments of Religious Principles and Institutions of Muslims; Developments of Literature and Science During Muslim Period; Arabic Literature; Persian Poetry.
Science- Greek Legacy; Independent Inquiry of the Arab Scientists on the Various Field of Study and Knowledge.
22. Development of Philosophy and Sects of Muslims: Muslim Philosophy, Internal and External Sources; Sufism.
Various Sects: Jabarites; Qadarites; Murjites; Mutazilites; Asharites; Qarmatians; Assassins; Ikhanwan-us-Safa.
23. Women in Islam: Status of Women; Women and Society.
24. Development of Muslim Art, Painting, Calligraphy.
Architecture: Secular and Non-secular Architectures.

Recommended texts:

- Ali, Muhammad- The early Caliphate, Lahore 1951.
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- Lewis B. and Holt, P M- Cambridge History of Islam, London, 1970.
- Siddiqui, A H- Life of Muhammad, Lahore, 1980.
- Watt, W M- Muhammad, Prophet and Statesman, London, 1961.
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- Shariff, M. M. (ed.)- History of Muslim Philosophy, 2 vols, Delhi, 1989.
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- Blairs & J. Bloom, Art and Architecture of Islam (1250-1830), New York, 1993.
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