

ISLAMIC STUDIES & Related Courses

Fall 2019-Winter 2020

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"a" courses are in the fall term; "b" courses are in the winter

Arabic 1070a Quranic Arabic for Beginners

Dr. Yahya Kharrat, Thursdays, 3:30-6:30

An introduction to Quranic Arabic for beginners with no previous knowledge of the Arabic language. Learn the script of the Qur'an, acquire core vocabulary necessary to understand short Quranic chapters, and dive into basic grammar of classical Arabic. Extra Info: Those with any Arabic language background must see Instructor to determine eligibility for course.

Arabic 2080b* Intermediate Quranic Arabic (*subject to course approval)

Dr. Yahya Kharrat, Thursdays, 3:30-6:30

Builds upon Quranic Arabic for Beginners 1070A/B. Expand your Quranic vocabulary and acquire a familiarity with more complex grammatical structures through studying Quranic texts, and acquire the key principles of Quranic grammar. Prerequisite: Arabic 1070a or permission of instructor.

Religious Studies 5223a Islamic Spiritual Care & Chaplaincy

Instructor: tba

This course is expected to take place bi-weekly on Fridays, 3:30-8:30 pm. More details to come!

Religious Studies 5220b/RS3130b Islam & Politics

Dr. Ingrid Mattson / Mondays, 2:30-3:30 + Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30

Examine Islamic political thought and practice from the Medina Charter and the early Caliphate through to contemporary movements and developments. Central topics include: religion and the state, the main branches of Islam, religious tolerance, good governance, human rights, rule of law, and colonialism.

Religious Studies 5310a/2310a Interpreting the Qur'an in Translation

Dr. Ingrid Mattson / Tuesdays, 11:30-1:30 + Thursdays, 11:30-12:30

Explore passages in the Qur'an that have shaped classical and contemporary Islam, particularly regarding the tensions between text, context, and community. Also, review the history of reception and the influence these texts and their interpretations have on social relations and contemporary issues.

Systematic Theology 5208a Key Issues in Islamic Theology

Dr. Ingrid Mattson / Mondays, 4:30-7:30

A study of the major theological issues addressed by traditional and modern Muslim theologians, such as the attributes of God, revelation and science, human freedom and responsibility, suffering and religious pluralism.

Theological Ethics 5213a/Religious Studies 3121a Intro to Islamic Ethics

Dr. Ingrid Mattson / Mondays, 2:30-3:30 + Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30

Examination of principled reasoning in classical Islamic jurisprudence, the theological status of reason in Islam, the principles and priorities of traditional ethical reasoning, the arguments for a goal-oriented approach to ethics, the contemporary emphasis on the context of the ethicist and the construction of religious authority, and the importance of individual moral formation.

Theological Ethics 5190b/Theology 9505b Intro to Islamic Law & Legal Theory

Dr. Ingrid Mattson / Mondays, 4:30-7:30

History, practice and principles of Islamic law as understood by the major schools, with focus on their ethical and theological foundations and their adaptations to changing times.

Prerequisite: Any university-level course in Islamic Studies



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