

ISLAMIC STUDIES & RELATED COURSES
2020-2021 Academic Year

FALL

RS 5134A/3134A - Navigating Freedom of Religion & Accommodation in Canada

An introduction to the legal issues and social discourse surrounding freedom of religion and accommodation of religious beliefs and practices in light of the *Ontario Human Rights Code* and the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. What are the duties of service providers and employers to accommodate religious belief and practice to the point of undue hardship? What happens when freedom of religious practice and belief collide with other human rights? And what is the role of the religious leader in assisting institutions and claimants navigate the accommodation jungle gym?

Mihad Fahmy; Monday, 8:30-11:20 am

Church History 5111A/Theology 9507A – History of Christian-Muslim Relations

An exploration of the history of Christian-Muslim Relations from the origins of Islam to contemporary times. Topics include religious texts and interpretations, empires and political entanglements; cultural engagement; modern developments; ecumenical, spiritual and interfaith movements.

Ingrid Mattson, Monday, 12:30-3:00pm

Bib Studies 5119A/RS 3100F - Qur'an, Sunnah and Hadith

This course examines the historical origins of the Sunnah (the normative example of the Prophet Mohammed) and the Hadith (narrations of these reports) and their relationship to the Qur'an in the interpretive discourses of diverse Islamic schools, their theology and jurisprudence, as well as the role Hadith play in contemporary Muslim life.

Ingrid Mattson, Monday, 7:00-9:30 pm

RS 2620F – Islamic Thought, Culture & Practice

An introductory survey of Islamic history, thought, culture and practices, including the origins of Islam, key historical events, the Qur'an, the Sunnah, Islamic devotional and ethical practices, religious institutions, Muslim culture in a variety of local and global settings.

Ingrid Mattson, Wednesday, 3:30-5:30 and Thursday, 1:30-2:30 pm

Arabic 1070A - Quranic Arabic for Beginners

Yahya Kharrat; Thursday, 3:30-5:30 pm

Arabic 2050A – Arabic Speaking Skills

Yahya Kharrat; Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30 and Th 12:30 – 2:30 pm

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RS 3131B/RS 5202B – Spirituality of Muslim Women

An exploration of the spirituality of Muslim women past and present, the roles women have played in the establishment of religious discourses and institutions, and the ways in which Muslim women meet their spiritual needs in diverse societies.

Ingrid Mattson; Monday, 7-9:30 pm

RS 5223B/ 2299G – Special Topics: Sufi Texts in Translation

A close reading in translation of pre-modern Sufi texts, such as those by Al-Qushayri, 'A'ishah al-Ba'uniyyah, Ibn Arabi, Ibn 'Ata' Allah, Ibn Abbad, Nana Asma'u and others.

Lahouari Ramzi Taleb; Monday, 12:30-3:00

Arabic 2080B – Intermediate Quranic Arabic

Yahya Kharrat; Thursday, 15:30-18:30

Arabic 3260B/5260B - Readings from the Qur'an

Yahya Kharrat; Tuesday, 9:30-12:30