

Grande Prairie Regional College
Department of Art & Education
History 2700

Course: HI 2700 3 (3-0-0) 45 hours

Course Title: Introduction to History of Islam

Prerequisites: None

Course Credit Hours: 3

Student Contact: 3 hours per week

Course Modeled After: N/A

Calendar Description

This course provides a general introduction to 1400 years of Islamic history while surveying the major events that took place in Islamic lands and how these events have impacted our world today.

Credit Requested

3-credit at second year level (**2XXX**) from the U of A, AU, U of C, and U of L

Instructor Qualifications

M.A. in History or M.A. in Islamic Studies: History

Textbooks:

- Hill, F. J., & Awde, N. (2003). A History of the Islamic World. Hippocrene Books, Inc., New York, NY, USA.
- Smith, H. (2001). Islam: A Concise Introduction. HarperCollins Publishers, Inc., San Francisco, California, USA.
- Armstrong, K. (2007). Muhammad: A Biography of the Prophet. Harper San Francisco, New York, NY, USA.
- Ayoub, M. M. (2005). Islam: Faith and History. Oneworld Publications, Oxford, England, UK.
- Maalouf, A. (1989). Crusades through Arab Eyes. Schocken Books, New York, NY, USA.
- Armstrong, K. (2001). The Crusades and their Impact on today's world. Anchor Books, New York, NY, USA.

Course Description

This course is a general survey of the history of Islam from about 500 to 1917. This course will provide a general overview of the rise and fall of the Islamic empire and its impact on the 20th and 21st centuries. This course will cover, in 13 weeks, the major events that shaped and sustained the Islamic Empire over 1400 years. Topics will include: Arabia before Islam, Mohammad's message, succession (Caliphate), wars of expansion, Umayyad and Abbasid periods, the decline and the resurgence of the Islamic empire during the Ottoman Empire, WWI, final dissolution of the Islamic empire, and western domination of the region.

Evaluation

3 short papers worth 45%

1 presentation worth 15%

1 major research paper worth 40%

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1	Why study Islamic History? Sources and Methods
2	Pre-Islamic Arabia: political, cultural, social, and religion
3	Arabia in the context of the Persian and the Byzantine Empires
4	The message of Islam and Arabs' reaction
5	Early days of Islam and the death of Mohammad
6	The crisis over succession and the four "rightly guided" Caliphs
7	The rise and decline of the Umayyad Caliphate
8	The rise and decline of the Abbasid Caliphate
9	The Crusades
10	Post Abbasid Caliphate
11	The Ottoman Empire
12	WWI and the dissolution of the Islamic Empire
13	Current events in the context of Islamic History