

**INDIA ARAB CULTURAL CENTRE**  
**Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi**

**MPhil/PhD International Studies Arab-Islamic Culture**

<b>Course Title:</b>	<b>History of Islam and Islamic Civilization</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	<b>One Semester</b>
<b>Credit:</b>	<b>4 credit/100 marks</b>
<b>Level of Teaching:</b>	<b>Post-Graduate</b>
<b>Method of Instruction:</b>	<b>Lectures, Discussions</b>
<b>Mode of Evaluation:</b>	<b>Internal Assessment and End-Semester Examination</b>

**Course Description:**

The course will introduce a brief history of Islam and Islamic Civilization, since from evaluation of Islam. The focus in this course will be on history of Islam, development of Islamic Civilization, and its socio-economic and cultural impact.

**Unit One: The world before Islam**

Introduction to the Geographical Overview of Arabian Peninsula; The World Before Islam: The Byzantine and the Sasanian Empires; a brief history Pre-Islamic Arab society Arabia in the 6th century A.D.; Political and religious conditions.

**Unit Two: Rise of Islam**

The emergence of Islam; Prophet's life at Makkah and Madinah.  
Formation of Islamic State at Madinah, the Constitution of Medina.  
Socio – economic and political system of Islam.

**Unit Three: Khilafat – e – Rashidah**

The first four caliphs and the Islamic conquests of the 7th and early 8th centuries.  
Life and achievements of first four Caliphs.  
Assisment of administration, expansion and consolidation of Islamic State during the Khilafat.  
Social formation and internal conflicts.

**Unit Four: The Umayyad**

Establishment of Umayyad dynasty, expansion and consolidation of the New State System.  
Political Expansions; Administration; Social and Economic Life.  
Society during the Umayyad: Political Changes after the Pious Caliphate.  
Decline of the Umayyad rule and the Abbasid Revolution.

**Schedule of Examination & Grading:**

<i>Midterm</i>	<i>25 %</i>
<i>Final exam</i>	<i>75 %</i>

### **Selected Readings:**

- Abun-Nasr, Jamil, *A History of the Maghrib in the Islamic Period*, CUP, 1987.
- Ahmed Hasanuddin, *A Brief History of Islam* (Laurier Books edition, 2004).
- Bosworth E.C., *Legacy of Islam*, (Delhi, 1974).
- *Encyclopaedia Iranica* (London and Boston: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1985).
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- Fargues Phillipe, *Atlas of the Arab World*, (Facts On File Inc,1991)
- Hasan, Masudul, *History of Islam*, Vol II, (Adam Publishers Delhi, 2010).
- Hitti, P.K. *History of the Arabs*, Macmillan, UK, 1960).
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- Lings, Martin, *Muhammad: His Life Based on the Earliest Sources* (Inner Traditions; 5 edition, 2006).
- Nadvi, Muin al-Din, *Tarikh-i-Millat*, Lucknow.
- Najeebabadi Akbar Shah, *History of Islam* (3 Vols) edited by Abdul Rahman Abdullah, (Dar-us-Salam Publications; First edition, 2001)
- Nicholson, R.A. *Literary History of the Arabs*, (Cambridge University Press, UK, 1953).
- O'Kane Bernard, *The Civilization of the Islamic World* , The Illustrated History of the Ancient World, (Rosen Pub Group 2012)
- Suraiya Faroqhi, *The Ottoman Empire. A Short History*, (Princeton, 2004).
- *The New Cambridge History of Islam*, (Cambridge University Press, 2010), 6 volumes).