

INDIA ARAB CULTURAL CENTRE
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

M. Phil/Ph.D International Studies Arab-Islamic Culture

Course Title:	Introduction to Arab Studies
Duration:	One Semester
Credit:	4 credit/100 marks
Level of Teaching:	Post-Graduate
Method of Instruction:	Lectures, Discussions
Mode of Evaluation:	Assignment and End-Sem Examination

Course Description:

This course is designed to study the Arab World as a academic discipline. The objective of the course would be focussing on culture, history, geography and philosophies of the region 'Arab World'.

Unit One: Land and People of Arab World

The Continents and Countries accounting Arab World
Climate of the Diverse Arab
People and Language

Unit Two: History of Arabs

Ancient History – Classical Kindgoms and Late Kingdoms
Medieval History – The Caliphate : Rashideen, Ummayad, Abbasid, Fatimid
Modern History – Ottoman Empire and Present

Unit Three: Arab/Islamic Philosophies

Early Islamic Philosophies – Avicennism and Averroism

Modern Islamic Philosophies: –

- School of Illumination
- Transcendent Theosophy
- Sufi Philosophy
- Traditionalist School

Schedule of Examination & Grading:

Midterm Exam	25 %
Final exam	75 %

Suggested Readings

- Bosworth, C. E. 1967. *The Islamic Dynasties*. Edinberg University Press, Edinberg.
- Burckhardt, T. 1990. *An Introduction to Sufism*. Welling borough: The Aquarian Press.

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- Hell, J. 1980. *The Arab Civilization*. Tr. By S. Khudabaksh. Idara e Adabiyat, Delhi
- Hitti, P. K. 1960. *The History of Arabs*. Macmillan, UK.
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- Nicholson, R. A. 1963. *The Mystics of Islam*, London: Routledge and Kegan Paul Limited.
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