



جامعة دبي
UNIVERSITY of DUBAI

General Education Department Course Syllabus

Semester	Spring	Academic Year: 2009/2010
Course Code and No.	GISL 105	
Course Title	Islamic Thought (English)	
Prerequisites	None	
Class Meeting Times:	7:00pm-10:00pm	
Class Room No:	212 Massoud Building	

Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with the necessary knowledge of Islamic thought and contemporary issues. The course will focus on the individual and his social surroundings and ethics which Islam emphasizes. It will enable the student to discuss and understand the concepts of Islam and its applicability to business, social and economic aspects. It also focuses on the common issues with other religions.

Program Outcomes:

1. Develop a global perspective on ethical, cultural, economic, and political issues

General Skills

1. Global awareness
2. Ethical awareness
3. Critical thinking

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. Understand the essentials of the Islamic faith
2. Explain some of the basic features of Islamic culture
3. Discuss how Islam perceives the role of the individual in society
4. Analyze Islamic ethics and values
5. Apply Islamic principles to business, economic and social issues in the contemporary world
6. Argue for Islam's acceptance of cultural and religious diversity.

CLO Mapping

This table maps CLO's to: CO, General skills (GS), and Program Outcomes (PO)

CLO	General Skill	State below PO
# 1. understand the essentials of the Islamic faith,	(2)	(1)
#2 explain some of the basic features of Islamic culture,	(2)	(1)
#3. discuss how Islam perceives the role of the individual in society,	(2)	(1)
#4. analyze Islamic ethics and values,	(2),(3)	(1)
#5. apply Islamic principles to business, economic and social issues in the contemporary world,	(2),(3)	(1)
#6. argue for Islam's acceptance of cultural and religious diversity.	(1),(2),(3)	(1)

Assessment Scheme This Table maps CLO to the assessment scheme.

CLO	Class Work (40%)				Mid-term Exam 22/04/2010	Final Exam 8/06/2010
	Individual Assignment	Quiz 1	Quiz 2	Participation		
#1					7%	2%
#2					7%	2%
#3					6%	3%
#4					5%	3%
#5						5%
#6						6%
#7						8%
#8						6%
Total	10%	10%	10%	10%	25%	35%

Teaching Methods:

1. Class lecture/discussion
2. Reading Assignments
3. Recommended textbooks
- 4.

Grade Distribution:

Attendance and Class Participation	10%
Quiz 1	10%
Mid-term	25%
Quiz 2	10%
Assignment	10%
Final Exam	35%

Required Text:

Abdel-Hady, Zakaryya, *Islamic Thought & Culture*. El-Ain & Dubai: Al-Falah Books, 2006.

References/Recommended Readings:

1. Esposito, John. *Islam: The straight Path* .
2. Nasr, Seyyed Hussein. *Ideals and Realities of Islam*. Any edition.

Calendar:

Week 1: 25/2/10 -----Introduction

Week2: 4/3-----The Pillars of Islam

Week3: 11/3----- The Qur'an

Week 4: 18/3-----**Quiz 1**

-The *Sunnah* (The Prophet's Tradition)

Week5: 18/3/10-----The Shari'a (Islamic Law)

Week6: 1/4-----Islamic Belief in the Supernatural (*al-Ghayb*)

Week7: 8/4-----Islamic Eschatology

Week8: 15/4-----**Mid-term Exam**

-Revealed Scriptures, Prophets and Messengers

Week9: 22/4-----Islamic Ethics and Values

Week 10: 29/4/10-----Muslim's Contribution to Human Civilization

Week11: 6/5-----Mediums of Islamic Culture: Family, Mosque, Society

Week 12: 13/5-----**Quiz 2**

-Centrality of Knowledge in Islam

Week13: 20/5-----The Individual and Society in Islam

Week14: 27/6-----Islamic View on Nature and the Environment

Week15: 3/6-----The Centrality of Human Beings in Islam

Final Exam: June 8, 2010: 7:30-9:30