

1	Course title	Islam and the West
2	Course number	0408703
3	Credit hours (theory, practical)	3
	Contact hours (theory, practical)	3
4	Prerequisites/corequisites	-
5	Program title	M.A in Islamic Studies
6	Program code	
7	Awarding institution	The University of Jordan
8	Faculty	Shari'ah/ School of Islamic Studies
9	Department	Department for the Study of Islam in the Contemporary World
10	Level of course	Master Degree
11	Year of study and semester (s)	2017/2018
12	Final Qualification	
13	Other department (s) involved in teaching the course	
14	Language of Instruction	English
15	Date of production/revision	October 2017

**16. Course Coordinator:**

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**17. Other instructors:**

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**18. Course Description:**

<p>This course is intended to be an introduction to the history of the relationship between Islam and the West (America and Europe). Islam, as a religion and civilization, has encountered various civilizations throughout history. Among these encounters, the relationship between Islam and the Western world occupies a special place owing to a complex set of religious, political, social, and economic factors, and these relations will be analyzed from the early Islamic through the modern period. Discussions will consider various responses of the contemporary Islamic world to such challenges as modernism, secularism, and science and technology. We will explore the current roots of confrontation as well as the possibilities of mutual understanding between the two civilizations.</p>
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**19. Course aims and outcomes:**

1. Examination of the historical, political, and religious relationships between Islam and the West.
2. Exploring the roots of misunderstanding and hatred between Westerners and Muslims.
3. Describing the challenges that the West poses to Islam.
4. Improving skills in discussing course subject matter and producing coherent essays on assigned topics in English.
5. Recognizing the ways of achieving mutual understanding with the West.

**Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs):**

**Successful completion of the course should lead to the following outcomes:**

**A. Knowledge and Understanding:** Student is expected to

- 1- demonstrate understanding of course content through weekly short papers and discussions.
- 2- emphasis will be upon major course themes and ideas rather than specific details of names, dates, etc.

**B. Intellectual Analytical and Cognitive Skills:** Student is expected to

- 1- demonstrate ability to critically analyze contents of assigned readings and other materials related to subject matter
- 2- demonstrate ability to engage in academic discussions of subject matter, and to orally express interpretations and conclusions in a cogent manner

**C. Subject- Specific Skills: Students is expected to**

- 3- demonstrate a broadened understanding of the most important issues connected with relations between Islam (and Muslims) and the West (and Westerners) .
- 4- present intelligent and cogent arguments, using relevant evidence to support points, in writing assignments and in-class discussions, demonstrating mastery of course subject matter

**D. Transferable Key Skills:** Students is expected to

- 1- lead short (10-15 minutes) content discussions in English on assigned articles and subject matter
- 2- respond orally, cogently and respectfully in English to arguments by instructor and fellow students on course-related subject matter
- 3- produce short (2-3 pages) written summaries and discussions in English of assigned readings and topics
- 4- express well organized written argument in English, backed up with citations to appropriate evidence in final comprehensive essay (8-10 pages) on topic of student's choosing

**20. Topic Outline and Schedule:**

W	Subject	W	Subject
1	Instructor absent at conference	9	Rise of Islamist movements and their impact upon relations between Islam and the West
2	Coming of Islam, Islamic empires and their impact upon the West	10	Decades of change: 1980s and 1990s and their impact on relations between Islam and the West
3	Medieval stereotypes between Muslims and Western Christians	11	9/11 and its impact upon relations between Islam and the West
4	Relations between Muslims, Christians and Jews in medieval Spain	12	Western images of Islam post-9/11
5	Relations between Ottoman & Safavid Empires and the West	13	American involvement in the Middle East and Islamic world post 9/11
6	Islam and the West during the colonial period (19 <sup>th</sup> and early 20 <sup>th</sup> centuries)	14	Muslims in Europe and America post 9/11
7	Western images and stereotypes of Muslims during colonial period	15	Prospects for improved relations in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century
8	Islam and the West from 1920-1967	16	Final

## 21. Teaching Methods and Assignments:

Development of ILOs is promoted through the following teaching and learning methods:

Reading assignments will be handed out at least one week in advance, along with assigned reading questions and presentation assignments for the following week. Learning will be achieved through careful reading of assignments, thoughtful summary and analysis in short papers and in mid-term examination, in-class discussions between students and instructor, and developed argumentation in final course paper assignment.

### Projects and Assignments

Every student in the class is expected to :

- 1- Students will be asked to submit a 2-3 page short essay each week, analyzing and discussing the assigned readings for the week. Instructor will hand out reading questions for consideration one week in advance.
- 2- Each student will be asked to lead a ten to fifteen minute discussion on one of the readings each week. Students will be asked to highlight the most important aspects (as they see it) of the article they are reporting on, and to come up with some related questions that can be discussed in class. Students will be assigned readings for which they will serve as discussion leader one week in advance. Students will submit presentation notes to the instructor each week and will receive graded notes in class on the following week.
- 3- Students will be asked to engage in discussion for all the assigned readings and not just for the readings on which they will be presenting.
- 4- Reading assignments will be announced one week in advance. All readings will be available electronically, and students will not be asked to purchase readings for this course.
- 5- The mid-term exam will be consist of two short in-class essays, to be completed during Week Seven. Potential essay questions will be handed out in Week Six. Students will be able to use notes when writing essays.
- 6- The final exam will be an eight to ten page essay on a theme chosen by the student, in which the student will discuss at least 4-6 of the assigned readings from the course, and will make an argument and draw a conclusion in reference to their chosen subject. Students will submit to the instructor a one paragraph summary of proposed subject for final comprehensive paper, along with proposed readings to be consulted. Give a critique of one of the books of Islam and the West.

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**22. Evaluation Methods and Course Requirements:**

<b>Evaluation</b>	<b>Point %</b>	<b>Date</b>
Midterm Exam		8 <sup>th</sup> Week
Presentation		To be determined
Assignments		Various
Home works and Class Participation		Various
Research paper		Various
Final Exam		Last week of the semester

**23. Course Policies:**

A- Attendance policies:

B- Absences from exams and handing in assignments on time:

C- Health and safety procedures:

D- Honesty policy regarding cheating, plagiarism, misbehavior:

E- Grading policy:

F- Available university services that support achievement in the course:

#### **24. Required equipment:**

#### **25. References:**

A- Required book (s), assigned reading and audio-visuals:

B- Recommended books, materials, and media:

#### **26. Additional information:**

Name of Course Coordinator: -----Signature: ----- Date: -----

Head of curriculum committee/Department: ----- Signature: -----

Head of Department: ----- Signature: -----

Head of curriculum committee/Faculty: ----- Signature: -----

Dean: ----- -Signature: -----

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