

~~MAKING UP!~~ WELCOME TO USU 1060!

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**Required Text:** *The Oxford History of Islam*, John L. Esposito, 1999 edition

### **COURSE INTRODUCTION**

Over the course of the past 10 years, a knowledge of Islam, its history, culture and people, has become vital to understanding our world's political situation and even the recent events that affect our daily lives. An Introduction to Islamic Civilization will provide a background and broadened perspective of these facets through readings, classroom lectures, visual and audio media. We will discuss and apply the historical, geographical and ethnographical highlights within a modern cultural context and try to focus on the reasons why rather than just the facts or historical events.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- Developing informed awareness of Islamic concepts, culture and thought.
- Becoming conversant with the vocabulary of Islam in the Arabic language.
- Expanding personal knowledge and opinion of current events in the light of Islamic cultural understanding.
- Gaining an awareness of the historical, philosophical, aesthetic, religious, sociological and gender related issues that shape Islamic lifestyles today.
- Increasing personal motivation to study Islamic issues beyond the scope of this course as they relate to present and future events in our society.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

- You will be expected to attend all classroom lectures, turn in all assignments and take all scheduled quizzes and exams on time. There is no penalty for turning in work late except in the cases of quizzes, oral presentations, the midterm and final exams, for which there are NO late exceptions- you MUST complete these on time and on the date due to get any credit. The absolute last day to turn in any written work is the last day of class (excluding the final exam).
- You will have short quizzes at the beginning of class periods on each assigned chapter of reading in the textbook (*Oxford History of Islam*). Please note that THERE ARE NO MAKE-UP QUIZZES. Quizzes are used for attendance purposes as well as showing that you have read your text assignment prior to the class lecture, so they can not be made up at a later date or taken earlier, regardless of your reason for missing class. You can always do the extra credit assignment to make up for any points missing or low test grades.
- You will have a geography map assignment to familiarize you with countries and locations in the Middle East. The instructions and handouts are included at the end of this syllabus.
- You will have two topic papers to write. They should be 3 FULL (to the bottom) pages in length. Specific paper guidelines, format and instructions are given below. Be sure to answer all questions asked of you. Deductions will be given for any length shortness and questions missed. You will also be deducted major points for not following the format in items such as length, punctuation

(paragraphs indents, commas, run-on sentences, spelling, wrong word choice or missing words, line spacing, font size, title location, etc.) so please proofread your papers and make sure they are following the format given to you EXACTLY. Also, any plagiarism is grounds for failing this class and being expelled from the university. Be sure to use quotes and give references when using another person's words. You also need a full citation page at the end of your paper for every source you used, even online.

- Your midterm and final exams will have an objective portion of T/F, multiple choice and matching questions as well as a subjective portion composed of essay and short answer questions. Test items will be taken from both book information and lecture notes. Anything written on the board is usually important enough to be included on the test, so be sure to take good class notes.
- You will also be tested on a list of Arabic words that will be posted on the Blackboard site for this class. We will be using these words in lecture sessions, so you will become familiar with them from your readings and our discussions.
- Besides the Arabic word list, there will be other handouts posted on Blackboard for your perusal. You may also keep track of your assignment grades there.
- There will be a group work assignment that will be part of an oral presentation of chapters 10 and 11 in the textbook (counting for your quizzes for those chapters). You will be responsible for presenting your portion of the chapters to the rest of your assigned group in the class and providing a written outline of your presentation to your entire group as a handout.
- Extra Credit: Since there are no official outlines given for chapters 10 or 11, you may write a summary paper of the entire chapter (3 full pages in length) for 25 points each. The due date for any extra credit is the last day of class (excluding the final exam date).

**COURSE GRADING POINT BREAKDOWN:**

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<b>Two topic papers (2 x 100 points each)</b>	=	<b>200 points</b>
<b>Book Chapter Quizzes (14 x 20 points each)</b>	=	<b>280 points</b>
<b>Islamic Geography Map Assignment</b>	=	<b>20 points</b>
<b>Midterm Exam</b>	=	<b>200 points</b>
<b>Final Written Exam</b>	=	<b><u>300 points</u></b>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1000 points</b>

Letter grades are given by strict percentage as follows:

<b>94 – 100%</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>90 – 93%</b>	<b>A-</b>
<b>87 – 89%</b>	<b>B+</b>
<b>83 – 86%</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>80 – 82%</b>	<b>B-</b>
<b>77 – 79%</b>	<b>C+</b>
<b>73 – 76%</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>70 – 72%</b>	<b>C-</b>
<b>67 – 69%</b>	<b>D+</b>
<b>60 – 66%</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Under 60%</b>	<b>F</b>

**HISTORY 1060 CLASS SCHEDULE FALL 2008**

DATE	QUIZ	LECTURE TOPIC
Tues Aug 26		Course introduction & syllabus
Thurs Aug 28		Arabic language, geography/period handout, visual tour: Part 1
Tues Sep 2	Map due	A visual tour of Islamic geography: Part 2
Thurs Sep 4	Quiz Ch 1	Islamic History: periods, dynasties and empires
Tues Sep 9	Quiz Ch 8	Islamic History: periods, dynasties and empires
Thurs Sep 11	Quiz Ch 9	Islamic History: periods, dynasties and empires
Tues Sep 16		Islamic History: periods, dynasties and empires
Thurs Sep 18	Quiz Ch 2	Declaration of Islam: <i>The Message Part 1</i>
Tues Sep 23		Faith of Islam: <i>The Message Part 2</i>
Thurs Sep 25	Quiz Ch 7	Conquest of Islam: <i>The Message Part 3</i>
Tues Sep 30		World of Islam: <i>The Message Part 4</i>
Thurs Oct 2	Quiz Ch 3	Formation of Islamic society
Tues Oct 7		Guest Speaker: Imam Muhammed Mehtar, Khadeeja Mosque
Thurs Oct 9	<b>Paper #1 Due</b>	<i>Hadith</i>
Tues Oct 14	Quiz Ch 14	Islamic society today: current issues and hot topics
Thurs Oct 16	Quiz Ch 15	FOLLOW FRIDAY CLASS SCHEDULE- NO CLASS
Tues Oct 21		Islamic society today: current issues and hot topics
Thurs Oct 23		<i>Cut From a Different Cloth</i>
Tues Oct 28		MIDTERM EXAM
Thurs Oct 30	Quiz Ch 4	Islamic contributions: Science, Medicine and Technology
Tues Nov 4	Quiz Ch 6	Islamic contributions: Philosophy and Theology
Thurs Nov 6		Islamic contributions: Literature
Tues Nov 11	Quiz Ch 5	Islamic contributions: Art and Architecture
Thurs Nov 13		Islamic contributions: Art and Architecture
Tues Nov 18	Quiz Ch 12	Islamic reform
Thurs Nov 20	Quiz Ch 13	Modern Muslim States
Tues Nov 25	Oral Ch 10	Student presentations
Thurs Nov 27		THANKSGIVING NO CLASS (just lots of food ☺)
Tues Dec 2	Oral Ch 11	Student presentations
Thurs Dec 4	<b>Paper #2 Due</b>	Islam in America: <i>Malcolm X</i> (Final exam given out)
Thurs Dec 11		Final Exam 1:30 – 3:20 PM

## **History 1060 Paper Assignment Guidelines**

### **General Guidelines for ALL Papers:**

- Length is 3 full-to-the bottom pages
- Format must be double spaced, Times New Roman or Courier Font, 12 pt size.
- Papers should EXACTLY follow format guidelines example given below.
- Make sure that you answer ALL the questions posed below for each assignment and fulfill all the requirements listed.
- All quotes should be referenced, either in-line or by footnote, including anything you find on the internet from which you have drawn ideas. NOTE: You may quote all you want, but make sure you are giving exact references when you do, so that you will not be plagiarizing. If you are found to plagiarize, you will automatically receive a failing mark and be reported to the university for disciplinary actions, so just put quote marks & your reference for ANYTHING you copy outright, no matter how minimally!
- You should also include an additional page (which does not count as one of the three) at the end of each paper giving your sources and citations for all works used in your writing.
- Additionally, there is an online writing guide at: <http://www.usu.edu/markdamen/WritingGuide/00intro.htm> Please use it as I am a very strict grader on paper mechanics which composes approximately 1/3 of your total paper grade (the other thirds are on content & following assignment criteria/ answering questions).

### **Paper #1 Newspaper Article**

Choose any **2008** newspaper or magazine article that has to do with Islamic political or religious issues today. Follow the instructions and answer the questions listed below in your paper:

1. Summarize the events of the article briefly.
2. How does the issue relate to what you have read from the chapters in the book so far? (Use the book and quote chapters directly.)
3. Are there any direct parallels or historical events that contributed to the issue today?
4. Write the paper in a comparative mode to explain those parallels.
5. Attach a copy of the article at the back of your paper. You will be deducted 30 points automatically if the article is not there.

## **Paper #2 DVD Movie**

Choose one of the following movies to view:

- 1) Khartoum (1966 originally, stars Charlton Heston & Laurence Olivier)
- 2) The Wind and the Lion (1975 originally, stars Sean Connery & Brian Keith)
- 3) Lawrence of Arabia (1962 originally, stars Peter O'Toole, Anthony Quinn & Omar Sharif).

1. Discuss the role the European powers played in the governments of the host countries as shown in the movie.
2. How did it affect them?
3. What kinds of conflicts did it lead to?
4. How were they resolved (if they were)?
5. Do you feel that the Europeans made positive contributions to the countries they colonized?
6. How did the host country nationals in the film view them?
7. From what you read in the chapters dealing with colonialism and revivalism, what conclusions can you draw about the influence of outside powers on developing countries? (Use quotes from book chapters and be sure to reference them).
8. Be sure to state which movie you watched. These really are classic great films that had many nominations & won academy awards in their times, so if you want to view all 3 and compare them all, you are welcome to!

**PAPER TITLE GOES HERE IN BOLDED CAPS**

In order to get full points, you will need to be aware of several things. First, you will need an introductory sentence that leads into your writing, like above. Also, please notice the use of the tab bar to indent the first line of a paragraph. You should have at least three paragraph indents per page. Make sure to use caps at the beginning of all your sentences. This is standard 12 point size font in New Roman Times. Please use it on your papers (it is usually the default setting on Microsoft Word). Please notice that the lines are double spaced. If you are using a template (at the computer lab) that does more than double space, especially between paragraphs, you will need to write an additional half page in length to make up for the spacing deficit.

Please, also use your spell check, grammar check and most importantly of all, proofread your paper when you are done. The computer does not catch wrong word use or missing words most of thyme. The emphasis on these papers is for you to express your own opinions rather than just quoting things or giving facts. Be sure to make it the appropriate page length (which means going to the bottoms of the pages). You can spill over onto another page if you need more room to summarize or end your writing, but do NOT end shorter than the minimum three-page requirement. Be sure to use quote marks for “other people’s words” and give the references afterwards, either by footnote or parentheses with citation information. (Baldwin, 2008) You should also have another page added after your writing on which you give your sources, listing the book and author, date and publisher in a standard referencing format. Please include internet references as well.

You can see by this little example exactly what your entry should look like visually when you finish it. Please be sure to use commas as they will feel badly if you ignore them and your teacher will have cross-eyes when she is done reading your paper from trying to figure out what your sentence means from having long run-on sentences like this or sentence fragments when you do not finish your . Good luck and have fun writing!

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## ISLAMIC LANDS GEOGRAPHY MAP ASSIGNMENT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ A# \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS:** Use your Islamic Geography/ Chronology Handout and the following numbered blank map to do this assignment. From the list of Modern Countries on your handout, look at the map and then fill in the numbers below. Do research on the list of cities on your handout and find out to which country they belong. Write the names of the cities after the name of the country like this: 26. Italy: Rome, Florence, Naples, Venice. Be sure to use all the cities and countries. Then submit this page as your assignment.

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