

RELS 226: ISLAM

Queen's University School of Religion

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This course is a historical and topical survey of Islam. It examines the origin, the rise and the formation of the central elements of the Islamic faith through a study of Prophet Muhammad's life, the Qur'an and the Sunnah. It will also study the development of Islamic intellectual tradition and institutions as embodied in Islamic law, theology, mysticism, and sectarian movements. Modern interpretations of Islam, Islamic movements, and contemporary issues will also be dealt with. The goal is to understand how historical developments take place within a religion, here, Islam; why there are different voices and manifestations of Islam; to develop a critical analytical frame of reference in order to be able to understand and explain religious issues in an educated manner.

Course Breakdown

Time Commitment per Week

This course will be conducted remotely over Microsoft Teams. Weekly submissions of reading summaries as well as short online testings will be completed throughout the course. Students will be asked to participate in discussions and Q&A sessions. The midterm and final will be in the form of take-home essays. These activities will be managed through onQ services and almost all of them can be performed asynchronously.

8-10
hours

Prerequisite

Level 2

Required Textbook/Materials

Yes