

INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM

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THIS EXPERIENTIAL COURSE IS AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY AND THEOLOGY OF ISLAM. IT WILL INTRODUCE THE STUDENT TO ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS TEACHING AND PRACTICES. IT WILL EXPLORE THE DIVERSITIES OF ISLAM AMONG SUNNI, SHI'A AND SUFI GROUPS FROM MULTIPLE CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES.

STUDENTS WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN SPIRITUAL PRACTICE AND COMMUNITY EVENTS IN HOPES THAT THE COMBINATION OF STUDY AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WILL DEEPEN THEIR EXPERIENCE.

SYLLABUS:

IN THIS INTRODUCTORY COURSE WE WILL STUDY ISLAM IN A PERSONAL AND UP-CLOSE MANNER.

BY THE END OF THE SEMESTER STUDENTS WILL GAIN AN INTIMATE PERSPECTIVE ON THE DAILY LIVES, RITUALS AND PRAYERS OF THE MUSLIM PEOPLE.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL CLASSES.**
- B. IF THE NEED TO BE ABSENT IS NECESSARY PLEASE LET ME KNOW**
- C. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY EMAIL.**

D. STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO KEEP A SPIRITUAL JOURNAL FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH THE MATERIALS LEARNED IN CLASS.

GRADES AND EVALUATIONS:

YOUR GRADES/EVALUATIONS WILL BE BASED ON CLASS PARTICIPATION AND YOUR FINAL PAPER (SUBJECT TO BE ANNOUNCED).

REQUIRED TEXTS:

THERE IS NO REQUIRED READING FOR INTRO TO ISLAM.

ALL CLASSES WILL BE BASED ON THE ANCIENT ORAL TRADITION AND WILL REQUIRE STUDENTS TO TAKE NOTES.

A SUGGESTED READING LIST WILL BE PROVIDED DURING THE COURSE OF THE CLASS