



HRBS INTRODUCTION TO QURAN

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QURAN IN TRANSLATION

There is no definitive officially recognized translation of the Quran. Please choose two different translations of the Quran that flow for you. The ones most read English translations are by Arberry, Pickthall, Yusuf Ali, Ahmed Ali, Muhammad Asad, N J Dawood, Laleh Bakhtiar and Abdel Haleem. There are also Quran translations available online.

QURAN RESOURCES ONLINE

Quran.com, for multiple translations for critical study of the texts

Corpus.Quran.com, for multiple translations and basic Quranic Studies resources.

REQUIRED TEXTS

1. Michael Sells, *Approaching the Quran, The Early Suras*, 2nd. Edition, White Cloud Press, 2007, \$15

2. Carl Ernst, *How to Read the Quran*

3. Ingrid Mattson, *The Story of the Quran: Its History and Place in Muslim Life*, Blackwell Publishing, 2008. ISBN 978-1-4051-2258-0. USD 22.35

4. Fazlur Rahman, *Major Themes of the Quran*

Class Structure:

The daily eight hours of class time will be divided into lectures, presentations, small group studies and discussion.

Course Assignments:

Class participation: 25%

Please participate in class by arriving on time, being attentive and by contributing both by mindful sharing of your thoughts and questions and respectful listening and responses to your peers.

Quran Journal: 25% Due Feb 1st

Please read the text of the Quran and summarize and comment on noteworthy aspects of the surahs (chapters).

Assigned Readings Journal: 25% Due Feb 1st

Please read the required books and articles and give a brief summary of each chapter of the book or article while discussing what you found noteworthy and interesting.

Final Assignment: 25 % Due Feb 1st

The student will choose one longer surah and one shorter surah containing texts of importance to them and apply the literary critique (as suggested by Carl Ernst) to them, discerning if there is a ring structure to them, and if so what the key themes at the center of this ring structure are and how these intersect with the issues raised by critical readings of the same surahs.