

Course Objectives/Course Outline
Spokane Community College

Course Title: Islam and The West: Theater of Cooperation and Conflict
Prefix and Course Number: POLS 205

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, a student should be able to:

- Understand the central principles and ideas of Islam.
- Recognize the connection between globalization, western imperialism, and Islamic revivalism.
- Comprehend the contributing factors of Islamic culture and politics on Western Civilization.
- Recognize the reasons for conflict between Islam and the West.
- Analyze the possibilities of cooperation between Islam and the West
- Analyze gender relations in the context of Islamic and Western Culture.
- Express the status of Islam and the role of the Western media.
- Accurately communicate an understanding of the scholarly debates through discussion and writing skills.
- Demonstrate a greater awareness for historical and contemporary Islam through seminar and case studies.

Course Outline:

- I. Islam: Questions of our time
 - A. Why study Islam?
 - B. Common Myths and Stereotypes of Islam and Muslims
- II. What is Islam?
 - A. Religion and Politics
 - B. The religious and socio-economic foundations of Islam
- III. The Political History of Islam
 - A. The rise and decline of Muslim Empires
 - B. The establishment of Western Dominance
- IV. Imperialism and Colonialism: The Exportation of the Modern State System
 - A. Dilemmas of modern Islamic states
 - B. Islamic Traditionalism and Secularism
 - C. Issues: political organization, economic organization, and identity
- V. 20th century Islamic Revivalism: The rise of Islam as a significant Political Force
 - A. Why? Key Historical Events
 - B. Islam and Nationalism
 - C. Islamic fundamentalism
- VI. Gender and Islam
 - A. Women's legal and socio-economic status under Islam
 - B. Muslim women and political power
 - C. Women's movements in Islamic cultures
- VII. Muslim Minorities in the West
 - A. Xenophobia and Prejudice: Clash of Civilizations?
 - B. Assimilation or Accommodation?
- VIII. Islam and Globalization
 - A. Islam and the Liberal International Economic Order
 - B. Islam and the Western Media
- IX. Is Islam a Threat to the West?

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- A. terrorism
- B. Is there a Green Peril?
- X. The future of Islam and the West
 - A. Cooperation or Conflict?