

Studies in the Qur'ān

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Description:

A distinctive feature of this course will be the attention it pays to the text of the Qur'ān itself, the scriptural revelation at the heart of Islam. A selection of key passages will be studied in English translation, enabling students to gain familiarity with a range of types of Qur'ānic text. As well as considering the Qur'ān in its original context, attention will also be paid to various Islamic approaches to interpretation, classical and contemporary. Western approaches to the Qur'ān will also be considered.

Learning objectives:

On completion of the course, students will have explored a number of key texts in the Qur'ān. They will be familiar with a range of types of Qur'ānic text and with the various themes of the Qur'ān. They will also have studied the different approaches to the interpretation of the Qur'ān of a range of Muslim and western scholars.

Prerequisites:

Religion 2A and 2B or equivalent level 8 courses based in theoretical studies, or seek permission of course manager.

Key texts:

Abdel Haleem, *The Qur'an: a New Translation*; Saeed, *The Qur'an: an Introduction*; Gätje, *The Qur'an and its Exegesis*; McAuliffe (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to the Qur'an*; McAuliffe (ed.), *Encyclopaedia of the Qur'an*.

Assessment:

Seminar participation (5%); essay 1 (1000 words) (10%); essay 2 (2000 words) (25%); degree examination (60%).