

## ISLAMIC STUDIES & RELATED COURSES 2023-2024 Academic Year

### FALL

#### **Arabic 1070A: QURANIC ARABIC FOR BEGINNERS (Yahya Kharrat)**

Acquire core vocabulary and learn the basic grammar of classical Arabic to understand short Quranic chapters.  
Mondays, 1:30 – 4:40pm

#### **RS 3121F/ THEOETH 5213A: ISLAMIC ETHICS: THEORY & APPLICATION (Ingrid Mattson)**

An exploration of principled reasoning in classical and contemporary Islamic discourse; includes a review of the principles, priorities, and purposes of the law, an examination of moral formation and the construction of religious authority and accountability and an application of Islamic ethics through case studies.  
Tuesdays, 2:30 – 5:00pm

#### **RS 3131A/RS 5202A: SPIRITUALITY OF MUSLIM WOMEN (Ingrid Mattson)**

An exploration of the spirituality of Muslim women past and present, the roles women have played in the establishment of religious discourses and institutions, and the ways in which Muslim women meet their spiritual needs in diverse societies.  
Thursdays, 12:30 – 3:00pm

#### **PastTheo 5232A: PASTORAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE IN MUSLIM COMMUNITY CONTEXTS (Engin Sezen)**

This class is for those who, as volunteers or professionals, wish to provide responsible and compassionate support for care-seekers in the Muslim community including those who are experiencing family disfunction, homelessness, addiction, loss of faith, incarceration, and alienation, as well as those who simply desire to grow spiritually and discern their life's purpose. Students will come to understand their ethical obligations in providing this care and will learn about, and practice applying, the rich resources of the Islamic tradition to their practice.  
Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:30pm (online)

#### **Arabic 2080A: INTERMEDIATE QURANIC ARABIC (Yahya Kharrat)**

Expand your Qur'anic Arabic and acquire familiarity with grammatical structures through the study of Qur'anic texts.  
Thursdays, 11:30am – 2:30pm

#### **TH 9520A: THREEFOLD WAY TO ATTAIN WISDOM: RATIONAL THEOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY & MYSTICISM IN ISLAMIC & JEWISH THOUGHT (Gyongyi Hegedus)**

Based on the works of medieval Muslim and Jewish authors this course attempts to provide answers for the following fundamental questions: Can the teachings of Islam and Judaism be justified by rationality and logical argumentation (*kalām*)? How did medieval Muslim and Jewish thinkers react to the philosophy of Greek Antiquity (*falsafa*)? How can the believers experience the presence of God, can you train your mind for that (*tasawwuf, kabbalah*)? This is an Masters-level course.  
Time: Thursdays, 3:30 – 6:00pm

### WINTER

#### **TheoEthics 5190B: ISLAMIC LAW & LEGAL THEORY (Julie Lowe)**

A critical overview of the history, practice and principles of Islamic law. Includes: an examination of the the development of the traditional schools of jurisprudence and the substance of their understanding (*fiqh*) of the law; the nature of pre-modern legal institutions, especially the courts and legal education; the impact of colonialism and modernity on Islamic legal discourses and institutions; how Islamic law is conceptualized and observed in contemporary Muslim communities, including in Canada.  
Tuesdays, 11:30am – 2:00pm

#### **Arabic 3260B/5260B: READINGS FROM THE QURAN (Yahya Kharrat)**

This course focuses primarily on vocabulary frequently encountered in the Qur'an with the objective of equipping students with the skills necessary to understand the grammar, vocabulary, and syntactical and morphological structure of the Qur'an.  
Prerequisite: Intermediate Arabic (or equivalent). Please contact your instructor if you are unsure of your level.  
Tuesdays, 2:30 – 5:00pm

#### **RS 2310G/5310G: INTERPRETING THE QURAN (IN ENGLISH TRANSLATION) (Ingrid Mattson)**

An exploration of the history of the Qur'an, its preservation and transmission as recitation and scripture, and an examination of a representative sample of key themes and concerns addressed by the Qur'an and their interpretation by scholars from diverse schools of thought including Sufis, Salafis, Shi'ites, Sunnis, modernists and progressives.  
Wednesdays, 2:30 – 5:00pm

#### **RS 2300B/BibIStud (Scripture) 5192B: SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE (Peter Sabo & Ingrid Mattson)**

An exploration of Biblical and Quranic texts as they address the individual and cultural longing for justice. Attention will be given to exegesis, the international community, interpretation and ethics.  
Thursdays, 12:30 – 3:00pm

#### **MOS 2298B: ISLAM AND THE WORKPLACE (Shahin Pardhan)**

This course aims to equip students with an understanding of Islam to foster an inclusive and respectful work environment. Topics include misconceptions, dietary rules, finance, prayer times, holidays, fasting and ethics. Through case studies and discussions, students will develop strategies for accommodating religious diversity in the evolving Canadian workplace.  
Thursdays, 12:30 – 3:00