

ISLM20003 The Qur'an: An Introduction

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	2 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2014, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 1.5-hour lecture and 1 hour tutorial per week. Total Time Commitment: 2.5 contact hours/week , 7 additional hours/week. Total of 9.5 hours per week.
Prerequisites:	None.
Corequisites:	None.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None.
Non Allowed Subjects:	None.
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	This subject is an introduction, in English translation, to the most important text of Islam, the Qur'an, which Muslims regard as the primary source of Islam. Students will study: the origins of the Qur'an, its overall structure and content, major themes, approaches to its interpretation, and its function in Muslim religious, social, cultural and political life. The themes and topics covered (such as God, ethics, women, state, inter-faith relations, violence) should assist students in understanding contemporary debates on the relevance of Islam today.
Learning Outcomes:	# have a good understanding of the origins of the Qur'an, its overall structure and content, major themes, approaches to its interpretation and its functions in Muslim religious and socio-political life # appreciate contemporary debates on the relevance of the Qur'an today # be able to draw relationships between the Qur'an and other key texts of Islam
Assessment:	A 1000-word class test 30% (due week 9), a 500-word journal exercise 20% (due week 10) and a 2,000-word major essay 50% (due in the examination period). Class attendance (lecture and tutorial) is required for this subject; if you do not attend a minimum of 75% of classes without an approved exemption you will not be eligible for a pass in this subject. Assessment submitted late without an approved extension will be penalised at 10% per day. In-class tasks missed without approval will not be marked. All pieces of written work must be submitted to pass this subject.
Prescribed Texts:	Saeed, A. The Qur'an: An Introduction London, Routledge 2008 Abdel-Haleem, The Qur'an, Oxford 2005

Recommended Texts:	Saeed, A. Interpreting the Qur'an: Towards a Contemporary Approach, Routledge, 2006
Breadth Options:	This subject potentially can be taken as a breadth subject component for the following courses: # Bachelor of Biomedicine (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2014/B-BMED) # Bachelor of Commerce (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2014/B-COM) # Bachelor of Environments (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2014/B-ENVS) # Bachelor of Music (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2014/B-MUS) # Bachelor of Science (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2014/B-SCI) # Bachelor of Engineering (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2014/B-ENG) You should visit learn more about breadth subjects (http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html) and read the breadth requirements for your degree, and should discuss your choice with your student adviser, before deciding on your subjects.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	# be familiar with research methods. thinking in theoretical and analytical terms. # communicate knowledge intelligibly and economically, confidence in self-expression. # understand social, political, historical and cultural contexts and international awareness and openness to the world.
Notes:	This subject will be taught online by the University of Melbourne. It is offered to students of University of Melbourne, University of Western Sydney and Griffith University. Local tutorial support will be available at all three universities. Available as a breadth subject. Students who have completed 110-211 Introduction to the Qur'an are not eligible to enrol in this subject.
Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:	Islamic Studies Islamic Studies Islamic Studies Islamic Studies Major
Related Breadth Track(s):	Islamic Studies