

110-485 Methods of Islamic Law

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Undergraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. .
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Taught intensively between 9 - 15 April 2008 Total Time Commitment: .
Prerequisites:	Admission to the Master of Islamic Studies (coursework and minor thesis), Honours or Postgraduate Diploma in Islamic Studies, or permission of the coordinator
Corequisites:	.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	.
Non Allowed Subjects:	.
Core Participation Requirements:	.
Coordinator:	Prof A Saeed & Dr A S Abdullah
Subject Overview:	This subject explores key aspects of the theory, philosophy and practice of Islamic law. The central concepts of legal authority, justice, and authoritative texts will be introduced, followed by issues of jurisprudential methodology such as interpretation and ijtihad. Students will study major developments in the Islamic legal system, the schools of law, and the similarities and differences between various schools of law, the distinguishing features of these legal schools, as well as the social, political, economic and intellectual contexts within which they developed. The subject will explore the concept of Maqasid (objectives); the importance of maqasid al-Shari'ah (objectives of Islamic law) and its function and role in deducing Shari'ah law and the relationship between Shari'ah laws and Shari'ah objectives. Selected legal texts will be examined critically and a comparative analysis will be made of their jurisprudential methodologies, with special emphasis on the relationship between the text and social realities and that between text and the author. In addition, specific examples of judicial systems and their administrations from selected periods in Islamic history and their impact on contemporary Muslim societies, and the attempts at reform in Islamic law in the modern period will also be explored.
Assessment:	An essay of 5000 words 100% (examination period)
Prescribed Texts:	Materials supplied by the Institute
Recommended Texts:	.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # analyse and comment upon diverging scholarly approaches to a given issue; # understand a range of differing practical applications of a given theory; # analyse a formal system in a sophisticated and reasoned manner.

Notes:	Previously available as 110-562 Methods of Islamic Law. Students who have completed 110-562 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. Subject will be taught intensively between 9th and 15th of April 2008.
Related Course(s):	Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Islamic Studies)