

110-481 Methodologies of Hadith

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	4 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: July, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: Total of 10 hours per week.
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:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.</p> <p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p></p>
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Subject Overview:	<p>This subject will survey the development of Hadith literature from its earliest times exploring the methodologies of scholars of Hadith and their ways of dealing with the Sunnah of the Prophet. It will elaborate on salient features of these methodologies covering their differences (al-Mufaraqat) and agreements (al-Muwafaqat). It will explore the definition of Sunnah according to traditionists (Muhaddithun), jurists (Fuqaha') and theologians (Mutakallimun). The subject will also explore: the authority of the Sunnah and its necessity; arguments and evidences to prove authority of the Sunnah; and doubts concerning the authority of the Sunnah by groups opposed to the Ahl al-Sunnah wa al-Jama'ah (mainstream Sunni orthodoxy), such as the Shiites, Mu'tazilites and the Kharijites. It will furthermore critically evaluate the scepticism over the authority and viability of the Sunnah by Western scholars, such as Goldziher, Schacht and the likes. It will similarly make a critical assessment of the critical studies of the works of Western scholars by Muslim scholars in their defenses to the authenticity and the actual position of Hadith as the second source of Divine message. The subject will also cover the issue of Khabar al-Ahad ('singular narration'); its definition, meaning and arguments pertaining to its acceptance and rejection; the relationship between Sunnah and Quran; the issue concerning abrogation between the Quran and Sunnah; and other related issues. The course will explore the strengths and weaknesses of major hadith collections, and undertake critical analyses of selected texts.</p>
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # demonstrate knowledge of transmission and collection of hadith and as well as key aspects of hadith criticism in Islam; # evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of major hadith collections;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # examine critically theories of development of hadith; # analyse and systematically evaluate complex cultural phenomena through examination of primary texts; # develop the concepts, analytical approaches and evaluative thinking for problem solving; # employ textual evidence in constructing scholarly argumentation.
Assessment:	A essay of 5000 words 100% (examination period)
Prescribed Texts:	Materials supplied by the Institute
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 systematically evaluate complex cultural phenomena through examination of primary texts; # develop the concepts, analytical approaches and evaluative thinking for problem solving; # employ textual evidence in constructing scholarly argumentation.
Notes:	Previously available as 110-557 Methodology of Hadith. Students who have completed 110-557 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. Intensive subject taught between 9th and 15th of July
Related Course(s):	Master of Islamic Studies Postgraduate Diploma in Islamic Studies
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Islamic Studies Islamic Studies