

ISLM40002 The Qur'an and its Interpretation

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	4 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: July, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Intensive subject taught on the 15th, 16th, 19th, and 21st of July 2010 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:	None.
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Subject Overview:	This subject will explore the development of Qur'anic sciences from the emergence of Islam to the modern era, the history of the Qur'anic text, the theories of revelation in Islam and the contribution of Muslim and Western scholars of the Qur'an to these areas in the modern period. The central focus of the subject, however, will be to explore methods of interpretation: its development, schools, principles and application. Selected texts from leading authorities of exegesis, both early and modern, will be analysed. Students will have the opportunity to examine issues surrounding modern interpretative approaches to the text. The subject will enable students to appreciate the theoretical, critical and analytical heritage of Qur'anic sciences and to place modern interpretative approaches within that context.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # understand and critically analyse key developments in the Qur'anic sciences. # practise a comparative and analytical approach to the study of the tafsir. # make an objective analysis of different approaches to the study and interpretation of the Qur'an. # examine complex and important cultural materials from a scholarly perspective and present arguments in structured formats. # understand major global cultural phenomena through examination of primary texts. # understand the place of methodology in interpreting a given text.
Assessment:	An essay of 5000 words 100% (during the examination period)
Prescribed Texts:	Materials supplied by the Institute
Recommended Texts:	None.
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:	# analyse and comment upon diverging scholarly approaches to a given issue.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"># develop thinking in theoretical and analytical terms through lectures, tutorial discussions and essay writing and engagement in the methodologies of the humanities and social sciences.# develop written communication through essay and assignment preparation and writing.# analyse and systematically evaluate complex cultural phenomena through examination of primary texts.
Notes:	Previously available as 110-556 Qur'anic Studies. Students who have completed 110-556 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. Intensive subject taught between the 16th and 22nd of July.
Related Course(s):	Master of Islamic Studies Postgraduate Diploma in Islamic Studies
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Arabic Islamic Studies Islamic Studies