

ISLM40002 The Qur'an and its Interpretation

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	4 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2012, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: June, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Intensive subject, 24 hours Total Time Commitment: 120 hours
Prerequisites:	Admission to the Master of Islamic Studies (coursework and minor thesis), Honours or Postgraduate Diploma in Islamic Studies, or permission of the subject coordinator.
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 will explore the development of Qur'anic disciplines 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:	A 5000-words research paper 100% (due at the end of the teaching 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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # analyse and comment upon diverging scholarly approaches to a given issue. # 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.
Related Course(s):	Master of Islamic Studies Postgraduate Diploma in Islamic Studies
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Arabic Islamic Studies Islamic Studies Islamic Studies