

Washington University

L23 214 ReSt. Sec. 11 Contemporary Issues in Islam

Theology, Sufism, and Jurisprudence.

(COURSE SYLLABUS)

<i>Class: L23 214 ReSt.</i>	<i>Class hours: 3</i>	<i>Time:</i>
<i>Section: 11</i>	<i>Credit hours: 3</i>	<i>Class room: Cupples I 207</i>

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Text Book: Course pack: materials collected on Theology, Sufism, and Jurisprudence.

Course Description:

An intensive study of issues in Islamic theology, in its relation to sufism and jurisprudence. In this course we will analyze issues such as: the vision of God in this world, Iman and Aqidah, earning and worshipping, and the performance of Karamat. These topics will be discussed in the light of traditional and modern legal standpoint; by using the Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet.

Although there are no prerequisites for this course, however, knowing Arabic or Persian language will enhance the understanding.

Course Requirements:

- 1- Class attendance and participation is mandatory: Students should arrive at class having carefully studied the assigned text and prepared to discuss it.
- 2- Complete all reading assignments.
- 3- Take three exams on course material.
- 4- One page daily summary of the assignments.
- 5- Reading quizzes.
- 6- Verbal Report has to be presented in groups of 3-4 students.

Grading Scale:

97-100 =A+	92-96=A	89.5-91=A-
25% First Exam. 86-89 =B+	82-85=B	79.5-81=B-
25% Second Exam. 76-79=C+	72-75=C	69.5-71=C-
25% Third Exam. 66-69=D+	62-65=D	59.5-61=D-
59 and below=F, or 92=A, 82=B, 72=C, 62=D		

25% The Followings:

Quizzes:	15 points.
Participation:	15 points.
Summary:	20 points. No hand written summary. Late summary will not be accepted.
Verbal report:	20 points.
Attendance:	30 points, every absence is a (-3 points). Up to 5 minutes of being late coming to class is a (-1 point), 10 minutes or more is (-2 points).

Make-up Exams and Late Papers:

Make-up exams will only be given in cases of a *documented* illness or personal crisis. If you are too ill to take the exam, then you will need to present verifiable documentation from a licensed healthcare professional. The same rule applies to late papers.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>READING/ACTIVITY</u>	<u>PAGE #</u>
First Week	<i>Class Introduction and Policies.</i> Qur'an: the understanding of the theologians and the Sufis.	Handout on Theology
Second Week	Sunnah: Theologians and Sufis Background.	Handout on Sunnah
Third Week	Qur'an, Sunnah, and Jurisprudence.	Handout on Jurisprudence
Fourth Week	Sufism and Divine Attributes. Theology and Hadith; the ways of interpretation.	On Sufism
Fifth Week	Theology, Jurisprudence, and Sufism on Iman and Ihsan. The debate on faith and practice.	On Ghazali and Sufism
Sixth Week	Sufism and Maqamat or Stations. First Exam.	On Reason and Heart
Seventh Week	Maqamat and Reality.	On Hadith
Eighth Week	Theologians and Sufis on Ahwal.	On Theology
Ninth Week	School of Iraq and School of Khurasan on Ahwal.	Lecture
Tenth Week	Sufi's Language and Reality. Outer and Inner Dimensions	Lecture
Eleventh Week	Sufism and Shari'ah. The language of the Scripture. Second Exam.	On Sufism
Twelfth Week	Sufism and Turuq or Sufi Orders.	On the teaching of Sufism
First Week	Examples of some modern sufi orders: Naqshabandi according to Qur'an and Sunnah. .	On Naqshbandi
Thirteenth Week	Shadhili Tariqah in the USA. Is their any Modern school of Islamic Theology and Jurisprudence?	On Shdhili
Fourteenth Week	Jurisprudence, Theology, and Sufism Today. Final Exam.	Lecture