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Department of Islamic History & Culture

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Detailed Syllabus

First Year

Course Code: 1652, Course Title: History of Muslims (570-750, Prophet Muhammad (sm), Khulafa-i-Rashidun and the Umayyads) 100 Marks, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

Outline:
Geographical features of Jazirat al-Arab–sources of history (570-750)–socio-economic, political and cultural conditions of Arabia before the advent of Islam
Early career of Muhammad (sm)–Muhammad (sm) as Prophet before Hijrat–Hijrat of Muslims to Abyssinia–Prophet’s Hijrat to Madina–Charter of Madina–battles of Prophet (Badr, Uhud, Khandaq, Tabuk, Hunayan, Muta)–Prophet’s policy towards the Jews and Christians–Treaty of Hudaybiah–conquest of Mecca–Prophet’s place in history

Reading List:
Imamuddin, S.M. *A Political History of the Muslims, Part-I (Prophet & Caliphate)*, Dhaka, 1970
............... *Umayyads & Abbasids*, Dhaka, 1970
Martin, L. *Muhammad: His life Based On the Earliest Sources*, New Delhi, 1983
The Caliphate, its Rise, Decline and Fall, London (Reprint), 1998
Numani, S. *Sirat-al-Nabi*, Volume I (tr. into English by Tayyib Eaksh Badauni), Lahore, 1993
............... *Muhammad At Mecca*, Oxford, 1953
............... *Muhammad At Medina*, Oxford, 1956
Wellhausen, J. *The Arab Kingdom and its Fall* (Tr. by Margaret Graham Weir), Beirut, 1963
Zaidan, Jurji. *Umayyads and Abbasids*, (English tr. by D.S. Margoliouth), Gibb Memorial series, IV, New Delhi, 1981

Course Code: 1653, Course Title: *History of Muslims (750-1258, The Abbasids and the Regional)* 100 Marks, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

Outline:

Establishment of regional dynasties–Regional dynasties of the West: Idrishids–Aghlabids: Ibrahim bin Aghlab and the establishment of dynastic rule in Iriqiya–Ziadatullah and the incidents in Sicily–the later Aghlabids–rise of the Fatimids and end of Aghlabid rule–Tulunids: Ahmad ibn Tulun and his successors–Ikhshidids

Reading List:
In addition to the relevant books listed under course No. 01 the following books must be consulted:

Bosworth, AD, *The Islamic Dynasties, a Chronological and Genealogical Survey*, Edinburgh, 1967
Siddiqui, A. H., *Caliphate and Kingship in Medieval Persia*, Lahore, 1942

Course Code:1654, Course Title: History of Muslims in Spain (710-1492)  100 Marks, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

Outline:

Reading List:
........................., *Some Aspects of Socio-Economic and Cultural History of Muslim Spain (711-1492)*, Leiden, 1965
Lane-Poole, S., *The Moors in Spain*, London, 1912

Course Code:1655, Course Title: *History of Muslim rule in Syria, Egypt and North Africa (Fatimids, Ayyubids and Mamluks)*  100 Marks, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

Outline:
Review of Sources – pre-Fatimid period of Egypt and North Africa
Ayyubid Sultanate: rise of Salahuddin–Ayyubids and the Crusade

Reading List:
Sadeque, Fatima., *Baybars I of Egypt*, Dhaka 1958
Ivanov, V., *The Rise of the Fatimids*, Bombay, 1941
Encyclopaedia of Islam, New edition, Leiden, 1979

Course Code: 6203, Course Title: *Introducing Sociology*  Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

1. **Definition, Nature & Scope of Sociology**, relationship with other social sciences.
   Development of Sociology: Contributions of Auguste Comte, Herbert Spencer, Emile
2. **Culture, Beliefs & Values**: Norms, sanctions, symbols, language, subculture, counterculture, hegemony & resistance

3. **Globalization, Culture and Society**: Globalization and its different dimensions, Cultural globalization, global culture and social change

4. **Urbanization and Social Formation**: Definition of urbanization and urbanism, Process of urbanization in developing societies and social formation, over urbanization, growth of slum & poverty in mega cities

5. **Gender and Society**: Discourse of WID, WAD and GAD, Why gender is important in the discourse of development, Gender inequality & women’s subjugation in developing societies.

6. **Environmental Problems, Natural Disasters and Social Crisis**: Climate change and its impact on society, Natural disaster, social crisis and vulnerabilities, Climate change, deforestation and mal-development.

7. **Social Inequality**: Dimensions of social inequality: Class, gender, age, minority group (religious and indigenous), economic vulnerability, Social inequalities in developed & developing countries.

8. **Types of societies**: Marxist view on classifying societies on the basis of type of control over economic resources and Lenski’s view on classifying societies by their main means of subsistence.

9. **Deviance & Social Control**: Definition of deviance, theories of deviance. Crime & justice system, agencies of social control


**Reference**

Giddens Sociology  
Tony Bilton et al Introductory Sociology

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**Course Code: 6212, Course Title: Introduction to Social Work**  
Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

7. Social Problems and Social Services in Bangladesh.

Books Recommended:

Course Code: 6192, Course Title: Introduction to Political Theory, Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

Political Science: Meaning, Nature, Scope, Methods, Relations to other Social Sciences, Importance to Study Political Science.

State: Definition, Elements, State and Government, State and Individual, State and Society, Theories of the origin of the state.


Concepts of Political Sociology: Political culture, elite theory, Max Weber and Bureaucracy

Political Thinkers: Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau.
Books Recommended:

1. R.G. Gettell : *Political Science*
2. J. W. Garner : *Political Science and Government*
3. R. M. MacIver : *The Modern State*
4. G.H. Sabine : *A History of Political Theory*
5. William Ebenstein : *Great Political Thinkers-Plato to the Present*
6. H.G. Laski : *A Grammar of Politics*
7. মুহাম্মদ আয়েশ উদ্দীন : রাজনীতি পরিচিতি
8. এমাজউদ্দিন আহমদ : মধ্যযুগের রাজনীতি
9. মোঃ দরবেশ আলী খান : প্লেটো ও এক্সিমিয়েনার রাজনৈতিক চিত্র
10. সরদার ফজলুল করিম : প্লেটোর রিপাবলিক