

Module Title: Post-Prophet and Umayyad History

Module Code: HISTWO

Course Duration: 17 Weeks

Teaching Method: 2 units/week

Credits: 10

Overview:

This module embarks upon the critical evaluation of the socio-political and religious contributions of the period characterised by those described as *al-Khulafā' al-Rāshidūn*. Thereafter, it also critically discusses the major dynasties that ruled the Muslim empire for centuries after first studying the rise and fall of the Umayyad dynasty, and then highlighting the major contributions during the Umayyad era.

Syllabus:

The following are the subjects that are discussed in this module:

- The rise and fall of those described as *al-Khulafā' al-Rāshidūn* and their major contributions to the trajectory of Islam in those periods.
- The rise and fall of the Umayyad dynasty and its major contributions to Islam.

Learning outcomes:

On completion of this module, the successful student will be able to:

1. Understand and critically discuss the socio-political and cultural conditions of the Muslim world during the rise and fall of the aforementioned dynasties.
2. Have knowledge of the similarities and difference between the past Muslim dynasties and the modern day Muslim national states.

Assessment Weighting:

- 100% Assignment

Learning Materials:

Core Texts:

- Armstrong, K. (2000), *Islam: A Short History*, New York: Modern Library

- Bosworth, C. E. (1977), *The Later Ghaznavids: Splendour and Decay: the dynasty in Afghanistan and northern India, 1040-1186*, New York: Columbia University Press.
- Esposito, J. L. (1999), *The Oxford History of Islam*, New York: Oxford University Press
- Holt, P. M et al. (1977), *The Cambridge History of Islam*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Hourani, A. (1991), *A History of the Arab Peoples*, Cambridge: Mass, Belknap Press of Harvard University Press
- Lapidus, I. M. (1988), *A History of Islamic Societies*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Lewis, B. (. (1985), *The Arabs in History*, London: U. A. Hutchinson
- Peacock, A. C. S. (2010), *Early Seljūq History: A New Interpretation*, London: Routledge
- Rahman, F. (1966), *Islam*, London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson
- Sonn, T. (2004), *A Brief History of Islam*, Malden: Blackwell Pub
- Walker, P. E. (2002), *Exploring an Islamic Empire: Fatimid History and its Sources*, London: I.B. Tauris
- Zaydān, J., & MARGOLIOUTH, D. (1907), *Umayyads and 'Abbāsids*, being the fourth part of *Jurjī Zaydān's History of Islamic Civilization*, Leyden [etc.], E. J. Brill
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