

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Islamic Law and Legal Theory

Course Number and Section

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Course Description:

An overview of Islamic law's history, principles, and institutions (origins, classical jurisprudence, courts, family, finance, and international law) through colonial-era change to law in Muslim communities today.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

Understand the terminology and technical language of Islamic legal theory at an introductory level.

Describe how the Qur'an, the Prophet Muhammad, other exemplary figures, custom, reason, and other sources are engaged by Muslims to construct law.

Identify the major legal schools, the reasons for their development, and key features of their identity and methodology.

Describe the emergence of Islamic legal institutions, including personnel, across historical periods and places.

Describe the way executive and judicial authority intersect.

Conduct academic research on topics in Islamic law and legal theory.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Required textbook: Wael B. Hallaq, *Sharī'a: Theory, Practice, Transformations* (Cambridge University Press, 2009). Cost: approx. \$65–70 CAD.

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Class Performance		20%
Forum Discussion Posts		30%
Book Report		20%

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Take-Home Exam		30%

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For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook’s publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].

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