

Brief Course Outline

Course Title:	Studies in the Sunnah and Hadith	
Course Number and Section	BIBLSTUD	5119A 550
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Course Description:

An exploration of the meaning of the Sunnah (the normative teachings and example of the Prophet Mohammed) and the development of the corpus of Hadith (narrations of these reports) and their role in diverse schools of Islamic thought and in the lives of Muslims.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

Be capable of describing the different ways hadith were articulated, collected, and codified as textual sources.

Be able to identify the non-textual sources for the Sunnah articulated by various schools of Islamic thought.

Be able to articulate the normative value different schools of Islamic thought placed on the Sunnah and Hadith.

Be able to describe the primary methods and disagreements over the verification of hadith in traditional scholarship.

Be able to describe the challenges to the integrity of traditional hadith verification from a variety of critical perspectives.

Be able to identity key cultural practices of hadith studies and scholarship as well as describe the role role of women in establishing and maintaining those practices.

Be able to articulate for their own beliefs about the role of the Quran and their own agency in determining the proper role of hadith in understanding the Sunnah.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Jonathan A.C. Brown, Hadith: Muhammad's Legacy in the Medieval and Modern World, 2nd edition (Oneworld, 2017).

Other readings will be available on the course website.

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

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Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Reading notes	10 submitted weekly	20
Mini-quizzes	5 over the course of the semester	20
Participation	weekly	10
Test	10/10/2024	20
Test	12/05/2024	30

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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