

Faculty of Economics and Political Science

Evolution of Islamic Political Thought

Information :

Course Code : PSC 205

Level : Undergraduate

Course Hours : 3.00- Hours

Department : Department of Political Science

Area Of Study :

This course offers students a broad overview of classical and modern Islamic political thought. It presents the ideas of the influential Islamic political philosophers throughout history. It explores various strands of Islamic political theories. The diverse political thoughts and theories emerging in the Islamic world are investigated through the works of their main proponents. The conceptual basis on political philosophy and related key issues such as power, sovereignty, legitimacy, state, authority and identity are extensively explored.

Course Goals:

- ✓ Develop analytical and critical thinking skills.
- ✓ Identify key concepts in the field of Islamic politics.
- ✓ Recognize the development that took place in the field of Islamic politics.
- ✓ Refine the communications skills.

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Course outcomes :

a. Knowledge and Understanding: :

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| 1 - | Recognize the key concepts and foundations of the field of Islamic politics. |
| 2 - | Identify the principles on which modern Islamic movements base their political thought. |

b. Intellectual Skills: :

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| 1 - | Interpret politics from a new perspective through acquiring a framework based on Islamic politics. |
| 2 - | Evaluate new ideas that can be utilized when seeking solutions to modern practices of politics. |
| 3 - | Compare the thought of different prominent Islamic political thinkers. |

c. Professional and Practical Skills: :

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| 1 - | Write reports analyzing issues related to Islamic political thought. |
| 2 - | Develop argumentative skills to employ in an academic environment |

d. General and Transferable Skills: :

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| 1 - | Use critical thinking. |
| 2 - | Develop academic writing skills. |

Course Topic And Contents :

| Topic | No. of hours | Lecture | Tutorial / Practical |
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| Introduction | 3 | 1 | |
| Conceptual framework | 3 | 1 | |
| Political Islam or Islamic Politics? | 3 | 1 | |
| Politics during the prophetic state and the Khulafaa' al-Rashedoon | 9 | 3 | |
| Constants and variables in Islamic politics | 3 | 1 | |
| Midterm | | 1 | |
| Key philosophers | 6 | 2 | |
| Key politicians in the Islamic Renaissance | 6 | 2 | |
| Islamic politics in the age of Modernity | 3 | 1 | |
| Theoretical challenges | 3 | 1 | |
| Final | | 1 | |

Teaching And Learning Methodologies :

Data show and computer in lectures

Group discussion

Research Paper

Debates

Course Assessment :

| Methods of assessment | Relative weight % | Week No | Assess What |
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| Class work (assignments, quizzes, research papers, class attendance, class participation) | 30.00 | | To assess understanding, and to assess theoretical background of the intellectual and practical skills. |
| Final Exam | 40.00 | 15 | To assess knowledge and intellectual skills. |
| Midterm Exam (S) | 30.00 | 8 | To assess professional skills. |

Recommended books :

Charles E. Butterworth, The Political Aspects of Islamic Philosophy: Essays in Honor of Muhsin S. Mahdi, Harvard University Press, Cambridge, MA, 1992.

Ibn Taymiyyah. The Political Shariyah on Reforming the Ruler, Dar ul Fiqh UK, 2000.