

Phil6307/Miss6245/Miss6345 - World Religions: Islam-Online
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SEMINARY MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an introduction to the religion of Islam, including history, core tenants, Islamic sects, the Koran, the life of Mohammed, and key doctrines. The class will have special emphasis on understanding the Islamic world in relation to the West and missions strategies to Islamic people groups.

**COURSE PURPOSE, CORE VALUE FOCUS, AND CURRICULUM
COMPETENCIES ADDRESSED:**

The purpose of this course is to carry out the mission of NOBTS as is reflected through the core values and the core competencies in the following ways:

Core Values addressed:

1. *Doctrinal Integrity*—a proper grasp of God’s truth as revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ, through His Word while addressing other religions of the world.
2. *Spiritual Vitality*—the study of truth always carries an implicit call to commitment, including missions and apologetics.
3. *Mission Focus*—the content of the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) permeates the material covered by this course.
4. *Characteristic Excellence*—the ultimate significance of the Gospel requires that its ministers demonstrate a clear understanding of doctrinal truth and having a clear understanding of other religion’s doctrines.

Core Competencies addressed:

1. *Biblical Exposition*—the course will show how God’s Word addresses the religions in the world.
2. *Christian Theological Heritage*—the history of interaction between Islam and Christianity will be explored to provide a proper foundation for current engagement.

3. *Disciple Making*—a biblically-based, Christ-centered approach will be applied to understand how to disciple Muslim background believers

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The student who successfully completes this course should be able to:

- have a basic understanding of Islamic beliefs
- understand the history of the religion
- appreciate the rich contributions of Islamic life and culture to the West
- be equipped to critically engage current issues relating to the Islamic world and culture
- be equipped to apologetically and evangelistically engage Muslims

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- 1) Swartley, Keith. *Encountering the World of Islam*. Colorado Springs: Authentic, 2005.
- 2) Greeson, Kevin. *Camel Method of Evangelism*. Available online at http://www.churchplantingmovements.com/camel_training_manual.htm.
- 3). Farah, Cesear. *Islam*. Hauppauge, NY: Barron's, 2003.
- 4) Any copy of the Koran, but suggestions are listed in the bibliography.
- 5) Film: "Inside Islam," available at <http://video.barnesandnoble.com/DVD/Inside-Islam/e/733961706529/?itm=1>.
- 6) Film: "Inside Mecca," available at <http://video.barnesandnoble.com/DVD/National-Geographic-Inside-Mecca/Anisa-Mehdi/e/727994750420/?itm=1>.

COURSE NOTES AND OTHER MATERIALS:

This class takes place in an online learning environment through Blackboard. It is required that you have sufficient internet access to complete the course. You can access the online resources for the class by logging on to Blackboard through the NOBTS website. The correct section for this class is "Intro to Islam." Look for the course name and the instructor's last name. The enrollment code for this class is "BrooksIslam." Due to the large amount of material that will be covered in class, the student is strongly urged to bring the downloaded notes to class.

The following are the student enrollment instructions for Blackboard:

1. Open your web browser to the seminary home page at <http://www.nobts.edu>

2. Click on the **Blackboard** link in the left-hand column. (If you already have a **Blackboard** account, log in and skip to step 6. You need only one **Blackboard** account.)
3. When the new page opens, choose the **Create Account** button on the left.
4. Enter in your information. (Note: Fields with a red asterisk are required fields). When finished entering your information, click **Submit**.
5. When the next page loads, confirming your registration, click **OK**.
6. Now, your personal NOBTS—Blackboard home page should appear. To enroll in a class, click on the **Courses** tab at the top of the page.
7. Under the **Course Catalog** section, choose the **Graduate** category.
8. You will see all courses for which you can register. Scroll down the page and choose to register for **Intro to Islam** by clicking on the **Enroll** button beside the course's name. Be sure to look for the correct course under the instructor's name.
9. Enter the access code provided by the Professor. The code is **Brookslslam**. (Note: The access code is case sensitive).
10. Click **OK** when the confirmation page appears.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

NOTE: ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE BY THURSDAY NIGHT AT MIDNIGHT (U. S. - CENTRAL STANDARD TIME) OF EACH WEEK LISTED IN THE COURSE SCHEDULE.

1. ***Reading***
Students are expected to read all the assigned texts. Weekly quizzes are posted to test the student over the week's assigned reading.
2. ***Quizzes***
Quizzes will cover the material assigned for that particular week (see schedule below). Quizzes are 15 minutes in length. Quizzes must be taken by Thursday midnight of each week.
3. ***Examinations***
Two exams will be given, a midterm and a final. Both the mid-term and the final will be taken online, with both objective and essay questions. Exams will be taken online and will be timed.
4. ***Research Paper***
Every student will write a paper to engage in in-depth research. The paper should be at least 20 pages, with at least 15 sources. Each student must submit a research paper proposal sheet to have his or her topic approved. The topic approval sheet must contain the student's name, paper title, thesis, and 15 sources. The same sources used in the research proposal

should be used for the research paper. Research papers may be submitted via the digital dropbox on Blackboard.

Each student will write a research paper review due during the last week of class. This paper will be a review of every other student's research paper, including a one-paragraph summary of each paper, excluding the student's own paper.

5. **Book Review**

Students should complete 2 books reviews. Each book review should be approximately 10 pages, double spaced. Students can select a book from the list that is attached to the syllabus. If a student wishes to review a book that is not listed on the syllabus, the student must seek the approval of the instructor before the mid-term test. Reviews are to be done in Turabian style. The first half of the report should be summary of the contents and the last half should be a critical review of the book including examination of the author's biases, strengths, weaknesses, audience, and personal insights or extrapolations. Book reviews may be submitted via the digital dropbox on Blackboard.

6. **Powerpoint Presentations and Audio Recordings**

Students must download Powerpoint presentations and listen to the attached audio file during the week assigned. Material covered in the presentations and audio file will be tested in the weekly quizzes and mid-term exam and final exam.

7. **Discussion Boards**

Students will participate in weekly discussion boards topics posted under the "Groups" section of Blackboard. The topics for the board will relate to the reading topics and material presented in the audio recordings.

8. **Grading**

Summary

Participation	10%	Final	20%
Book Reviews	20%	Mid-term	20%
Quizzes	10%	Research Component	20%

Scale

A: 93 – 100
B: 85 – 92
C: 77 – 84
D: 70 – 76
F: Below 70

SUMMARY OF WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS:

Each week, a student may have the following assignments:

- 1) Readings
- 2) Audio recordings
- 3) Weekly quiz
- 4) Weekly recorded update from the professor
- 5) Discussion board
- 6) Special assignments, book reviews, etc.

SUPPORT FROM THE PROFESSOR:

The professor of the course provides the following support for students in their studies:

- 1) Contact through phone or email.
- 2) Weekly recorded update from the professor. Each week the professor will upload an audio recording. In this recording will be a reminder of the weekly assignments, suggestions for further studies, prayer requests, and other items of business for the class. Also, the professor will answer questions submitted by email from the class.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Any kind of cheating on a quiz or exam is prohibited, along with plagiarism in research. As a violation of the Academic Integrity code to which you have agreed, cheating will be taken seriously. Each incident is handled in a case by case manner. However, penalties may include a zero on the assignment or failure of the course, and could lead to suspension or dismissal from the seminary.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

Week 1:

Listen to "Overview of Definitions"

Read: Swartley Lesson 1

Read Farah Ch. 1

Take quiz 1

Listen to professor's weekly audio update

Discussion board weekly topic

Week 2:

Read Swartley Lesson 2

Listen to audio recording 2

Listen to audio Interview with Mike Edens on Muslim evangelism, available at http://www.4truth.net/site/c.hiKXLbPNLrF/b.2904171/k.14BA/Audio_Interview_with_Mike_Edens_on_Islam.htm)

Take Quiz 2

Listen to professor's weekly audio update

Discussion board weekly topic

Week 3:

Read Swartley Lesson 3

Read Farah Ch. 3

Take Quiz 3

Listen to professor's weekly audio update

Discussion board weekly topic

Watch Film: "Inside Islam"

Week 4:

Read Swartley Lesson 4

Read Farah Ch. 4

Listen to audio recording 3

Take quiz 4

Listen to professor's weekly audio update

Discussion board weekly topic

1st Book Review due

Week 5:

Listen to audio recording 4

Swartley Lesson 5

Read Farah Ch. 5, 6

Take quiz 5

Listen to professor's weekly audio update

Discussion board weekly topic

Week 6:

Read Swartley Lesson 6

Read Farah Ch. 7

Listen to audio recording 5

Take quiz 6

Listen to professor's weekly audio update

Discussion board weekly topic

Week 7:

Read Swartley Lesson 7

Read Farah Ch. 9

Listen to audio recording 6

Take quiz 7

Listen to professor's weekly audio update

Discussion board weekly topic

Week 8:

Midterm

Listen to professor's weekly audio update

Discussion board weekly topic

2nd Book Review due

Week 9:

Read Swartley Lesson 8

Read Farah Ch. 10-11

Listen to audio recording 7

Take quiz 8

Listen to professor's weekly audio update

Discussion board weekly topic

Fall break 10/20-10/25

Week 10 (10/27-10/30):

Watch film: "Inside Mecca"

Read Farah Ch. 12-13

Take quiz 9

Listen to professor's weekly audio update

Discussion board weekly topic

Week 11 (10/31-11/6):

Read Swartley Lesson 9

Read Farah Ch. 14

Listen to audio recording 8

Listen to professor's weekly audio update

Discussion board weekly topic

Week 12 (11/7-11/13):

Research papers due

Listen to professor's weekly audio update

Discussion board weekly topic

Week 13 (11/14-11/20):

Read Swartley Lesson 10

Read Farah Ch. 15-16

Listen to audio recording 9

Take quiz 10

Listen to professor's weekly audio update

Discussion board weekly topic

Thanksgiving break (11/24-11/28)

Week 14 (12/1-12/4)

Listen to audio recording 9

Read Swartley Lesson 11 and 12

Read Greenson, *The Camel*, all chapters.

Listen to interview with Mrs. Madelyn Edens

Listen to professor's weekly audio update

Discussion board weekly topic

Review study guide for final exam

Week 15 (12/8-12/15):

Final

Listen to professor's weekly audio update

Research paper reviews due

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NOTE: We are celebrating the core values of spiritual vitality and community this year. Our President, Dr. Chuck Kelley, has asked that all students and faculty participate in a daily Bible reading plan. Please join with us this year by following the Bible reading plan below.

**Fall Semester Bible Reading Plan
September 1, 2009 – December 19, 2009**

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Genesis 1:1-2:25, Matthew 1:1-25, Psalm 1:1-6, Proverbs 1:1-4
- 2 Genesis 3:1-4:26, Matthew 2:1-23, Psalm 2:1-6, Proverbs 1:5-6
- 3 Genesis 5:1-6:2, Matthew 3:1-17, Psalm 2:7-12, Proverbs 1:7
- 4 Genesis 7:1-9:7, Matthew 4:1-20, Psalms 3:1-8, Proverbs 1:8-9
- 5 Genesis 9:8-10:32, Matthew 4:21-5:12, Psalm 4:1-8, Proverbs 1:10-14
- 6 Genesis 11:1-12:20, Matthew 5:13-32, Psalm 5:1-6, Proverbs 1:15-16
- 7 Genesis 13:1-15:6, Matthew 5:33-6:4, Psalm 5:7-12, Proverbs 1:17-19
- 8 Genesis 15:7-17:27, Matthew 6:5-24, Psalm 6:1-5, Proverbs 1:20-23
- 9 Genesis 18:1-19:22, Matthew 6:25-7:12, Psalm 6:6-10, Proverbs 1:24-27
- 10 Genesis 19:23-21:21, Matthew 7:13-8:4, Psalm 7:1-8, Proverbs 1:28-31
- 11 Genesis 21:22-23:20, Matthew 8:5-27, Psalm 7:9-17, Proverbs 1:32-33
- 12 Genesis 24:1-54, Matthew 8:28-9:17, Psalm 8:1-9, Proverbs 2:1-5
- 13 Genesis 24:55-26:11, Matthew 9:18-38, Psalm 9:1-6, Proverbs 2:6-8
- 14 Genesis 26:12-27:29, Matthew 10:1-20, Psalm 9:7-12, Proverbs 2:9-10
- 15 Genesis 27:30-29:12, Matthew 10:21-42, Psalm 9:13-20, Proverbs 2:11-15
- 16 Genesis 29:13-30:43, Matthew 11:1-19, Psalm 10:1-6, Proverbs 2:16-19
- 17 Genesis 31:1-55, Matthew 11:20-12:8, Psalm 10:7-12, Proverbs 2:20-22
- 18 Genesis 32:1-33:20, Matthew 12:9-37, Psalm 10:13-18, Proverbs 3:1-2
- 19 Genesis 34:1-35:29, Matthew 12:38-13:9, Psalm 11:1-3, Proverbs 3:3-4
- 20 Genesis 36:1-43, Matthew 13:10-35, Psalm 11:4-7, Proverbs 3:5-6
- 21 Genesis 37:1-38:30, Matthew 13:36-58, Psalm 12:1-5, Proverbs 3:7-8
- 22 Genesis 39:1-41:7, Matthew 14:1-21, Psalm 12:6-8, Proverbs 3:9-10
- 23 Genesis 41:8-42:4, Matthew 14:22-15:9, Psalm 13:1-6, Proverbs 3:11-12
- 24 Genesis 42:5-43:14, Matthew 15:10-39, Psalm 14:1-7, Proverbs 3:13-14
- 25 Genesis 43:15-44:34, Matthew 16:1-20, Psalm 15:1-5, Proverbs 3:15-16
- 26 Genesis 45:1-46:27, Matthew 16:21-17:13, Psalm 16:1-6, Proverbs 3:17-18
- 27 Genesis 46:28-48:22, Matthew 17:14-18:9, Psalm 16:7-11, Proverbs 3:19-20
- 28 Genesis 49:1-50:26, Matthew 18:10-35, Psalm 17:1-5, Proverbs 3:21-24

- 29 Exodus 1:1-2:25, Matthew 19:1-22, Psalm 17:6-12, Proverbs 3:25-26
30 Exodus 3:1-4:31, Matthew 19:23-20:19, Psalm 17:13-15, Proverbs 27-28

OCTOBER

- 1 Exodus 5:1-6:30, Matthew 20:20-21:11, Psalm 18:1-6, Proverbs 3:29-32
2 Exodus 7:1-8:32, Matthew 21:12-27, Psalm 18:7-12, Proverbs 3:33-35
3 Exodus 9:1-10:20, Matthew 21:28-46, Psalm 18:13-19, Proverbs 4:1-2
4 Exodus 10:21-12:36, Matthew 22:1-22, Psalm 18:20-24, Proverbs 4:3-4
5 Exodus 12:37-14:20, Matthew 22:23-46, Psalm 18:25-29, Proverbs 4:5-6
6 Exodus 14:21-16:20, Matthew 23:1-22, Psalm 18:30-36, Proverbs 4:7-9
7 Exodus 16:21-18:27, Matthew 23:23-39, Psalm 18:37-42, Proverbs 4:10-13
8 Exodus 19:1-20:26, Matthew 24:1-14, Psalm 18:43-50, Proverbs 4:14-17
9 Exodus 21:1-22:20, Matthew 24:15-35, Psalm 19:1-6, Proverbs 4:18-19
10 Exodus 22:21-24:18, Matthew 24:36-51, Psalm 19:7-14, Proverbs 4:20-22
11 Exodus 25:1-26:14, Matthew 25:1-13, Psalm 20:1-9, Proverbs 4:23-24
12 Exodus 26:15-28:14, Matthew 25:14-30, Psalm 21:1-7, Proverbs 4:25-27
13 Exodus 28:15-29:25, Matthew 25:31-26:5, Psalm 21:8-13, Proverbs 5:1-2
14 Exodus 29:26-30:38, Matthew 26:6-25, Psalm 22:1-5, Proverbs 5:3-6
15 Exodus 31:1-32:35, Matthew 26:26-50, Psalm 22:6-10, Proverbs 5:7-8
16 Exodus 33:1-34:35, Matthew 26:51-75, Psalm 22:11-15, Proverbs 5:9-10
17 Exodus 35:1-36:19, Matthew 27:1-23, Psalm 22:16-21, Proverbs 5:11-14
18 Exodus 36:20-37:29, Matthew 27:24-44, Psalm 22:22-26, Proverbs 5:15-17
19 Exodus 38:1-39:31, Matthew 27:45-66, Psalm 22:27-31, Proverbs 5:18-20
20 Exodus 39:32-40:38, Matthew 28:1-20, Psalm 23:1-6, Proverbs 5:21-23
21 Leviticus 1:1-3:17, Mark 1:1-20, Psalm 24:1-10, Proverbs 6:1-3
22 Leviticus 4:1-5:19, Mark 1:21-45, Psalm 25:1-7, Proverbs 6:4-5
23 Leviticus 6:1-7:21, Mark 2:1-22, Psalm 25:8-15, Proverbs 6:6-8
24 Leviticus 7:22-8:36, Mark 2:23-3:12, Psalm 25:16-22, Proverbs 6:9-11
25 Leviticus 9:1-11:12, Mark 3:13-35, Psalm 26:1-7, Proverbs 6:12-15
26 Leviticus 11:13-13:17, Mark 4:1-20, Psalm 26:8-12, Proverbs 6:16-19
27 Leviticus 13:18-14:14, Mark 4:21-41, Psalm Ps 27:1-6, Proverbs 6:20-22
28 Leviticus 14:15-15:12, Mark 5:1-20, Psalm 27:7-14, Proverbs 6:23-26
29 Leviticus 15:13-16:34, Mark 5:21-43, Psalm 28:1-5, Proverbs 6:27-29
30 Leviticus 17:1-19:10, Mark 6:1-20, Psalm 28:6-9, Proverbs 6:30-31
31 Leviticus 19:11-20:27, Mark 6:21-46, Psalm 29:1-6, Proverbs 6:32-33

NOVEMBER

- 1 Leviticus 21:1-22:33, Mark 6:47-7:16, Psalm 29:7-11, Proverbs 6:34-35
2 Leviticus 23:1-24:23, Mark 7:17-37, Psalm 30:1-6, Proverbs 7:1-3
3 Leviticus 25:1-55, Mark 8:1-21, Psalm 30:7-12, Proverbs 7:4-5
4 Leviticus 26:1-46, Mark 8:22-9:1, Psalm 31:1-8, Proverbs 7:6-8
5 Leviticus 27:1-34, Mark 9:2-29, Psalm 31:9-18, Proverbs 7:9-12
6 Numbers 1:1-54, Mark 9:30-50, Psalm 31:19-24, Proverbs 7:13-17
7 Numbers 2:1-3:16, Mark 10:1-22, Psalm 32:1-7, Proverbs 7:18-21
8 Numbers 3:17-4:20, Mark 10:23-45, Psalm 32:8-11, Proverbs 7:22-23

- 9 Numbers 4:21-5:31, Mark 10:46-11:11, Psalm 33:1-9, Proverbs 7:24-27
 10 Numbers 6:1-7:29, Mark 11:12-33, Psalm 33:10-17, Proverbs 8:1-3
 11 Numbers 7:30-89, Mark 12:1-27, Psalm 33:18-22, Proverbs 8:4-5
 12 Numbers 8:1-10:10, Mark 12:28-44, Psalm 34:1-7, Proverbs 8:6-7
 13 Numbers 10:11-11:35, Mark 13:1-20, Psalm 34:8-14, Proverbs 8:8-9
 14 Numbers 12:1-14:4, Mark 13:21-37, Psalm 34:15-22, Proverbs 8:10-13
 15 Numbers 14:5-45, Mark 14:1-21, Psalm 35:1-10, Proverbs 8:14-17
 16 Numbers 15:1-41, Mark 14:22-42, Psalm 35:11-16, Proverbs 8:18-19
 17 Numbers 16:1-50, Mark 14:43-72, Psalm 35:17-21, Proverbs 8:20-21
 18 Numbers 17:1-19:8, Mark 15:1-21, Psalm 35:22-28, Proverbs 8:22-24
 19 Numbers 19:9-21:9, Mark 15:22-47, Psalm 36:1-6, Proverbs 8:25-26
 20 Numbers 21:10-22:41, Mark 16:1-20, Psalm 36:7-12, Proverbs 8:27-29
 21 Numbers 23:1-24:25, Luke 1:1-23, Psalm 37:1-6, Proverbs 8:30-31
 22 Numbers 25:1-26:22, Luke 1:24-56, Psalm 37:7-13, Proverbs 8:32-33
 23 Numbers 26:23-65, Luke 1:57-80, Psalm 37:14-20, Proverbs 8:34-36
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