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## Syllabus

Department of Islamic History & Culture

**Four Year B.A. Honours Course**

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## **Year wise courses and marks distribution.**

### **First year Honours.**

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Marks</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>1652</b>	History of Muslims (570-750, Prophet Muhammad (sm), Khulafa-i-Rashidun and the Umayyads)	100	4
<b>1653</b>	History of Muslims (750-1258, The Abbasids and the Regional Dynasties)	100	4
<b>1654</b>	History of Muslims in Spain (710-1492)	100	4
<b>1655</b>	History of Muslim rule in Syria, Egypt and North Africa (Fatimids, Ayyubids and Mamluks)	100	4
<b>6203</b>	Introducing Sociology	100	4
	<b>Or</b>		
<b>6212</b>	Introduction to Social Work		
<b>6192</b>	Introduction to Political Theory	100	4
	<b>Total =</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>24</b>

### **Detailed Syllabus**

#### **First Year**

**Course Code: 1652, Course Title: History of Muslims (570-750, Prophet Muhammad (sm), Khulafa-i-Rashidun and the Umayyads) 100 Marks, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures**

#### **Outline:**

Geographical features of Jazirat al-Arab–sources of history (570-750)–socio-economic, political and cultural conditions of Arabia before the advent of Islam

Early career of Muhammad (sm)–Muhammad (sm) as Prophet before Hijrat–Hijrat of Muslims to Abyssinia–Prophet’s Hijrat to Madina–Charter of Madina–battles of Prophet (Badr, Uhud, Khandaq, Tabuk, Hunayan, Muta)–Prophet’s policy towards the Jews and Christians–Treaty of Hudaibiah–conquest of Mecca–Prophet’s place in history

Khulafa-i-Rashidun : beginning and progress of Khilafat–Abu Bakr’s election–Ridda wars–Khalifa Umar I–expansion of Islamic state–Umar’s Diwan–administration–Khalifa Usman–beginning of civil disturbance in Islam–Khalifa Ali–beginning of civil war in Islam–battle of Siffin–arbitration – end of



The Umayyads: Genealogy – background of the establishment of Umayyad Khilafat–The Kharijites Harbite Branch: Muawiyah I–Yazid I–events of Karbala–the rise of the Shiites  
Hakamid branch: Marwan I–Abdul Malik: consolidation and Arabicization–the Mawali issue Al-Walid I : expansion of Khilafat in east and west–Hajjaj bin Yusuf–Tariq and Musa–Umar bin Abdul Aziz: Mawali and revenue policy–Hisham–decline and fall of the Umayyads–Marwan II–revenue reforms of Nasr bin Sayyar–Abbasid propaganda–fall of Umayyads

### Reading List:

- Ali, Syed Ameer. *A Short History of the Saracens*, London (Reprint), 1951  
Guillaume, A. *Life of Muhammad*, (English tr. of Muhammad Ishaq's *Ibn Sirat*), London, 1955  
Hitti, P.K. *History of the Arabs*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, New York, 1961  
Imamuddin, S.M. *A Political History of the Muslims, Part-I (Prophet & Caliphate)*, Dhaka, 1970  
..... *Umayyads & Abbasids*, Dhaka, 1970  
Martin, L. *Muhammad: His life Based On the Earliest Sources*, New Delhi, 1983  
Muir, W. *Life of Mohamet*, 4 volumes, London, 1977  
*The Caliphate, its Rise, Decline and Fall*, London (Reprint), 1998  
Numani, S. *Sirat-al-Nabi*, Volume I (tr. into English by Tayyib Eaksh Badauni), Lahore, 1993  
Shaban, M.A. *Islamic History A New Interpretation*, Vol. I, London, 1971  
Watt, W.M. *Muhammad, Prophet and Statesman*, London, 1961  
..... *Muhammad At Mecca*, Oxford, 1953  
..... *Muhammad At Medina*, Oxford, 1956  
Wellhausen, J. *The Arab Kingdom and its Fall* (Tr. by Margaret Graham Weir), Beirut, 1963  
Zaidan, Jurji. *Umayyads and Abbasids*, (English tr. by D.S. Margoliouth), Gibb Memorial series, IV, New Delhi, 1981  
আনসারী, মুসা, *মধ্যযুগের মুসলিম সভ্যতা ও সংস্কৃতি*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৯৯  
কবির, মফিজুল্লাহ, *আরব জাতির ইতিহাস*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৬৪  
রহমান, শেখ মুহম্মদ লুৎফর, *ইসলাম : রাষ্ট্র ও সমাজ*, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৭৭  
..... *আরব জাতির ইতিহাস*, ৪র্থ সংস্করণ, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৭৬  
রেজা-ই-করিম, মুহম্মদ, *আরব জাতির ইতিহাস*, ঢাকা : বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮৯  
নোমানী, শিবলী, *সীরাতুলনবী*, ঢাকা : ইসলামিক ফাউন্ডেশন, ২০০১  
আকরম খাঁ, মওলানা, *মোসুফাচরিত*, তৃতীয় সংস্করণ, কলকাতা, ১৯৩৮

**Course Code: 1653, Course Title: History of Muslims (750-1258, The Abbasids and the Regional 100 Marks, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures**

### Outline:

Sources of history (750-258)– Rise of the Abbasids–al-Saffah–al-Mansur–Mahdi and Hadi–Harunur Rashid–Abbasid foreign policy–Barmakids–al-Amin and al-Mamun–al-Mutasim–al-Wasik–later Abbasids–Rise of the Turks–downfall of the Abbasids: causes and consequences –Society and culture under the Abbasids.

Establishment of regional dynasties–Regional dynasties of the West: Idrishids–Aghlabids: Ibrahim bin Aghlab and the establishment of dynastic rule in Ifriqiya–Ziadatullah and the incidents in Sicily–the later Aghlabids–rise of the Fatimids and end of Aghlabid rule–Tulunids: Ahmad ibn Tulun and his successors–Ikhshidids



Regional dynasties of the East: Tahirids : Tahir bin Hussain and the establishment of a regional dyansty in Khorasan–Abdullah ibn Tahir–the Khalafi branch of the Tahirids–struggle with the Samanids–Saffarids : their origin and role in the rise of nationalism in Persia– Samanids : the rise of Muslim power in Trans-oxiana–Ghaznavids : Sabuktagin, Mahmud and Masud– Buwaihids: separation of power between the Khalifa and the Ameer–Muiz-ud Dawla's reforms military administration–Azd-ud Dawla's economic policy–the later Buwaihids and their downfall– Saljuqs: origin of the dynasty–Tughril Beg and the events in Baghdad–Malik Shah–Nizamul Mulk Tusi: his philosophy of state-craft–decline of the dynasty– Assassins–rise and fall–cultural contribution

### Reading List:

In addition to the relevant books listed under course No. 01 the following books must be consulted:

- Ahsanullah, M., *History of the Islamic World*, New Delhi, 1986  
Bosworth, AD, *The Islamic Dynasties, a Chronological and Genealogical Survey*, Edinburgh, 1967  
Boyle, J.A. (Ed.), *The Cambridge History of Iran*, Volumes, IV and V Cambridge, 1968  
Haig, W., *Cambridge Medieval History*, Vol. IV, Cambridge, 1953  
Hammer, P., *History of the Assassins*, (English tr. by O. C. Wood), London, 1835  
Hasan, M. *History of Islam (Classical Period: 571-1258)*, Vol. I, Delhi, 1992  
Kennedy, H., *The Prophet and the Age of the Caliphates*, London and New York, 1986  
Le-Strange., *The Lands of the Eastern Caliphate*, Cambridge, 1905  
Shaban, M.A., *The Abbasid Revolution*, Cambridge, 1970  
Siddiqui, A. H., *Caliphate and Kingship in Medieval Persia*, Lahore, 1942  
আরমাজানী, ইয়াহইয়া, *মধ্যপ্রাচ্য অতীত ও বর্তমান* (বাংলা অনুবাদ: মুহম্মদ ইনাম-উল হক), ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৭৮  
আশরাফউদ্দিন আহমেদ, *মধ্যযুগের মুসলিম ইতিহাস*, ঢাকা : বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৭৯

**Course Code:1654, Course Title: History of Muslims in Spain (710-1492) 100 Marks, 4 Credits, 60**

### Lectures

#### Outline:

Review of sources–geographical features of Spain- pre-Muslim situation- Muslim conquest– causes and consequences– Dependent emirate: Abdur Rahman al- Ghafiqi- battle of Tours– Independent emirate: Abdur Rahman I – Hisham I – Hakam I – Abdur Rahman II – neo-Muslims– Christian Zealots– Umar bin Hafsun– Khilafat period ( 929-1031): Abdur Rahman III – Hakam II– Hajib al-Mansur– Decline & fall of Umayyad dynasty– petty dynasties: Jawharites– Banu Hammud– Banu Ziri– Banu Hud– Banu Dhu al-Nun, Banu Abbad– North African rule: Murabituns, Muahhiduns

### Reading List:

- Conde, J.A., *History of the Domination of the Arabs in Spain* (English translation by J. Foster), 3 vols, Barcelona, 1854-56  
Dozy, R., *Spanish Islam: A History of the Moslems in Spain*, (English translation by E.G. Stokes), London, 1913  
Imamuddin, S.M., *Political History of Muslim Spain*, Dhaka, 1969  
....., *Some Aspects of Socio-Economic and Cultural History of Muslim Spain (711-1492)*, Leiden, 1965  
Lane-Poole, S., *The Moors in Spain*, London, 1912  
Lea, H.C., *The Moriscos of Spain*, New York, 1968  
Lewis, B., and P. Charles, *The History of Spain*, Part I, London, 1945



Scott, S.P., *History of the Moorish Empire in Europe*, 5 Vols, Philadelphia, 1904  
Trend, J.B., *Spain & Portugal in Legacy of Islam*, (Edited by T.W. Arnold), Oxford, 1952  
Watt, W.M., *A History of Islamic Spain*, Edinburgh, 1965  
ইমামুদ্দিন, এস.এম., *মুসলিম স্পেনের রাজনৈতিক ইতিহাস*, ঢাকা : খান ব্রাদার্স এন্ড কোম্পানি, ১৯৯৮  
ডোজি, রেইনহার্ট, *স্পেনের মুসলিম ইতিহাস (অনুবাদ: আব্দুর রাকিব)*, কলকাতা : মল্লিক ব্রাদার্স, ২০০২  
রহমান, এইচ.এম. শামসুর, *স্পেনের মুসলমানদের ইতিহাস*, ঢাকা : স্টুডেন্ট ওয়েজ, ১৯৮১

**Course Code:1655, Course Title: History of Muslim rule in Syria, Egypt and North Africa (Fatimids, Ayyubids and Mamluks) 100 Marks, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures**

**Outline:**

Review of Sources – pre-Fatimid period of Egypt and North Africa  
Fatimid Khilafat (909-1177): Fatimid propaganda, establishment of Fatimid Khilafat– genealogy of the Fatimids–Ubaidullah al-Madhi, al- Qaim, al- Mansur, al- Muiz: conquest of Egypt and foundation of al-Qahira by Jawhar, al-Aziz–Fatimid power at its height– relation between Fatimids and Umayyads of Spain – al-Hakim–position of non-Muslims–Dar al-Hikma–later Fatimids–al-Mustansir–Armenian Wazirs–downfall of the Fatimid Khilafat–Fatimids and Saljuks–intellectual life–Socio-economic and cultural contribution of the Fatimids  
Ayyubid Sultanate: rise of Salahuddin–Ayyubids and the Crusade  
Mamluk dynasty (1250-1517) : origin of the Mamluks–foundation of the dynasty–Shajarud Durr–Baybars I–Qalaun–al-Nasir–Mamluks and crusade– Ottoman conquest of Egypt– Selim I and battle of Marj-i-Dabiq–Trade, commerce and cultural life under the Mamluks.

**Reading List:**

Sadeque, Fatima., *Baybars I of Egypt*, Dhaka 1958  
Holt, P.M., Lambton, A.K.S. and Lewis, B. (Editors), *Cambridge History of Islam*, Vols I & II, London, 1970  
Imamuddin, S.M., *Political History of the Muslims in North Africa*, Dhaka, 1969  
Ivanow, V., *The Rise of the Fatimids*, Bombay, 1941  
Mamour, Prince P.H., *Polemies on the Origins of the Fatimid Caliphs*, London, 1934  
Muir, W. *The Mamluke or Slave Dynasty of Egypt*, London, 1996  
O’ Leary, De Lacy., *History of the Fatimid Khilafat*, London, 1923  
Runkiman, S., *A History of the Crusades*, 3 vols, London, Reprint, 1988  
Stevenson, W.B., *The Crusades in the East*, Cambridge, 1907  
*Encyclopaedia of Islam*, New edition, Leiden, 1979  
ভূঁইয়া, গোলাম কিবরিয়া, *উত্তর আফ্রিকা ও মিশরে মুসলিম শাসনের ইতিহাস*, ঢাকা : খান ব্রাদার্স এন্ড কোম্পানি, ২০০৩

**Course Code: 6203, Course Title: Introducing Sociology Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures**

1. **Definition, Nature & Scope of Sociology**, relationship with other social sciences.  
Development of Sociology: Contributions of Auguste Comte, Herbert Spencer, Emile



2. **Culture, Beliefs & Values:** Norms, sanctions, symbols, language, subculture, counter-culture, hegemony & resistance
3. **Globalization, Culture and Society:** Globalization and its different dimensions, Cultural globalization, global culture and social change
4. **Urbanization and Social Formation:** Definition of urbanization and urbanism, Process of urbanization in developing societies and social formation, over urbanization, growth of slum & poverty in mega cities
5. **Gender and Society:** Discourse of WID, WAD and GAD, Why gender is important in the discourse of development, Gender inequality & women's subjugation in developing societies.
6. **Environmental Problems, Natural Disasters and Social Crisis:** Climate change and its impact on society, Natural disaster, social crisis and vulnerabilities, Climate change, deforestation and mal-development.
7. **Social Inequality:** Dimensions of social inequality: Class, gender, age, minority group (religious and indigenous), economic vulnerability, Social inequalities in developed & developing countries.
8. **Types of societies:** Marxist view on classifying societies on the basis of type of control over economic resources and Lenski's view on classifying societies by their main means of subsistence.
9. **Deviance & Social Control:** Definition of deviance, theories of deviance. Crime & justice system, agencies of social control
10. **Health, Illness and Society:** Nature & scope of the problem, Urbanizations, acute, chronic & life style diseases, Social, environmental & behavioural factors affecting health, Communicable & behavioural diseases: STD, HIV/AIDS, TB, Hep-B etc

## Reference

**Giddens Sociology**

**Tony Bilton et al Introductory Sociology**

**Course Code: 6212, Course Title: Introduction to Social Work      Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures**

1. Social Work: Meaning, Characteristics, Scope and Importance Relationship of Social Work with other Sciences- Sociology, Economics, Psychology and Political Science.



3. Social Reformers and their Movements in Pre-partition India and Bangladesh: Raja Rammohan Ray, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, A.K Fazlul Haque, Sir Syad Ahmed, Begum Rokeya.
4. Social Legislations Related to Social Security, Women Welfare, Child Welfare.
5. Profession and Social Work: Meaning and Characteristics of Profession, Social Work as profession, Philosophical, Religions and Ethical Basis of Social Work.
6. Industrial Revolution: Meaning, Impact on Society, Industrialization, Urbanization, Welfare State.
7. Social Problems and Social Services in Bangladesh.
8. Methods of Social Work: Basic and Auxiliary Methods and their Basic Issues such as Meaning, Elements, Principles and Area of Use. Importance of Social Work Methods in Bangladesh.

***Books Recommended:***

1. Barker, Robert L. :Social Work Dictionary, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. NASW, New York, 1995.
2. Coulshed, Veronica Social Work Practice: An Introduction 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. London. Macmillan, 1991.
3. Friedlander, Walter A. : Introduction to Social Welfare. Prentice Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New Delhi-1967.
4. Khalid, M. : Welfare State, Karachi, Royal Book, 1968
5. Morales, A. And Shaefor, B. Social Work – A Profession of many faces, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Allyn and Bacan, Boston, 1986.

**Course Code: 6192, Course Title: Introduction to Political Theory , Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures**

**Political Science** : Meaning, Nature, Scope, Methods, Relations to other Social Sciences, Importance to Study Political Science.

**State** : Definition, Elements, State and Government, State and Individual, State and Society, Theories of the origin of the state.

**Fundamental concepts** : Sovereignty, Law, Liberty, Equality, Rights and Duties, Nation, Nationalism, Internationalism.

**Concepts of Political Sociology** : Political culture, elite theory, Max Weber and Bureaucracy

**Political Thinkers** : Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau.

**Books Recommended :**

1. R.G. Gettell : *Political Science*
2. J. W. Garner : *Political Science and Government*
3. R. M. MacIver : *The Modern State*
4. G.H. Sabine : *A History of Political Theory*
5. William Ebenstein : *Great Political Thinkers-Plato to the Present*
6. H.G. Laski : *A Grammar of Politics*
7. মুহাম্মদ আয়েশ উদ্দীন : রাষ্ট্রচিন্তা পরিচিতি
8. এমাজউদ্দিন আহমদ : মধ্যযুগের রাষ্ট্রচিন্তা
9. মোঃ দরবেশ আলী খান : প্লেটো ও এরিস্টটলের রাজনৈতিক চিন্তা
10. সরদার ফজলুল করিম : প্লেটোর রিপাবলিক