

SOCI 199: Engaging Islam

Assigned Readings and This text: Ayoub, Mahmoud (2005). *Islam: Faith & History*. London: Oneworld Publications.

(some adjustment to schedule will occur, due to student interest):

Week 1 (Jan 8): The World Today; We are all Neighbours; Orientation to Interfaith discussion.

Introduction to Islam and Pre-Islamic Arabia; Muhammad at Makka & Medina

**Week 2 (Jan15): The Qur'an (violence, Christian Muslim Interaction)
Qur'an and Historical events, The Crusades**

Week 3 (Jan22): Succession & the Early Muslim Community: The Rightly Guided Caliphs

Week 4 (Jan 29): The Umayyad and 'Abbasid Dynasties;

Week 5 (Feb 5): Shari'a & the Schools of Law; Devotional Acts - The Five Pillars

**Week 6 (Feb 12): First Quiz
Islam & Science**

READING WEEK

**Week 7 (Feb 26): The Theory of Evolution, from an Islamic Perspective
Islam and The Environment**

**Week 8 (Mar5): Video Project DUE
Qur'an and the Other: Minorities and Religious Pluralism**

Week 9 (Mar12): Islamic Political & Financial Systems

Week 10: (Mar 19): Women in the Islamic Tradition

**Week 11 (Mar26): Essay Due
Islam in North America
Readings: Assigned different excerpts from current events and articles.**

**Week 12 (Apr2): Islam in Contemporary View
Readings: Assigned different excerpts from current events and articles.**

Week 13 (Apr9) Course Review; Second Quiz

Week 14(Apr 16) Final Learning Assessments presented; Course Conclusion.