

Introduction To The West Asian History

Discipline	ISLAMIC HISTORY				
Course Code	UK1DSCISH100				
Course Title	INTRODUCTION TO THE WEST ASIAN HISTORY				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	I				
Academic Level	100-199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/ Week
	4	3 hours	-	2 hours	5
Pre-requisites	1. 2.				
Course Summary	This course presents a rich tapestry of the West Asian civilisations. Module 1 In this module, students will journey through the prehistoric civilizations of and, exploring their contributions to early human development. The second module provides an overview of the political and geographical context of West Asia, In Module 3, students will gain insight into the ethnic diversity of West Asia, studying prominent groups. Module 4 This module delves into the genesis and early expansion of Islam, focusing on key historical events and their profound impact on Arabian society, culture, and governance. Activity: The module offers students the opportunity to engage in an analytical review of a relevant movie or literature. These activities provide students with a deeper understanding of the cultural and geographical contexts surrounding the rise of Islamic civilization.				

Detailed Syllabus

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Foundations of West Asian Civilization		15
	1	Prehistoric civilizations: Mesopotamia, Sumerian, Akkadian, and Assyrian	
	2	Development of early writing systems: cuneiform and hieroglyphs	
	3	Rise of ancient empires: Babylon, Persia, and Phoenicia	
II	Political and Geographical Context of West Asia		15
	4	Landscape: crossroads of Europe, Africa and Asia	
	5	Key geographical Terms: Fertile Crescent, Arabian Peninsula, Levant, Anatolia	
	6	Areas and names: Middle East, Near East, West Asia	
	7	Influence of trade routes and cultural exchange in the region	
III	Ethnic and Religious Diversity		15
	8	Arabs, Kurds, Persians, Turks, Armenians and Assyrians	
	9	Religions: Home land of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity	
	10	Extinct Arabs: Nabateans, Lakhmids, Kindites and Ghassanids	
IV	Arabian Peninsula an Overview		15
	11	Geographical features: deserts, mountains, and coastal areas	
	12	Climate and its impact	
	13	Early inhabitants: nomadic Bedouin tribes and settled communities	
	14	Religious beliefs and practices: polytheism role of the Ka'ba	
V	Rise of Islamic civilization		15

	15	Overview of the life and Mission of Prophet Muhammad – Genesis of Islam and Hijrah	
	16	Examination of the key events leading to the spread of Islam in the Arabian Peninsula	
	17	Teachings of Islam and their impact on Arabian society, culture, and governance	
	18	Activity: Prepare an analytical review of the movie – ‘The Message’: Directed by Moustapha Akkad OR Prepare a report on the desert life relaying on ‘The Road to Mecca’ by Muhammad Asad or ‘Arabian Sands’ by Wilfred Thesiger	

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COURSE OUTCOME

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO /PO addressed
CO-1	Understand the historical background of West Asian Region and civilization	R, U	PO-1,2
CO-2	Critically evaluate the geographical and political context of Arabia	R, U,E	PO-1,2,3
CO-3	Examine the origin and development of Islamic civilization	R, U,An	PO-1,3,
CO-4	Critically evaluate the factors that contributed to the development of a new faith community	E,An,Ap	PO-1, 3
CO-5	Evaluate the teachings of Islam and their impact on Arabian society, culture, and governance, shaping	An, E, C,	PO-1, 4

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: INTRODUCTION TO THE WEST ASIAN HISTORY
Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture: Tutorial: Practical):

No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/ Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	PO-1,2	R, U	F	L	
2	2	PO-1,2,3	R, U,E	C, P	L	
3	3	PO-1,3,	R, U,An	F, P	L	
4	4	PO-1, 3	E,An,Ap	F, P	L	
5	5	PO-1, 4	An, E, C,	C, P, M	L	T

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs

	PS01	PS02	PS03	PS04	PS05	PS06	PS07	PS08	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8
CO 1	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-		
CO 2		1	2	3	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	-	-		
CO 3	1	2	3	-	-	-			1	-	2	-	-		-	
CO 4	-	-	1	-	2	-	3		1	-	2		-	-	-	
CO 5	-	1	-	-	2	3	-		1			2	-			

Correlation Levels

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly / Low
2	Moderate / Medium
3	Substantial / High

Assessment Rubrics

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam - the questions should be from first four units

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓

Religion and Society in the Arab World

Discipline	Discipline Islamic History				
Course Code	UK1DSCISH102				
Course Title	Religion and Society in the Arab World				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	1				
Academic Level	100 - 199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/ Week
	4	4 hours	-		4
Pre-requisites	1. 2.				
Course Summary	This course offers a comprehensive exploration of the major religions practiced in the Arab World- Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. Through a historical lens, students will explore into the development of these religions and their profound influence on the societies of the region. The course will examine the interconnections between religion and various aspects of social structures. Apart from this, students will analyze how religion intersects with political systems and governance in the Arab world, shaping policies, governance structures, and conflicts. Lastly, the course will explore contemporary religious trends and their societal implications, providing insight into the evolving landscape of religious practices in the region.				

Detailed Syllabus

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	1	Introduction to Religions in the Arab World	15
		Overview of major religions in West Asia: Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, and others (Semitic)	

		Historical context and development of these religions in the region	
		Key figures, texts, and practices within each religion	
		Defining religion and its role in society	
II	2	Judaism	15
	5	Origins and development of Judaism	
	6	Key beliefs, practices, and traditions within Judaism- Torah , Talmud- Shabbat- “Wailing Wall”-	
	7	The Role of Rabbis and Synagogues in Jewish Life	
	8	Jewish Communities in West Asia throughout History (e.g., Babylonia, Palestine)	
	9	Role of Judaism in shaping West Asian culture, politics, and identity - Important Jewish Shrines	
	10	Jewish diaspora and its impact on West Asia	
III	3	Module III: Christianity and Society	15
	9	Origins and development of Christianity	
	10	Major Christian denominations in the Region: Coptics, Minorities, Druze etc.	
	11	Origins and development of Christianity in West Asia	
	12	Early Christian Communities in West Asia (e.g., Antioch, Jerusalem)	
	13	Important Christian Shrines	
	14	Origins and development of Christianity	
IV	4	Islam as a Major Religion in the Region	15
	15	Islam in the Arabian Peninsula and beyond	
	16	Branches and sects within Islam: Sunni, Shia, Sufism, and others	
	17	Islam on society, culture, and politics in West Asia- Significance two Holy Shrines: Makkah and Madeena	

	18	The Rise of Islamic Empires and their Impact on Social Structures	
V	5	Religion and Modernity	15
	19	The rise of secularism and nationalism in the region	
	20	Religious Revivalism - Reform Movements	
	21	The Role of Religion in Political Conflicts and Social Activism	
	22	Religious extremism and its impact	
	23	Role of religion in shaping social values, norms, and identities	

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Course Outcome

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO /PO addressed
CO-1	Gain a comprehensive understanding of the major religions practiced in the Arab World (Islam, Judaism, Christianity).	U	PO-1,2
CO-2	Analyze the historical development of these religions and their influence on Arab societies.	An	PO-2
CO-3	Explore the relationship between religion and social structures, including family, gender roles, and social hierarchies.	E, An	PO-2,3
CO-4	Examine the impact of religion on political systems and governance in the region.	U, Ap	PO-1,3
CO-5	Discuss contemporary religious trends and their societal implications.	C, E	PO-3,4

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CO 5		✓		