

<b>Module Code</b>	AA-3307			
<b>Module Title</b>	Sociology of Muslim Societies			
<b>Type of Module:</b> Bachelor of Arts: Degree Core (Option)/Breadth/Minor Core				
<b>Modular Credits: 4</b>	<b>Student Workload:</b>	8-10 hours per week		
	<b>Contact hours for timetabling:</b>	2 hours per week		
<b>Prerequisite:</b>	None			
<b>Antirequisite:</b>	None			
<b>Aims/Objectives/Rationale:</b>				
The course explores the unity and the diversity of Muslim societies ranging from the centres of Muslim civilisation to minority communities in the diaspora. It looks at the intellectual and institutional framework that unifies the ‘Muslim World’ and at the social and cultural practices that give it diversity.				
<b>Course Content:</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Muslim society through Muslim eyes and through foreign eyes</li><li>• the ‘Orientalism debate’: Said, Anwar Abdel Malik</li><li>• the classical sociological tradition in Islam: ibn Khaldun, ibn Batuta</li><li>• the modern sociological tradition in Islam: Gellner, Geertz</li><li>• Islamic sociology: Akbar Ahmed, Davies</li><li>• ethnographic regions of the Muslim world:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the core: Middle Eastern and North African societies</li><li>• non-Arab Muslim societies in Africa and Asia</li><li>• Muslim minority communities</li></ul></li><li>• pan-Islamic movements</li></ul>				
<b>Assessment</b>	Examination: (2 hours)	50%	Course Work: 2 short essays (@ 20% each) 1 presentation report (10%)	50%
<b>Textbook(s) References :</b>				
Ahmed, A. S. (1988). <i>Discovering Islam: Making Sense of Muslim History and Society</i> . London: Routledge.				
Eikelman, D. (1998). <i>The Middle East and Central Asia: An Anthropological Approach</i> . Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall.				
Hopkins, N. S. & Ibrahim, S. E. (1998). <i>Arab Society</i> . Cairo: American University in Cairo.				
Madan, T. N. (ed). (1995). <i>Muslim Communities in South Asia</i> . New Delhi: Manohar.				
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