

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Springfield, Missouri
September 4 – October 2, 2007
Classes held 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tues., Wed., Thurs.
on EU campus AB2-217

MCSM 639 The Gospel and Islam
(3 Credits)

Instructor: Dale Fagerland

Fall 2007

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduction to Islam will provide an overview of Islam, including its historical background, development, spread, its diversity and why it has such worldwide appeal. We will examine the main beliefs and practices of Muslims, noting similarities and crucial differences with Christianity in order to help Christian workers recognize both difficulties in evangelizing Muslims as well as the great opportunities. Special attention will be given to develop Christ-like attitudes and approaches for effective ministry to Muslims.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Understand the historical development and the expansion of Islam, its power and its appeal to the masses.
2. Describe the major beliefs and practices of Muslims, noting similarities and divergences.
3. Grasp the powerful system within which the Muslim is bound, and ascertain how this WorldView affects the conversion and discipleship process.
4. Learn from Scripture and from the instructor's personal experiences appropriate practical guidelines for Christian approach and witness to Muslims.
5. Develop a philosophy of approach for ministry to Muslims.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Braswell, George W. Jr. *Islam: What You Need to Know About Islam & Muslims*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 2000.

Fagerland, Dale. *Course Workbook*. Springfield, MO: CMM, 2007.

Love, Fran and Eckheart, Jelata, Eds. *Ministry to Muslim Women: Longing to Call Them Sisters*. Pasadena: William Carey Library, 2000.

Morin, Harry. *Al-Masih: The Anointed One*. Springfield, MO: CMM 1998.

Morin, Harry. *Responding to Muslims*. Springfield, MO: CMM 2000.

Musk, Bill. *The Unseen Face of Islam*. London & Grand Rapids: Monarch Books, 1989.

COURSE OUTLINE

- I. The Challenge of Islam—Possible Approaches
- II. Historical Background—Early Developments
- III. What Muslims Should Believe—Articles of Faith
- IV. Mallam the Mediator—Folk Islam
- V. What Muslims Should Practice—Pillars of Islam
- VI. The Wall of Islam—Locked Into a System
- VII. Through Muslim Eyes—Islamic Perspective
- VIII. Practical Guidelines—Do's and Don'ts in Witness

METHODOLOGY

A combination of lecture and discussion will be utilized with the aid of numerous overheads, PowerPoint presentations and guest lecturers. Class notes, articles and handouts assembled in workbook form will enhance note-taking and assist the learning process.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. Pre-Session

Read the required textbooks listed above. Prepare a 4-5 page typewritten analysis of Braswell's book. Women students may write a report on Love and Eckheart's book on ministry to Muslim women in place of Braswell's. This report, which should summarize the material and express your evaluation, is due the beginning of class Tuesday 9/4/07.

A. Session

1. Punctual attendance at all sessions is expected.
2. Submit Tuesday, Sept. 11, a two-page evaluation of *Responding to Muslims*, and submit on Tuesday Sept. 18, a two-page report on *Al-Masih: The Anointed One*.
3. The instructor's *Course Workbook* will be given out in class and referenced daily.
4. A mid-term exam will be given the first hour of class Tuesday, Sept. 18.
5. Final Exam will be given the last hour of class Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007.

B. Post-Session

Prepare a 15-18 page research paper (following accepted AGTS standards) in which you identify and describe a segment of Muslim society of particular interest to you. This may deal with Islamic theology, Muslim practices (Folk, mystic, orthodox), the application of contextualized worship forms, or a proposed strategy to reach a particular Muslim people group. The topic, *practical to your ministry*, must be approved by the instructor by 9/27/07. This project should be submitted in hard copy to the instructor, and it may be sent postage-free by AGTS route-mail to CMM or postmarked no later than 12/4/07 to:

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(NOTE) Assignments received after the due date specified in the syllabus will result in a change of grade fee (\$15.00) even when an extension has been granted by the instructor.

GRADING PROCEDURE

Attendance, participation, quizzes.....	10%
Mid-term Exam.....	15%
Book Reports.....	15%
Final Exam.....	30%
Research Paper.....	30%

AGTS Grading Scale

Publishable = A+	86% - 84% = B	73% - 70% = C-
100% - 94% = A	83% - 80% = B-	69% - 67% = D+
93% - 90% = A-	79% - 77% = C+	66% - 64% = D
89% - 87% = B+	76% - 74% = C	63% - 60% = D-

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