

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Springfield, Missouri

MCSM 553 Islam in the United States

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February 26 – March 2, 2007
8:00 a.m. – 12:00/1:00-5:00 p.m.

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A study of the birth of American Islam, the early waves of Muslim immigration, and the evolution of American Islam toward orthodoxy. Emphasis is placed on the implications of Islam's rapid growth in American society and the Christian's responsibility to address this challenge.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

1. Understand the historical development of American Islam.
2. Understand how American Muslims "fit" into the World of Islam.
3. Develop an approach to respond to the challenge Islam presents Americans.
4. Experience and have faith to believe that Muslims in America are reachable.

TEXTBOOKS

McCurry, Don. Healing the Broken Family of Abraham. Ministry to Muslims: Colorado Springs, 2001.

Smith, Jane I. Islam in America. Columbia University Press: New York, 1999.

Turner, Richard B. Islam in the African-American Experience. Indiana University Press, Indianapolis, 1997.

BASIC OUTLINE

Monday

The Foundation

1. Islam then till now
2. Male and female issues

Tuesday

The Who

1. Where they came from - demographics
2. What do they believe

Wednesday

The Players

1. Shakers and makers
2. The Great Divide

Thursday

Current Events

1. Muslim Student Association (MSTA) and other forms used for Dawa
2. Politics

Friday

Our Greatest Opportunity

1. The reachable
2. Developing an affective approach

METHODOLOGY

The methodology used in class will be lecture, film, class discussion, dialogue, and role playing.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. Pre-session

Read all three textbooks. Write an eight page reading report on the two books by Smith and Turner. Highlight problems that you see in their presentation of American Islam, its followers-converts, and the prevalent overall spiritual climate in America that Islam “fits” into. Include your understanding of where the church failed or missed the mark in approaching those with African ancestry. This paper is due the first day of class February 26, 2007.

B. Session

Students should be on time for all class sessions and participate as required. A final exam will be given the last day of in session classes.

C. Post-session

Write a 12 page paper in which you describe the “dawa” – (evangelistic) activities of Muslims in America and an adequate Christian response. This paper should be forwarded to the professor no later than April 10th, 2007.

NOTE: Any work received late can result in a reduction in grade!

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GRADING PROCEDURE

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| Class Participation | 10% |
| Textbooks paper | 25% |
| Post paper | 35% |
| Final exam | 30% |