

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

BANGLADESH



First Year Syllabus

Subject : Islamic History and Culture

Three-Year B.A. (Pass) Program

Effective from the Session: 2024-25

Mission

To promote “Progress for Everyone” by fostering transformative education, conducting pioneering research, and encouraging meaningful collaboration with individuals, communities, and partners both in Bangladesh and around the world.

Vision

We expect that the hundredth anniversary of the National University, our commitment to “Progress for Everyone” will be evident in all areas of our operations and stakeholder engagements.

We leverage our core strength in education, research, and community engagement to address pressing global issues and foster sustainable development.

By 2042, National University aims to strengthen its positions as Bangladesh’s top academic institution and rank among the world’s leading universities. Our focus will be on expanding expertise building strategic partnerships, and increasing our global influence. Our services will be measured by the achievements of the individuals and communities we serve.

Mission of the Department

The mission of the Department is to develop human resources exploring fullest potential capability and intellectual ability. This needs to enhance the cultural, ethical, religious and social values of the students towards building a better life and a prosperous nation. The teachers of the Department are fully aware of it and they keep themselves busy with the fulfillment of the motive. Hence the academic programs of the Department are to make the students:

- a. Good citizens with enlightened careers, sophisticated customs and manners;
- b. Capable enough to contributing towards the socio-economic development of the country for its world-wide identity;
- c. Competent enough to cope with the changing global perspective;
- d. Fully conscious about the history and culture of the country in particular and the world in general.

Year-wise Courses and Marks Distribution

First Year Islamic History and Culture

Course Code	Course Title		Marks	Credits
111601	Paper I	Political and Cultural History of Islam (up to 750 A.D)	80	4
		In course	20	
111603	Paper II	Political and Cultural History of Islam (750-1258 A.D)	80	4
		In course	20	

Detailed Syllabus

Paper Code	Paper	Paper Title	Marks	Credits
111601	Paper-I	Political and Cultural History of Islam (up to 750 A.D)	100	4

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To describe the geographical and political background of pre-Islamic Arabia as the foundation for understanding the rise of Islam,
- To explain the major events and achievements of Prophet Muhammad (SM) and their significance in the establishment of the first Islamic polity,
- To analyze the political structure, governance, and leadership of the Khulafa-I-Rashidun and their contributions to the expansion of Islam,
- To evaluate the political developments, administrative policies, and cultural contributions of the Umayyad Caliphate,
- To discuss the emergence of early Islamic sects and the major religious, intellectual, and artistic trends of the period up to 750 A.D.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

CLO 1	Describe the geographical and political conditions of pre-Islamic Arabia and explain the major political, diplomatic, and religious events in the life of Prophet Muhammad (SM) and their role in establishing the early Islamic state.
CLO 2	Analyze the governance, leadership models, and territorial expansion of the Khulafa-I-Rashidun.
CLO 3	Evaluate the administrative, political and cultural contributions of the Umayyad Caliphs and their decline and fall.
CLO 4	Discuss the emergence of early Islamic sects and assess their influence on the political, religious, and intellectual landscape up to 750 A.D.
CLO 5	Evaluate the cultural contributions of the Umayyad Caliphs including architectural development.

COURSE CONTENTS

Topic	Topics to be covered	Teaching-Learning Strategies	CLOs
1	Pre Islamic Arabia - Geography, Politics, Society, Culture & Economy-Prophet Mohammad (SM) – Hizrat- Charter of Madina – Battles of Badr, Uhud and Khandaq - Treaty of Hdaybiah – Conquest of Macca - Farewell Sermon.	Lecture, assignment	CLO 1
2	Khulafai Rashidun – Reign of Hazrat Abu Bakar (R)- Hazrat Umar (R) - Hazrat Uthman (R) - Hazrat Ali (R).	Lecture, group discussion, assignment	CLO 2
3	The Umayyads -Reign of Muawiah - Yazid Tragedy of Karbala- Abdul Malik I, al walid I -	Lecture, assignment	CLO 4

	Expansion of the Khilafat - Umar bin Abdul Aziz – Marwan II and the fall of the Umayyads.		
4	Five Pillars of Islam – Literary Contributions of the Umayyads – Sects in Islam - Kharijites, Shi'ites, Sunnis, Jabarites, Qadarites Murjites	Lecture, group discussion, assignment	CLO 4
5	Umayyad Architecture: Mosques and Dome of the Rock.	Lecture, group discussion, assignment	CLO 5

List of Books

Ali, S. A. (1967). *The Spirit of Islam*. Re-print. London.
 Baksha. Khuda (1959). *Islamic Civilization*. Vol. 1-2. Calcutta.
 Hitti, P. K. (1968). *History of the Arabs*. Macmillan & Co. Ltd.
 Margoliouth, D.S. (1922). *The Renaissance of Islam*. Patna.
 Muir, W. (1891). *The Caliphate: Its Rise, Decline and Fall*. London.
 আলম, রাশীদুল (১৯৯৬)। মুসলিম দর্শনের ভূমিকা। সাহিত্য সোপান। বগুড়া।
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Paper Code	Paper	Paper Title	Marks	Credits
111603	Paper-II	Political and Cultural History of Islam (750-1258 A.D)	100	4

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To describe the establishment of the Abbasid Caliphate and the political context of early Islamic governance,
- To analyze the reigns of key Abbasid Caliphs (Abu al-Abbas as-Saffah, Al-Mansur, Al-Mahdi, Al-Hadi, Harun al-Rashid, Al-Amin, Al-Ma'mun, Al-Mutawakkil) and their administrative and political contributions,
- To evaluate the factors leading to the disintegration and eventual fall of the Abbasid Caliphate,
- To assess the cultural, intellectual, and scientific achievements of the Abbasids, including the role of Bait al-Hikma, literature, and scientific developments,
- To examine the development of Muslim architecture during the Abbasid

period and the emergence of major religious and philosophical sects such as the Asharites and Mutazilites.

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COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

CLO 1	Explain the formation of the Abbasid Caliphate and the political dynamics of its early consolidation.
CLO 2	Critically analyze the administrative and political reforms undertaken by major Abbasid Caliphs and the internal and external factors contributing to the Abbasid decline and collapse.
CLO 3	Evaluate the intellectual, scientific, and cultural developments of the Abbasid era with particular reference to Bait- al-Hikma.
CLO 4	Assess the architectural development of the Muslims under the Abbasids.
CLO 5	Examine the doctrinal positions of major theological schools such as the Asharites and Mu‘tazilites.

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1	Abbasides- Their Establishment - Reigns of Abul Abbas as-Saffah - Al-Mansur-Al Mahadi- Al Hadi - Harun-or-Rashid-Bermakids	Lecture, assignment	CLO 1 CLO 2
2	Al–Amin-Al-Mamun-Al-Mutawakkil- Disintegration and the fall of the Abbasids	Lecture, group discussion, assignment	CLO 2
3	Baitul Hikma- Abbasids Contribution to literature, Science and Learning	Lecture, assignment	CLO 4
4	Development of Muslim Architecture under the Abbasids	Lecture, group discussion, assignment	CLO 4
5	Religio - philosophical sects: Asharites – Mutazilites	Lecture, group discussion, assignment	CLO 5

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বারী, এম এম শরিফুল (২০১৯)। আববাসীয়া যুগের আঞ্চলিক রাজবংশসমূহের ইতিহাস। ইতিবৃত্ত প্রকাশন।

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