Course Outline of "The Quran- Contents, Style, and Interpretation" (ISLM202)

Department of Religious Studies, FCCU
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2. Course Information	
Semester	Fall 2023
Course Title	The Quran- Contents, Style, and Interpretation
Course Code	ISLM202
Credit Hours	3 Credits
Pre-requisite	ISLM 101 or CRST 152

3. Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

By end of the course, students will be able to:

1) **Explain** the essential teachings of Islam from the Holy Qur'an.
2) **Relate** the role of Quranic teachings to success in Here and Hereafter.
3) **Derive** principles of the good life from the Qur'an.
4) **Identify** and **apply** different ways and tools to improve religious understanding through the Holy Quran.
5) **Recognize** the importance of research to achieve goals.

4. Introduction

This course intends to provide a fundamental understanding of the Holy Quran as the primary form of Divine revelation by the Almighty Allah. In this course, the students go through the essential teachings of Islam in the light of the Holy Qur'an. The course helps learners enhance their understanding of the Holy Quran and its teachings. This course encourages students to read and understand a significant portion of the Holy Qur'an too.

The course focuses on teaching how the Holy Qur'an helps the followers to experience a fulfilling life and attain peace, happiness, and bliss here and hereafter.

Students also learn how to derive fundamental principles of daily life from the Qur'an and apply them for decision-making and problem-solving. Various projects and class activities motivate students to think critically and

reflectively upon their personal belief systems, values, and learning experiences.

Course contents include but are not limited to the following:

- ✓ The Holy Quran as Divine revelation

- ✓ History and phases of its compilation

- ✓ Common themes, contents, and general style of the Holy Quran

- ✓ The Holy Quran as the supreme source of knowledge

- ✓ The introduction of *Ulum-al-Quran* (Quranic Sciences)

- ✓ *Ijaz al-Quran* (inimitability of the Quran)

- ✓ The introduction of different genres of Quranic exegeses and Quranic commentators

- ✓ Principles and sources of Quranic interpretation

- ✓ Selected readings from the Holy Quran

5. Course Ethics & Policies

For the successful qualification of the course, students must maintain at least **70%** attendance (punctuality marks will be given beyond 80%), show good behavior and learning attitude, do before-hand readings, meet deadlines for assignments, do activities inside/outside of the classroom, and act upon the values and policies of FCC. The attendance will be marked in the **first five minutes of class** only. However, the students appearing in the class after five minutes are permitted to sit in the classroom and take part in-class activities. The course is made **highly interactive** through

different activities and discussions and students, therefore, are required to play a positive, healthy, and constructive role in-class activities for the significant learning experience. **Plagiarism, cheating, and undisciplined behavior** will be dealt with in accordance with the Academic Integrity Policies of FCC. **The use of mobile phones during class is strictly prohibited.**

6. Assessment and Grading Criteria	
Students' evaluation will be done on the following basis:	
Studentship: (10%)	✓ **Punctuality** (Attendance) ✓ **Learning Attitude** (Readiness for class, Active Participation in-class discussion, raising/answering questions) ✓ **Successful completion of class activities**
Assignments: (30%)	Each student will be assigned a **few reading based-assignments** based on the recommended readings and to be submitted in **written form.**
Research Project: (20%)	Each student will be assigned a **specific portion from the Holy Quran** to work on following a prescribed pattern followed by an **oral presentation**.
Reflections (10%)	Students will be asked to reflect upon their course progress
Mid-term Exam: (10%)	There will be a mid-term exam from the recommended texts and discussions.
End-term Exam: (20%)	There will be an end-term exam from the recommended texts, assignments, discussions, attachments, videos and provided material. The examination may contain both subjective and objective types of questions.

7. Recommended Text		
Book Name	**Author/Editor Name**	**Publisher**

1. An Approach to the Quranic Sciences	Mufti Muhammad Taqi Uthmani	Dar-ul-Isha'at, Karachi **(Hard copy available at Ewing Library, FCC)** **Soft copy available at Moodle**
2. Perfect Guide to the Sciences of the Quran	Imam Jalal ad-Din al-Suyuti	Muhammad bin Hamad al-Thani Center for Muslim Contributions to Civilization, Qatar **Soft copy available at Moodle**
3. An Introduction to the Sciences of the Quraan	Abu Ammaar Yasir Qadhi	Al-Hidaayah Publishing and Distribution, UK **Soft copy available at Moodle**
4. Al-Tibyaan fi Ulum al-Qur'an	Muhammad Ali Sabooni	Maktaba Ala Hazrat, Lahore **Soft copy available at Moodle**
5. Material provided by the instructor		

8. Grading System

The grading system for the course is as follows:

Letter Grades	Quality Points	Numerical Value	Meaning
A	4.00	93-100	Superior
A-	3.70	90-92	
B+	3.30	87-89	
B	3.00	83-86	Good
B-	2.70	80-82	
C+	2.30	77-79	
C	2.00	73-76	Satisfactory
C-	1.70	70-72	
D+	1.30	67-69	
D	1.00	60-66	Passing
F	0.00	59 or below	Failing