

## ST7135-1 Islam in Christian Perspective (3)

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Office Hours: By appointment  
Classes meet Tuesdays 13:30-16:20

### I. Course Description

This course explores the context, teaching, and influence of the Islamic tradition.

PhD participants may register this course as 0.5 unit (7000 or 8000 level code) or 1 unit (9000 level code). 7.5 hours of supervision will be given throughout the semester for PhD participants who register as 1 unit.

### II. Course Objective

1. Students will be introduced to the Islamic tradition on its own terms: its history, claims, and practices.
2. Students will think theologically, historically, and philosophically about the significance of Islam.
3. Students will consider Christian mission to Muslims, Muslim conversion to Christianity, and Christian-Muslim relations, especially in their own local contexts.

### III. Textbooks

#### - Required Books

Sachiko Murata and William C. Chittick, *The Vision of Islam*, Paragon, 1994. Selections.

David Garrison, *A Wind in the House of Islam*, Wigtake, 2014. Selections.

*The Qur'an*. Read it in 'chronological' order, as listed in the schedule.

Kate Zebiri, *Muslims and Christians Face to Face*, Oxford, 1997. Selections.

Jonathan A.C. Brown, *Muhammad: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford, 2011. Selections.

Andrew Rippin, *Muslims: Their Religious Beliefs and Practices*, 3d ed., Routledge, 2005. Selections.

David W. Shenk, *Journeys of the Muslim Nation and the Christian Church*, Herald, 2003. Selections.

Badru Kateregga and David Shenk, *A Muslim and a Christian in Dialogue*, Herald, 1997. Selections.

#### - Recommended Books

Lesslie Newbigin, [\*The Finality of Christ\*](#), online. A short selection is required.

Annemarie Schimmel, *Islam: An Introduction*, SUNY, 1992.

Javed Ahmad Ghamidi trans. Shehzad Saleem, *Islam: A Concise Introduction*, Amazon Kindle Edition.

### IV. Course Requirements & Grading

The course will adhere to TTGU policy on academic integrity and misconduct (plagiarism, cheating, absenteeism, etc.).

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| 10%       | Quality in-class participation.  |
| 10%       | Discussion questions for each session's reading, when not presenting.  |
| 20% total | Students will alternate delivering seminar-style in-class presentations on the day's reading, one single-spaced page each.     |
| 60%       | Analysis papers, of about 1,300 words each, on major topics in Islam and Christianity after we have concluded each major unit. |

#### ● Attendance

In order for the student to get credit, he/she has to attend more than 3/4 of the classes.

- TTGU offers total 15 weeks of classes (out of 16 weeks) per semester. If a student misses 4 or more classes out of 15 classes, the student will receive an F.

- Absences for the following reasons may be regarded exceptional with handing in the Report of Absence to the teaching professor (the form needs a seal from the Academic/Admissions Office before it goes to the professor). However, if the total number of absences including the following cases is 1/3 of the classes or more, the student will receive an F.

1. Death of Grandparents, parents, spouse or parents-in-law, siblings, or children – up to 1 week
2. Call up for military service – up to 3 days
3. When a student participates in TTGU's special event with the approval of the Dean of Academic Programs – for the number of days the Dean of Academic Programs approves
4. Natural disaster
5. Traffic Accident / Hospitalization

● **Minimum Passing Grade**

- D- (60 or over) is the minimum passing grade for M.Div./M.T.S students
- C- (74 or over) for M.A./M.Ed./M.W.C.M./Th.M. students
- B (87 or over) for Ph.D. students
- P for P/NP courses

● **Final Due Date Policy**

ALL WORK (papers, reports, readings, exams, etc.) should be complete and be submitted until the official end of the semester – which is **Sat. June 11**. Any work submitted after the due date must come through the Academic Office where you will fill in a form to explain why the assignment is late. This form and the handed in assignment will be delivered to the professor by the Academic Office.

The institutional standard point reduction for Spring 2016 is 20% for that work (20 points out of 100) if the work is submitted by **Wednesday, June 15**, and 30% if submitted by **Friday June 17**. **ABSOLUTELY NO WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER June 17** (strictly enforced other than in cases when 'Incomplete' grades could be given: i) Death of grandparents, parents, spouse or parents-in-law, siblings, children, ii) Traffic accidents, serious illness which needs hospitalization, iii) English PhD program classes, and iv) Practicum classes of the Christian Counseling Department - all with the approval of the Dean of Academic programs, applicable only in the case when 3/4 or more of class attendance has been recognized. I (Incomplete) grades cannot be given to modular classes or for fall semester courses of graduating candidates).

**V. Weekly Schedule & Assignments**

Session	Topic	Presentation	Presenter
2/23/16	Course		TW
	Introduction	"Inside Islam"	TW
3/8/16	Basics of Islam	Farhadian	
		Brown pp 1-36	
		Brown pp 36-63	
3/15/16	Muhammad	Brown ch 3 (pp 101-127)	
		Rippin ch 4	
		Quran surahs 96, 74, 111, 106, 108, 104, 107, 102, 105; 92, 90, 94, 93, 97, 86, 91, 80, 68; 87, 95, 103, 85, 73, 101, 99, 82, 81; 53, 84, 100, 79, 77, 78	

5/22/16	Muhammad	Rippen ch 5	
		Rippen ch 6	
		Quran 88, 89, 75, 83, 69, 51, 52; 56, 70, 55, 112; 109, 113, 114, 1, 54, 37; 71, 76, 44, 50	
3/29/16	Belief in God	Murata and Chittick pp 35-52	
		Murata and Chittick pp 52-70	
	<i>History assignment due</i>	Murata and Chittick pp 70-84	
4/5/16	Creation	Murata and Chittick pp 84-103	
		Murata and Chittick pp 104-131	
		Quran 20, 26, 15, 19, 38, 36, 43, 72, 67, 23	
4/12/16	Prophecy	Murata and Chittick pp 132-151	
		Murata and Chittick pp 151-175	
		Murata and Chittick pp 175-192	
4/19/16	Eschatology	Murata and Chittick pp 193-213	
		Murata and Chittick pp 213-235	
		Quran 21, 25, 17, 27, 18, 32, 41, 45, 16, 30, 11, 14, 12	
4/26/16	Modern History	Rippin chs 8-9	
		Rippin ch 15	
	<i>Theology assignment due</i>	Rippin ch17 and Ali, "Far from Mecca: Modern Islam in Indonesia and Malaysia"	
5-May	Interreligious Dialogue	Newbigin, "The Clue to History," in The Finality of Christ pp 65-87	
		Shenk: one chapter between 3 and 14	
		Quran 40, 28, 39, 29, 31, 42, 10, 34,35, 7, 46, 6, 13, 2	
10-May	Scholarly Islam on Christianity	Zebiri ch 4	
		Kateregga and Shank: two corresponding chapters	
		Quran 98, 64, 62, 8, 47, 3	
5/17/16	Popular Islam on Christianity	Zebiri pp 44-67	
		Zebiri pp 67-93	
		Garrison ch 1	
5/24/16	New Christian Movements	Quran 61, 57, 4, 65, 59, 33	
		Garrison chs 2-3 (skim)	
	<i>Dialogue assignment due on another K&amp;S pair</i>	Garrison: one chapter between 4 and 12	
5/31/16	MBBs	Garrison: another chapter between 4 and 12	
		Shenk: another chapter between 3 and 14	
		Quran 63, 24, 58, 22, 48, 66, 60, 110, 49	

6/7/16	Christian Responses	Quran 9, 5	
		Garrison ch 13 (skim), 14-15	
	<i>Mission assignment due</i>	Concluding discussion	TW

## Academic Integrity Policy

The faculty and administration of Torch Trinity take academic integrity very seriously and will not tolerate cheating (on exams and quizzes) or plagiarism. All cases of cheating or plagiarism must be reported to the Dean of Chapel and Student Life and informed to the Dean of Academic Programs, and if necessary, further investigated. The Student Life & Scholarship Committee determines guilt or innocence according to a rigorous procedure. The following are the administrative actions prescribed by the faculty for those caught cheating or plagiarizing:

### 1. Administrative Actions for Cheating

**A. For the first offense of cheating** during the student's enrollment at Torch Trinity, the following procedures are applied:

- 1) An automatic "F" letter grade for the class.
- 2) The student offender will meet with the Dean of Chapel and Student Life and sign an Acknowledgement of Integrity Infraction form.
- 3) The student offender will not be considered for merit scholarships and TSMS scholarships from the following semester.

**B. For the second offense of cheating** during the student's enrollment at Torch Trinity, the student will be permanently dismissed from the school.

### 2. Administrative Actions for Plagiarism

**A. For the first offense of plagiarism** during the student's enrollment at Torch Trinity, the following procedures are applied:

- 1) An automatic "F" letter grade for the paper. Rewriting is not permitted.
- 2) Student should re-read the article (Chang, Steven S. H. "The Problem of Plagiarism: A guide for Students and Educators of Theology" TTTJ 8, no. 1 (Nov. 2005): 201-218 [downloadable from TTGU website], and write a paper on "Plagiarism and Christian Ministry" of about 750 words or 3 pages double-spaced.

**B. For the second offense of plagiarism** during the student's enrollment at Torch Trinity, the following procedures are applied:

- 1) A permanent "F" letter grade for the entire course. Retaking the course will not replace the "F" grade. The failed course and the retaken course grades will both be calculated in the student's cumulative grade point average.
- 2) The student offender will not be considered for merit scholarships and TSMS scholarships from the following semester.
- 3) For the PhD program, for the second offense of plagiarism during the student's enrollment at Torch Trinity, the offending student is permanently dismissed from the school.

**C. For the third offense of plagiarism** during the student's enrollment at Torch Trinity, the offending student is permanently dismissed from the school.

\* For each offence mentioned above, a copy of the Acknowledgement of Integrity Infraction form signed by the offender will be placed in the student's permanent file and the record should be kept at the Office of Chapel and Student Life.

\* The student guilty of first-time cheating or second-time plagiarism may not be eligible for recognition of merit at graduation.

\* The student offender will be automatically removed from any official position, such as student council leadership, chapel worship team, etc. for at least one semester.

Note: The faculty and administration have decided to require that all student papers be submitted to [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) as of Fall 2007.

“I acknowledge that I have read and accept the TTGU Academic Integrity Covenant and will abide by the provisions and penalties therein.”