

SEMESTER – 2nd

MINOR COURSE

IST222N: ISLAMIC STUDIES (AN INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION-II)

CREDITS: 4+2

Objectives / Expected Learning Outcomes:

The objective of the course is to gain knowledge of early Islamic history from *Khilafah al-Rashidah* period to Banu Umayyah period. The paper will focus on the contribution and achievements of prominent *khulafa* viz-a-viz the administration, society and educational set up of that era. The course also forms a study of the development of Islamic civilization upto *Banu Umayyah* period.

THEORY (4 CREDIT)

Unit 1: Institution of *Khilafah* & *Khulafa al-Rashidun* era (632-660 C.E.)

- (i) Concept of *Khalifah* and the Institution of *Khilafah*
- (ii) Character, Contribution and Achievements of the Pious Caliphs
 - a. Hazrat Abu Bakr (R.A.): Riddah Wars/ Apostasy Movement
 - b. Hazrat Umar (R.A.): Administrative Measures
 - c. Hazrat Uthman (R.A.): Challenges
 - d. Hazrat Ali (R.A.): Civil Wars & End of Era

Unit-2: State and Society under the Rightly Guided Caliphs

- (i) Achievements of the Rightly Guided Caliphs: An Overview
- (ii) State, Administration and Political Reforms
- (iii) Education System and Curriculum
- (iv) Society during the Pious Caliphate Era

Unit-3: *Banu Umayyah* (The Umayyad Period: 660-750 C.E.)

- (i) Emergence and Establishment of the Umayyad Rule
- (ii) Consolidation of the State and Achievements of Amir Muawiyah
- (iii) Expansion and Consolidation during the reign of Abdul Malik and Walid-I
- (iv) Religious Policy and Reforms of Umar ibn Abd al-Aziz

Unit-4: State and Society during the Umayyad Period

- (i) Administration (Central, Military and Judicial)
- (ii) Social/Cultural Life
- (iii) Education System and Intellectual Developments
- (iv) Decline/Downfall of the Umayyads

TUTORIALS (2 CREDITS)

- (i) Group Discussion
- (ii) Students' Presentation

- (iii) Book Review (relevant to the contents of the Syllabus)
- (iv) Documentary (relevant to the contents of the Syllabus)

Books Recommended

- 1) Hassan, Masudul, *History of Islam*, Adam Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi.
- 2) Hitti, P.K., *History of the Arabs*, Macmillan Company, USA.
- 3) Nadwi, Abul Hasan Ali, *Saviours of Islamic Spirit*, Academy of Islamic Research and Publications, Lucknow.
- 4) Nadwi, Shah Moin ud Din, *Tarikh-i-Islam*, Darul Musannefin Shibli Academy, Azamgarh.
- 5) Najeebadi, Akbar Shah, *The History of Islam*, Darus Salam Publishers & Distributors, Riyadh.
- 6) Nicolson, R. A., *A Literary History of the Arabs*, Adam Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi.
- 7) Nomani, Shibli, *Al-Farooq*, Darul Musannefin Shibli Academy, Azamgarh.
- 8) Relevant Articles in *Encyclopedia of Islam*.
- 9) Relevant Articles in *Encyclopedia of Modern Muslim World*.
- 10) Relevant Articles in *Insight Islamicus* (Vol. 1-22), ISSN: 0975-6590, Shah-i-Hamadan Institute of Islamic Studies, University of Kashmir, Srinagar.
- 11) Sawlat, Sarwat, *Millat-i-Islami Ki Mukhtasar Tarikh*, Markazi Maktaba Islami, Delhi.
- 12) Siddiqi, M. Muhammad Mazhar ud Din, *Development of Islamic State and Society*, Institute of Islamic Culture, Lahore