



Course Description

CPO2441 | Islam in the Modern World | 3.00 credits

The survey course is designed to grant students a broad-based exposure across a variety of conceptual debates, historical events, and policy issues at the intersection of Islam and the modern world and the paths forward. The issues especially religiously-inspired and informed violence/ conflict and debates surrounding them have assumed prominence in the 21st century with the resurgence of religion in politics and the subsequent struggle for Islam. These issues will be contextualized in normative, empirical and historical frameworks to equip students with a sophisticated and multi-dimensional conceptual toolbox to analyze them.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate a deeper understanding of Islam as a religion by:

1. Recognizing the religious, civilizational, and historical development of Islam
2. Identifying the five pillars of Islam
3. Explaining the doctrine and beliefs of Islam

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate their understanding and analytical appreciation of Islamic reformist movements by:

1. Examining reformist movements within predominantly Muslim states
2. Analyzing how different Islamic reformist movements have shaped modern interpretations
3. of political Islam worldwide

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate their understanding and analytical appreciation of political Islam and the struggle for Islam in the 21st century by:

1. Analyzing the translation from Islam as a religion into the political sphere
2. Exhibiting a conceptualization of the distinction between modern political Islam and prior manifestations

Learning Outcomes:

- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information