

Carleton University
College of the Humanities
Religion Program: RELI 2340A
The Life and Image of Muhammad
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Course Information

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Course Website: Accessible through Carleton WebCT

Course Description

This course will begin with a survey of the life and times of the Prophet Muhammad, followed by an examination of his teachings and the manner in which they were preserved and transmitted in the two centuries following his death. We will then go on to study the Prophet's "image" as it has been articulated in a wide variety of doctrinal and devotional texts from the classical period of Islam to the present era.

Required Texts

Jonathan Brown, *Hadith*
Martin Lings, *Muhammad*
Al-Sulami, *The Subtleties of the Ascension*
Annemarie Schimmel, *And Muhammad is His Messenger*

Requirements and Due Dates (See Course Site for Details)

/25	Book Report	May 23 rd
/30	Test	June 6 th
/45	Research Paper	June 20 th

Schedule of Lectures and Readings

May 9th

The Life and Legacy of the Prophet

Readings: *Muhammad*, Chapters 1-10
 And Muhammad is His Messenger, Introduction and Chapter 1

May 11th

The Muhammadan Reality

Readings: *Muhammad*, Chapters 11-20
 And Muhammad is His Messenger, Chapter 7

May 16th

“If You Love God ...”

Readings: *Muhammad*, Chapters 21-30
 And Muhammad is His Messenger, Chapters 3-4

May 18th

Inward and Outward Beauty

Readings: *Muhammad*, Chapters 31-40
 And Muhammad is His Messenger, Chapters 2 and 6

May 25th

The Prophet as Healer and Intercessor

Readings: *Muhammad*, Chapters 41-50
 And Muhammad is His Messenger, Chapter 5

May 30th

“Send Blessings and Greetings of Peace Upon Him”

Readings: *And Muhammad is His Messenger*, Chapter 8
June 1st

Annihilation in the Messenger

Readings: *Muhammad*, Chapters 51-70

June 8th

Three Beloved Things

Readings: *Muhammad*, Chapters 71-85
 And Muhammad is His Messenger, Chapter 10

June 13th

The Ascension

Readings: *And Muhammad is His Messenger*, Chapter 9

June 15th

The Image of the Prophet in the West

Readings: *And Muhammad is His Messenger*, Chapter 11

June 20th

The Prophet's Mirror

Readings: *And Muhammad is His Messenger*, Chapter 12