RELG 250 Intro to Islam
TTH 1:15-2:30  HUMCB 201
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Course Summary:

This course is an introduction to Islam as a prophetic religious tradition. It explores the different ways in which Muslims have interpreted and put into practice the message of Muhammad b. ‘Abd Allah. We will read analyses (historical and other) of theological, philosophical, legal, political, mystical and literary writings. Participants will develop a framework for explaining the sources and symbols through which historically specific experiences and understandings have been signified as Islamic. The course focuses in particular on the classical and modern periods of Islamic history.

Topics:

- The representation of Islam today
- Muhammad as an Exemplar
- The Quran
- Individual Worship and Personal piety
- Communal Worship and Religious public space
- Religious authority
- Philosophy and Theology
- Islamic Law