Schedule of Classes

1. Sept. 8   Introduction
2. Sept. 10  Arabia at the Time of Muhammad
3. Sept. 15  The Middle East at the Time of the Conquests
4. Sept. 17  The Prophet and His Revelation
   Discussion: The Qur’an
5. Sept. 22  Formation of the Community
6. Sept. 24  The Great Conquests
   Discussion: Historiography of the Prophet and the Qur’an
7. Sept. 29  The Rashidun Caliphs and the Civil Wars
8. Sept. 30  The Caliphate and the Beginnings of Shi’ism
9. Oct. 6   Meet on group projects
10. Oct. 8  Meet on group projects
11. Oct. 13 NO CLASS, MONDAY SCHEDULE
12. Oct. 20 The Umayyads and the Growth of a Muslim Society
13. Oct. 22 The Abbasid Dynasty
   Discussion: The Making of Arab Identity
14. Oct. 27 Court and Military
15. Oct. 29 Government and Society
   Discussion: Arab Literature
16. Nov 3   The Fatimid Dynasty
17 Nov. 5  Independent Dynasties in the East
   Discussion: Rethinking Royal Legitimation
18. Nov. 10 The Rise of Persian Culture
19. Nov. 12 Invasion by Turks and Crusaders
   Discussion: Iranians, Turks and Arabs
20. Nov. 17  Turks in Power
21. Nov. 19  Mongol Invasion and Rule
            Discussion: Mirrors for Princes
22. Nov. 24  The Mamluk Sultanate
            Nov. 26  THANKSGIVING
23. Dec. 1   Social Change and the Rise of Sufism
24. Dec. 3   The Reconfiguration of the Middle East
            Discussion: Sufism and Society
25. Dec. 8   Islam and Europe
26. Dec. 10  Discussion: Perspectives on Islamic History

Course Readings:

The following required books are available for purchase at the bookstore. Books will also be on reserve at the Tisch Library. Additional readings will be made available on Blackboard. Videos are on reserve at Tisch Media Center.

Tor Andrae, *Muhammad, the Man and his Faith*, trans. T. Menzel
Gerald Hawting, *The First Dynasty of Islam*, Croom Helm

Course Requirements:

Map quiz, Sept. 29
Group Discussion project, Oct. 15
Essay on discussion topic., due Oct. 20
Take-home midterm, due Nov. 17
Book review on extra reading, due Dec. 8
Final Exam, 48 hour take-home, due Dec. 18

Please organize your life around these dates. They will not be changed for individual convenience. Assignments must be submitted in hard copy; late papers will receive a lower grade.
### Schedule of Reading Assignments:

| Week of Sept. 8 | BERKEY, Chapt. 1-4  
|                | ANDRAE, Chapt. 2   |
| Week of Sept. 15 | ANDRAE, Chapt. 3-5  
|                | “Qur'an” (Blackboard)  
|                | optional: view "The Message"  |
| Week of Sept. 22 | ANDRAE, Chapt. 6-7  
|                | Historiography of the Prophet and the Qur'an (Blackboard)  |
| Week of Sept. 29 | HAWTING, Chapt. 1-4  
|                | BERKEY, Chapt. 5-11  
|                | view: "Guardians of the Sacred Flame," in series, Crossroads of Civilization  |
| Week of Oct. 6  | HAWTING, Chapt. 3-8  
|                | BERKEY, Chapt. 12-15  
|                | View “Mecca the Forbidden City”  
|                | Sunni and Shi’i (Blackboard)  |
| Week of Oct. 13 | HAWTING, Chapt. 5-8  
|                | KENNEDY, through Chapt. 2  |
| Week of Oct. 20 | KENNEDY, Chapt. 3-5  
|                | Lapidus, The Separation of State and Religion (Blackboard)  
|                | “The Making of Arab Identity” (Blackboard)  |
| Week of Oct. 27 | KENNEDY, Chapt. 6-8  
|                | “Arab literature” (Blackboard)  |
| Week of Nov. 3  | KENNEDY, Chapt. 9-10  
|                | D.O. Morgan, Medieval Persia, Chapt. 1-2 (on reserve)  
|                | Hattstein and Markus, “The Fatimids,” pp. 141-63 (on reserve)  
|                | Gibb, “Al-Mawardi’s Theory of the Caliphate.” (Blackboard)  
|                | “Rethinking Royal Legitimation” (Blackboard)  |
| Week of Nov. 10 | BERKEY, Chapt. 16-18  
|                | Morgan, Chapt. 3-5  
|                | view “Grass.”  
|                | Iranians, Turks and Arabs (Blackboard)  |
| Week of Nov. 17: | BERKEY, Chaps. 19-21  
MORGAN, Chaps. 6-8  
“Mirrors for Princes” (Blackboard) |
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| Week of Nov. 24: | Hattstein, “Syria, Palestine and Egypt, pp. 165-180, and skim rest.  
“The Post-Mongol Middle East” (Blackboard)  
Lutfi, “Manners and Customs of Fourteenth-Century Cairene Women” (Blackboard) |
| Week of Dec. 1:  | BERKEY, Chaps. 22-end  
Morgan, Chaps. 9-11  
Materials on Sufism (Blackboard) |
| Week of Dec. 5:  | “Europe and Islam.” (Blackboard)  
“The Middle East in the Middle Periods” (Blackboard) |