

# Course description

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<b>Course name:</b>	Lived Islam		
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<b>Department/Unit /</b>	KBS / ZITI			<b>Academic Year</b>	2023/2024
<b>Title</b>	Lived Islam			<b>Type of completion</b>	Exam
<b>Accredited/Credits</b>	Yes, 6 Cred.			<b>Type of completion</b>	Oral
<b>Number of hours</b>	Lecture 2 [Hours/Week] Seminar 2 [Hours/Week]			<b>Course credit prior to</b>	No
<b>Occ/max</b>	Status A	Status B	Status C	<b>Counted into average</b>	YES
<b>Summer semester</b>	0 / -	0 / -	0 / -	<b>Min. (B+C) students</b>	1
<b>Winter semester</b>	0 / -	0 / -	0 / -	<b>Repeated registration</b>	NO
<b>Timetable</b>	Yes			<b>Semester taught</b>	Winter semester
<b>Language of instruction</b>	Czech			<b>Internship duration</b>	0
<b>Optional course</b>	Yes				
<b>Evaluation scale</b>	1 2 3 4				
<b>No. of hours of on-premise</b>					
<b>Auto acc. of credit</b>	Yes in the case of a previous evaluation 4 nebo nic.				
<b>Periodicity</b>	every year				
<b>Specification periodicity</b>					
<b>Substituted course</b>	None				
<b>Preclusive courses</b>	N/A				
<b>Prerequisite courses</b>	N/A				
<b>Informally recommended courses</b>	N/A				
<b>Courses depending on this Course</b>	N/A				

## Course objectives:

The aim of the course is to make students familiar with approaches and methods usable in research on Muslim religiosity in its miscellaneous forms. In various Middle Eastern societies or their segments many specifics are manifested in the framework of religious teachings and practices. It is not possible to understand sufficiently the contemporary Islamic scene without grasping these specifics. Islam in its everydayness is not simple reflection of the official religious interpretations of al-Azhar or other significant representatives of "orthodoxy". Muslims fill the same forms often by very different content, they have different religious experiences, both as individuals and communities. Especially the potential of anthropology to grasp and interpret such plurality is explained to the students. They learn its research methods, ways how to formulate findings from fieldwork and so on. Students acquire the knowledge and also the inspiration mainly both through reading of already traditional or ?canonical? works of famous anthropologists and through analysis of various innovative recent case studies based on fieldwork in Muslim environments.

## Requirements on student

Besides general activity during the lectures and especially during the seminars, students are expected to prepare and present brief contributions based on assigned texts, as well as final essay on chosen topic. The course ends by oral exam.

## Content

1. Introduction to the issue
2. Development anthropology of Islam
3. Islam as an anthropological theme
4. Theoretical and methodological problems
5. Muslims in the West
6. Field research in Muslim environments
7. Islam and community
8. Islam and Identity
9. Islam and gender studies

10. Current status anthropology of Islam
11. Selected case studies 1
12. Selected case studies 2
13. Final discussion

## Fields of study

Kurz naleznete také na Courseware ZČU.

## Guarantors and lecturers

- **Guarantors:** Mgr. Veronika Sobotková, Ph.D. (100%)
- **Lecturer:** Mgr. Veronika Sobotková, Ph.D. (60%)
- **Seminar lecturer:** Mgr. Veronika Sobotková, Ph.D. (60%)

## Literature

- **Basic:** Bowie, Fiona. *Antropologie náboženství*. Praha : Portál, 2008. ISBN 978-80-7367-378-9.
- **Basic:** Werbner, Pnina. *Pilgrims of love : the anthropology of a global Sufi cult*. Bloomington : Indiana University Press, 2003. ISBN 0-253-21528-5.
- **Basic:** Hicks, David. *Ritual and belief : readings in the anthropology of religion*. Boston : McGraw-Hill College, 1999. ISBN 0-07-028817-8.
- **Recommended:** Faubion James, Marcus George (eds.). *Fieldwork is Not What It Used to Be: Learning Anthropology's Method in a Time of Transition*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2009.
- **Recommended:** Werbner, Pnina. *Imagined Diasporas among Manchester Muslims: The Public Performance of Pakistani Transnational Identity Politics*. Oxford: James Currey, 2002.
- **Recommended:** Varisco Martin D. *Islam Obscured: The Rhetoric of Anthropological Representation*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.
- **Recommended:** Geertz, Clifford. *Islam observed: religious development in Morocco and Indonesia*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1971.
- **Recommended:** Osella, Filippo. *Islam, politics, anthropology*. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.
- **Recommended:** Henig, David. *Islám(y) a transnacionální praxe: antropologická analýza islámských sociálních sítí v České republice*. 2007.
- **Recommended:** Gilsenan, Michael. *Recognizing Islam: Religion and Society in the Modern Middle East*. London: I.B.Tauris, 2010.
- **Recommended:** Rabinow, Paul. *Reflections on fieldwork in Morocco*. [1st ed.]. Berkeley : University of California Press, 1977. ISBN 0-520-03529-1.
- **Recommended:** Křížek, Daniel. *Tariqa naqšbandíja haqqáníja: duchovní nauka v teorii a praxi*. 2010.
- **Recommended:** Gabriell Marranci. *The Anthropology of Islam*. London: Berg Publishers, 2008.
- **Recommended:** Clifford James, Marcus George (eds.). *Writing Culture: the Poetics and Politics of Ethnography*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1986.

## Time requirements

### All forms of study

Activities	Time requirements for activity [h]
Contact hours	52
Preparation for an examination (30-60)	44
Graduate study programme term essay (40-50)	50
Presentation preparation (report) (1-10)	10
<b>Total:</b>	<b>156</b>

## assessment methods

Knowledge - knowledge achieved by taking this course are verified by the following means:

Oral exam  
 Skills demonstration during practicum  
 Individual presentation at a seminar  
 Seminar work

**Skills - skills achieved by taking this course are verified by the following means:**

Individual presentation at a seminar  
 Seminar work

**Competences - competence achieved by taking this course are verified by the following means:**

Oral exam  
 Seminar work

**prerequisite**

**Knowledge - students are expected to possess the following knowledge before the course commences to finish it successfully:**

Course requires no special prior knowledge and skills.

**Skills - students are expected to possess the following skills before the course commences to finish it successfully:**

"- to interpret individually the meaning of Islamic terms, particular works, rituals, and use knowledgeably relevant professional terminology  
 - to work independently with relevant literature and sources."

**Competences - students are expected to possess the following competences before the course commences to finish it successfully:**

N/A

**teaching methods**

**Knowledge - the following training methods are used to achieve the required knowledge:**

Lecture  
 Seminar  
 Skills demonstration  
 Self-study of literature

**Skills - the following training methods are used to achieve the required skills:**

Lecture supplemented with a discussion  
 Seminar

**Competences - the following training methods are used to achieve the required competences:**

Lecture supplemented with a discussion  
 Seminar

**learning outcomes**

**Knowledge - knowledge resulting from the course:**

Students appreciate that Islam because of its particular lived forms cannot be seen as one. It is more appropriate to speak about Islams and these need to be studied, interpreted, compared and so on. Students know both famous and still less influential anthropological works dealing with Muslims. They are able to evaluate both their assets and also their weak points. They are ready to prepare themselves for hypothetical fieldwork in Muslim communities.

**Skills - skills resulting from the course:**

"- to build thematically determined research in the Muslim environment, based on the knowledge of relevant facts from Islamic traditions, theory and adequate methods  
 - to work independently with relevant literature and critically comment on it based on their knowledge of relevant field procedures."

**Competences - competences resulting from the course:**

N/A

## Course is included in study programmes:

Study Programme	Type of	Form of	Branch	Stage	St. plan v.	Year	Block	Status	R.year	R.
International Regional Studies	Postgraduate Master	Full-time	Near Eastern Studies	1	16-4	2023	Povinné předměty	A	2	ZS