Course Prefix and Number: REL 233  
Credits: 3

Course Title: Introduction to Islam

Course Description: Studies Islam in its historical, religious, and political dimensions and assists in the understanding of its contemporary vitality and attraction as a faith, a culture, and a way of life. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 and ENF 3. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: Fulfills Humanities/Fine Art elective for all AA and AS degrees. Also provides basic information on Islam for interested individuals.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites: 
Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 and ENF 3

Student Learning Outcomes: 
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to 
a. Understand the historical origins and growth of Islam; 
b. Understand the fundamental theological tenets of Islam; 
c. Identify and appreciate primary elements of Islamic art and culture; and 
d. Identify and understand the differences in Islamic practice in various communities.

Major Topics to Be Included: 
a. Islamic history 
b. Islamic cultural traditions 
c. Issues of religious practice 
d. Central theological tenets 
e. Introduction to the Qur’an

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