

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

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 EDE 11. 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 EDE 11

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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