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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