

Islam & Islamic Societies

HHB223



This undergraduate unit is a must for students interested in the:

- **The origin & development of Islam**
- **Sociology of Islamic societies**
- **Islam in Australia**

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Islam and Islamic Societies examines the influence of Islam on various areas of the lives of Muslim people including social, economic, political and human values. This unit will employ a wide range of learning tools to construct a comprehensive and critical understanding of Islam and provides opportunity for students to understand and appreciate the life-styles of Australian Muslims.

Islam has been the fastest growing religion in the contemporary world. More than a quarter of the world's population of six billion people are Muslims. They live in countries ranging from Africa, through the Middle East, to the Indian sub-continent, and from there through South East Asia, Western China and the newly established States of Central Asia. There are large Muslim minorities in several European countries as well as in North America. In Australia, Islam is the second largest religion after Christianity. The Australian Muslim population is estimated at more than 350,000 and is growing.

This unit aims to introduce students to Islamic civilization, culture and values within current debates and in global context including:

- ✚ Demographic Characteristics of Muslim Populations.
- ✚ Sociological Theories (1) and Islam: Ibn Khaldun's Theory of Muslim Society.
- ✚ Sociological Theories (2) and Islam: Rahman's views, Gellner's theory, Pirenne's thesis, Geertz's view on Islam.
- ✚ Islamic Civilisation and the West.
- ✚ Islam in the Middle East
- ✚ Islam in Australia
- ✚ Islam in South Africa
- ✚ Islam In Southeast Asia: Politics and Nationalism
- ✚ Islam and Concept of Jihad
- ✚ Islam and Women
- ✚ Islam and Human Rights
- ✚ Islamic State or Separation of State and Religion: The Case of Iran
- ✚ 'Dialogue of civilisations' versus 'clash of civilisations'.