Texts
Additional materials will be made available in class.

Description
This course aims at acquainting students with the basic history of Islamic jurisprudence and the nature of Islamic legal reasoning. Activities in class will vary between presentation by me and discussion. The golden rule is ‘problems you create by missing a class are your problems.’ I expect 100% attendance. I will not reply to emails requesting materials that were distributed in class while you were absent. Be in touch with a classmate for things like this.

Grading
40% oral participation; 30% for each essay (one due at the end of week 6 and one at the end of week 10). Essay questions are given by email at 9 am and answers must be 1500 words or less and are to be submitted at 4 pm (PST) on Friday May 9th and June 6th.

Basic Plan
April 1  General Introduction
April 3  Hallaq Ch. 1, 2
April 8  Hallaq Ch. 3
April 10  Hallaq Ch. 4
April 15  Hallaq Ch. 5
April 17  Hallaq Ch. 6
April 22  Hallaq Ch. 7
April 24  Hallaq Ch. 8
April 29  Hallaq Ch. 9
May 1  Hallaq Ch. 10
May 6  Ahmad Introduction + Ch. 1
May 8  Ahmad Ch. 2 (review your notes and it won’t hurt to go to sleep early tonight)
May 13  Ahmad Ch. 3
May 15  Ahmad Ch. 4
May 20  Ahmad Ch. 5
May 22  Ahmad Ch. 6
May 27  Ahmad Ch. 7
May 29  Ahmad Ch. 8
June 3  Ahmad Ch. 9
June 5  Ahmad Ch. 10 (almost there; review all course materials and go to sleep early again)