

# Introduction to Islamic Law (RGST 119a)

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### Textbook Store

- Wael Hallaq, *An Introduction to Islamic Law* (Cambridge: CUP, 2009).

### Additional Reading

- Ahmad Atif Ahmad, *The Fatigue of the Shari'a* (New York: Palgrave, 2012).

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; 60 % final paper

### Plan

April 3	Introduction
April 5	Hallaq Ch. 1, 2
April 10	Hallaq Ch. 3
April 12	Hallaq Ch. 4
April 17	Hallaq Ch. 5
April 19	Hallaq Ch. 6
April 24	Hallaq Ch. 7
April 26	Hallaq Ch. 8
May 1	Hallaq Ch. 9
May 3	Hallaq Ch. 10
May 8	Ahmad Introduction + Ch. 1
May 10	Ahmad Ch. 2
May 15	Ahmad Ch. 3
May 17	Ahmad Ch. 4

May 22	Ahmad Ch. 5
May 24	Ahmad Ch. 6
May 29	Ahmad Ch. 7
May 31	Ahmad Ch. 8
June 5	Ahmad Ch. 9
June 7	Ahmad Ch. 10