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Arizona State University Criteria Checklist for

CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE UNITED STATES [C]

Rationale and Objectives

The contemporary "culture" of the United States involves the complex interplay of many different cultures that exist side by side in various states of harmony and conflict. The history of the United States involves the experiences not only of different groups of European immigrants and their descendants but also of diverse groups, including, but not limited to, American Indians, Latinos, African Americans, and Asian Americans--all of whom played significant roles in the development of contemporary culture and together shape the future of the United States. At the same time, the recognition that gender, class, and religious differences cut across all distinctions of race and ethnicity offers an even richer variety of perspectives from which to view ourselves. Awareness of our cultural diversity and its multiple sources can illuminate our collective past, present, and future and can help us to achieve greater mutual understanding and respect.

The objective of the Cultural Diversity requirement is to promote awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity within the contemporary United States through the study of the cultural, social, or scientific contributions of women and minority groups, examination of their experiences in the U.S., or exploration of successful or unsuccessful interactions between and among cultural groups.

Revised April 2014

Proposer: Please complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

	ASU[C] CRITERIA						
YES	NO	CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE UNITED STATES	Identify Documentation Submitted				
		A Cultural Diversity course must meet the following general criteria:					
\boxtimes		The course must contribute to an understanding of cultural diversity in contemporary U.S. Society.					
		2. A Cultural Diversity course must then meet at least one of the following specific criteria:					
\boxtimes		a. The course is an in-depth study of culture-specific elements, cultural experiences, or cultural contributions (in areas such as education, history, language, literature, art, music, science, politics, work, religion, and philosophy) of gender*, racial, ethnic and/or linguistic minority groups** within the United States.					
		b. The course is primarily a comparative study of the diverse cultural contributions, experiences, or world views of two or more gender*, racial, ethnic and/or linguistic minority groups** within the United States.					
		c. The course is primarily a study of the social, economic, political, or psychological dimensions of relations between and among gender*, racial, ethnic and/or linguistic minority groups** within the United States. *Gender groups would encompass categories such as the following: women, men, lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgender individuals, etc. **Cultural, racial, ethnic, and/or linguistic minority groups in the U.S. would include categories such as the following: Latinos, African Americans, Native Americans/First Peoples, Asian Americans, Jewish Americans, Muslim Americans, members of the deaf community, etc.					

Course Prefix	Number	Title	General Studies
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ARB	341	Qu'ran Text and Women	Cultural Awareness - C

Explain in detail which student activities correspond to the specific designation criteria. Please use the following organizer to explain how the criteria are being met.

Criteria (from checksheet)	How course meets spirit (contextualize specific examples in next column)	Please provide detailed evidence of how course meets criteria (i.e., where in syllabus)
Example-See 2b. Compares 2 U.S. cultures	Example- Compares Latino & African American Music	Example-See Syllabus Pg. 5
	Contributes to an understanding of contemporary Muslim experience and gender (with a focus on women and equality), which includes an understanding into the Muslim American experiencea US minority group that is largely misunderstood.	From Course Description: This course highlights this conflict through arguments made by Muslim and other scholars who emphasize that, the Qur'an gives both men and women equal rights but has been largely misinterpreted by male interpreters throughout history What does the Qur'an specifically say about women? Why has personal status law been the most resistant to reform in Muslim societies? What are the root causes of this conflict between what the Qur'an states and the reality of Muslim women in society? This course examines all these issues including the question: why has the authority to interpret 'religious' texts been exclusive to male religious elites? The course will also highlight Muslim women scholars' argument that nothing will change in the condition of Muslim women, and Muslim society in general, "unless women are recognized as having the same authority to interpret the Qur'an and to discover within its revelations an inherent affirmation of gender equality." Learning Outcomes Upon successful completion of the course students will have demonstrable knowledge of the Arabic Literature of the Qur'an and scholarly studies on women in Islam and will be able to synthesize literary and cultural concepts to apply them to research in literature, culture, history or religion. Students will further have the educational tools to deconstruct misconceptions about women in Islam. Required Reading Wadud, Amina. Qur'an and Woman: Re-Reading the Sacred Text from a Woman's Perspective. Oxford University Press, 1999. Barazangi, Nimat Hafez. Woman's Identity and the Quran: A New Reading. University Press of Florida, 2004.

2A	This course is an in-depth study of the Muslim diaspora's culture-specific elements, experiences, and contributions as they related to the Qu'ran and gender experiences, with a focus on women, which provides an understanding of the Muslim American experiencea US minority group that is largely misunderstood.	Barlas, Asma. Believing Women in Islam: Un-Reading Patriarchal Interpretations of the Qur'an. University of Texas Press, 2002. Ali, Syed Mohammed. The Position of Women in Islam: A Progressive View. New York: SUNY, 2004. The Quran (you don't need to buy the Book since you can access chapters relevant to our discussions through Yusuf Ali's translation of the Quran online at): http://mcleanministries.com/YusufAli/html/5010/index.toc.html Course reader: articles by Riffat Hassan Assingment overview: frequent discussion board posts, book review, mid-term exam, research paper For more details, see: Syllabus Course Description, Learning Outcome, Readings, Weekly Schedule See section one above.



School of International Letters and Cultures ARB 341 Qur'an Text and Women Undergraduate Online Course Syllabus – Fall 2017

WELCOME TO ARABIC 341: WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL SEMESTER

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Course Description

Many Muslim thinkers have long argued that it is not the religion but patriarchal interpretation and implementation of the Quran that have kept women oppressed in Muslim societies. Despite much Qur'anic evidence about the significant place of women, gender reform in Muslim society has been obstinately resisted. This course highlights this conflict through arguments made by Muslim and other scholars who emphasize that, the Qur'an gives both men and women equal rights but has been largely misinterpreted by male interpreters throughout history. As Nimat Barazangi (2004) stated: from a Qur'anic perspective, "a woman is a primary principle in the human pair of male and female," as is also evident in the Qur'anic story of Creation. What does the Qur'an specifically say about women? Why has personal status law been the most resistant to reform in Muslim societies? What are the root causes of this conflict between what the Qur'an states and the reality of Muslim women in society? This course examines all these issues including the question: why has the authority to interpret 'religious' texts been exclusive to male religious elites? The course will also highlight Muslim women scholars' argument that nothing will change in the condition of Muslim women, and Muslim society in general, "unless women are recognized as having the same authority to interpret the Qur'an and to discover within its revelations an inherent affirmation of gender equality." The course will also discuss challenges facing such claims reflected in the reality of Muslim women's conditions in some Muslim societies.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course students will have demonstrable knowledge of the Arabic Literature of the Qur'an and scholarly studies on women in Islam and will be able to synthesize literary and cultural concepts to apply them to research in literature, culture, history or religion. Students will further have the educational tools to deconstruct misconceptions about women in Islam.

Syllabus Information

As has been the case in academia, the syllabus is regarded as a contract between the student and the professor. It includes the requirements for taking the course and the professor's expectations of your performance and behavior during the course. In return, the professor will honor the specifications of the course as outlined in this syllabus.

Required Reading

- Wadud, Amina. Qur'an and Woman: Re-Reading the Sacred Text from a Woman's Perspective. Oxford University Press, 1999.
- Barazangi, Nimat Hafez. Woman's Identity and the Quran: A New Reading. University Press of Florida, 2004.
- Barlas, Asma. Believing Women in Islam: Un-Reading Patriarchal Interpretations of the Qur'an. University of Texas Press, 2002.
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- The Quran (you don't need to buy the Book since you can access chapters relevant to our discussions through Yusuf Ali's translation of the Quran online at): http://mcleanministries.com/YusufAli/html/5010/index.toc.html
- Course reader: articles by Riffat Hassan will be available late in January for your reference.

Background Reading (Optional)

- Ahmed, Leila. Women and Gender in Islam: Historical Roots of a Modern Debate. Yale University Press, 1992.
- Badran, Margot. "Feminism and the Quran," in *The Encyclopedia of the Qur'an*, Vol. 2. ed. Jane Dammen McAuliffe. Leiden, the Netherlands: Koninlklije Brill n.v., 2002.
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- Stowassar, Barbara. Women in the Qur'an, Traditions and Interpretation. Oxford University Press, 1994.
- Mernissi, Fatima. The Veil and the Male Elite: A Feminist Interpretation of Women's Rights in Islam. Addison-Wesley, 1991.

Course Structure

This course is divided into 15 weekly units detailed below. The units will be uploaded weekly on the Weekly Units Section of Blackboard; some assignments will be available in Assignments Sections. Each unit will include the reading and other assignments, exam information, due dates, etc., for a given week. Please follow the syllabus, Blackboard, and email communication carefully.

Course Requirements and Grading System

Grades for each assignment will be posted under the grades section on Blackboard throughout the semester.

Weekly Responses and Participation in Discussion 20%

See the Discussion Board and Responses section below for requirements and further details.

Book Review 20%

See the Blackboard for requirements and further details.

Midterm Exam 20%

See the Blackboard for requirements and further details.

Final Research Paper 40%

The research paper will be on a related course topic, and will be 10 - 15 pages in length. Follow Blackboard for description of all papers.

Grading Scale:

97%-100%	A+	83%-86%	В	60%-69%	D
93%-96%	Α	80%-82%	B-	59%-0%	E
90%-92%	A-	75%-79%	C+		
87%-89%	B+	70%-74%	С		

Discussion Board Responses

You are required to read thoroughly; do not just skim over the text. After you carefully read the weekly assigned chapters, watch documentaries, or do any other assigned material for a given week, you are required to respond by posting your weekly comments (300 words approximately—see description below). The professor reads these comments and responds whenever needed; then a highly respectful discussion ensues. Students have ample time to frame their questions and consider the responses. In addition to the most important objective of learning and expanding your knowledge, an online class also offers the pleasure of getting to know and interact with fellow students who share your interest in the subject of the class. Respect is the key word in our Discussion Board and, hence, students must refrain from using disrespectful language as they address others. Rather than arguing or debating, it would be helpful and useful to listen and respect each others' ideas even when you disagree with someone. There will be disagreements no doubt about that, but even this can be quite positive when you deal with it respectfully as you respond to each other. You earn full credit for this assignment by participating regularly (every week). Missing a week or more of participation will certainly hurt your grade as you lose points.

Description of Discussion Board Responses

Based on the above description, you are required to write a short weekly Response of about 300 words approximately on the reading/other material assigned for a given week, and post your response on the Discussion Board section. Your response should reflect your grasp of the reading and your thoughts related to the chapters you have read for that week and/or documentary you have watched, etc. Your response may have a central idea and support for that idea through providing short quotes from the readings (including page numbers) or references to other materials assigned. You should not summarize the text; instead you should explain what new ideas or feelings you experienced from reading a text or watching a documentary. All responses are due by **Tuesday** to allow for a meaningful discussion throughout the week.

Other Class Requirements

- Readings and Participation: Do all assigned readings ahead and be prepared to discuss them on the weekly Discussion Board.
- Attendance and Expected Class Behavior: As this is an Internet course, you will be in "attendance" (good standing) as long as you actively participate in all assignments. Please do all your assignments by their due dates and you will enjoy the class and earn your grades.

Participation Policy

Students are responsible for coordinating with the professor at least one week in advance of a class or assignment due date in the case of accommodations needed for university-sanctioned religious practices or activities. Please refer to the following ASU policies: <u>ACD 304–04</u> "Accommodations for Religious Practices." and <u>ACD 304–02</u> "Missed Classes Due to University-Sanctioned Activities."

Technology Use Policy

It is the students' responsibility to have appropriate computing/technology resources to complete assignments as necessary and to avoid any delays or problems with completing assignments, fulfilling course objectives and requirements, and communicating. Students should review all course information and familiarize themselves with Blackboard. Students should also plan accordingly to assure no delays in submitting assignments on time. Students are expected to use appropriate internet etiquette on all correspondence and submissions.

Academic Honesty Policy

In Accordance with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Arizona State University Policy, Academic Honesty is the standard of the course. Academic honesty is expected of all students in all examinations, papers, and laboratory work, academic transactions and records. The possible sanctions include, but are not limited to, appropriate grade penalties, course failure (indicated on the transcript as a grade of E), course failure due to academic dishonesty (indicated on the transcript as a grade of XE), loss of registration privileges, disqualification and dismissal. For more information, see http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity.

Against Threatening Behavior Policy

All incidents and allegations of violent or threatening conduct by an ASU student (whether on-or off campus) must be reported to the ASU Police Department (ASU PD) and the Office of the Dean of Students. If either office determines that the behavior poses or has posed a serious threat to personal safety or to the welfare of the campus, the student will not be permitted to return to campus or reside in any ASU residence hall until an appropriate threat assessment has been completed and, if necessary, conditions for return are imposed. ASU PD, the Office of the Dean of Students, and other appropriate offices will coordinate the assessment in light of the relevant circumstances.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that reasonable accommodations be provided for students with physical, sensory, cognitive, systematic, learning, and psychiatric disabilities. Students who feel they will need disability accommodations in this class but have not registered with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) should contact DRC immediately. The DRC Tempe office is located on the first floor of the Matthews Center Building. DRC staff can also be reached at: (480) 965-1234 For information, visit: **(V)** or (480)965-9000 (TTY). additional www.asu.edu/studentaffairs/ed/drc. Please notify your Professor at the beginning of the semester to discuss any such accommodations for this class in coordination with the ASU DRC coordinator.

Weekly Schedule

Based on the development of class, this schedule may slightly change and it will be your responsibility to monitor class closely to know what changes have been made.

Week 1 - Introduction

- Introduce yourself to class on the online Discussion Board.
- Watch the background Documentary: Islam: An Empire of Faith http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzpbmRMSZnc&feature=PlayList&p=7F6F5604506762D1&playnext=1&index=2
- Watch the PBS short documents posted on Discussion Board
- Complete responses and discussion on Discussion Board

Week 2

- Reading Assignment: Amina Wadud Part I Quran and Woman: Re-Reading the Sacred Text from a Woman's Perspective
 - o "Introduction: How Perceptions of Woman Influence Interpretation of the Quran."
 - o Chapter 1, "In the Beginning Man and Woman were Equal: Human Creation in the Quran."
 - Chapter 2, "The Quranic View of Woman in This World."
- View PowerPoint Lecture on Wadud
- Complete responses and discussion on Discussion Board

Week 3

- Reading Assignment: Amina Wadud Part II
 - o Chapter 3 "The Equity of Recompense: the Hereafter in the Quran."
 - o Chapter 4 "Rights and Roles of Women: Some Controversies."
 - o Conclusion
- Reading Assignment: Relevant Parts of Chapter 58 in the Quran: "She Who Pleads" (al-Mujādilah).
- Complete responses and discussion on Discussion Board

Week 4

- Reading Assignment: Nimat Barazangi Part I Woman's Identity and the Quran: A New Reading
 - o Chapter 1, "Pedagogical Reading of the Quran.
 - o Chapter 2, "The Religio-Moral-Rational Characteristics of the Quran and the Story of Creation."
 - o Chapter 3, "Autonomous Morality and the Principle of Modesty."
- View PowerPoint Lecture on Barazangi
- Complete responses and discussion on Discussion Board

Week 5

- Reading Assignment: Nimat Barazangi Part II
 - o Chapter 4, "Gender Equality and Equilibrium."
 - o Chapter 5, "Self-Identity and Self-Learning: A Shift in Curriculum Development."
 - o Conclusion, "Where Do We Go from Here?"
- Reading Assignment: relevant parts from the Qur'an TBA
- Complete responses and discussion on Discussion Board

Week 6 - Comparing Wadud and Barazangi

- Having studied Amina Wadud and Nimat Barazangi for the past two weeks, your response for this week should be on comparing their arguments highlighting similarities and/or differences in their approaches.
- · Complete responses and discussion on Discussion Board

Week 7

- · Reading Assignment relevant parts from the Qur'an including:
 - o Chapter 4 on women (An-Nisā)
 - o Relevant parts of Chapter 65 on divorce
 - o Verses from Chapter 24: Al-Nūr (The Light) on the hijāb/veil.

Available at: http://mcleanministries.com/YusufAli/html/5010/index.toc.html

- · Complete responses and discussion on Discussion Board
- Complete midterm exam (multiple choice)

Week 8

- Watch the "Women of Islam" interview with Dr. Ingrid Mattson: Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian/Muslim Relations, Hartford Seminary
 - o Faculty profile: http://www.hartsem.edu/FACULTY/mattson.htm
 - o 1 of 4: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCwfFepY4Xc&feature=related
 - o 2 of 4: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5LpMjGZvrgQ&feature=related
 - 3 of 4: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPOcxBOYLBE&NR=1
 - o 4 of 4: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8YBQXdKxTs&feature=related
- Watch video (if available from ASU Libraries): Interview with Harvard Professor Dr. Leila Ahmed (Harvard Divinity School and Women's Studies) on Women in Islam (optional this week but required for week 12)
- Complete responses and discussion on Discussion Board

Week 9

- Reading Assignment: Asma Barlas Part I: "Believing Women in Islam: Un-Reading Patriarchal Interpretations of the Quran"
 - o Chapter 1, "The Quran and Muslim Women: Reading Patriarchy, Reading Liberation."
 - o Chapter 2, "Texts and Textualities: the Quran, Tafsir, and Hadith."
 - o Chapter 3, "Intertextualities, Extratextual Contexts: the Sunnah, Shari'ah and the State."
- View the PowerPoint Lecture on Barlas
- Complete responses and discussion on Discussion Board

Week 10

- Reading Assignments: Asma Barlas Part II
 - Chapter 4, "the Patriarchal Imaginary of Father/s: Divine Ontology and the Prophet."
 Chapter 5, "The Quran, Sex/Gender, and Sexuality: Sameness, Difference, Equality."
 - o Chapter 6, "Family and Marriage: Retrieving the Quran's Egalitarianism."
 - Chapter 7, "Postscript."
- Complete responses and discussion on Discussion Board

Week 11

- · Reading Assignment: Riffat Hassan's articles from the Course Reader
- View the PowerPoint Lecture on Riffat Hassan
- Watch in ASU Hayden Library:

- DVD: Interview with Riffat Hassan (Bill Moyers)
- Video (if available): Interview with Harvard Professor Dr. Leila Ahmed (Harvard Divinity School and Women's Studies) on Women in Islam
- · Complete responses and discussion on Discussion Board
- Submit book review

Spring Break: No class: Have a nice Spring Break.

Week 12

- Reading Assignment: relevant readings from the Qur'an (TBA)
- Reading Assignment: Articles TBA
- View the PowerPoint Lecture -- The Veil Revisited: The Politics of the Veil--Conservative versus Liberal Views
- Complete responses and discussion on Discussion Board

Week 13

- Reading Assignment: Syed Mohammed Ali Part I Mohammed Ali's, The Position of Women in Islam: A Progressive View; Introduction and Chapters 1 6, "Role of Quran and Hadith in Islamic Law;" "Reward and Punishment of the Sexes;" "Origin of Men and Women According to the Quran; "Assessment of Some Alleged Sayings of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)"; "Rules of Marriage in Islamic Law."
- View PowerPoint Lecture on S. M. Ali
- · Complete responses and discussion on Discussion Board

Week 14

- Reading Assignment: Syed Mohammed Ali Part II Chapters 7 12, Islamic Laws on: Position of Husband and Wife; Marriage Dissolution; Custody of Children; Financial and Economic Provisions for Women: Women as Witnesses; Women in Politics.
- Reading Assignment: relevant parts from the Qur'an
- · Complete responses and discussion on Discussion Board

Week 15

- Course Review
- Class Get Together TBA
- Submit final research paper

Important Notice

Based on the development of class, this schedule may slightly change and it will be your responsibility to monitor class closely to know what changes have been made.

Holidays and breaks (no classes on the following holidays and breaks):

Labor Day: September 4th

• Fall Break: October 7-10

• Veterans Day: November 10

Thanksgiving: November 23-24

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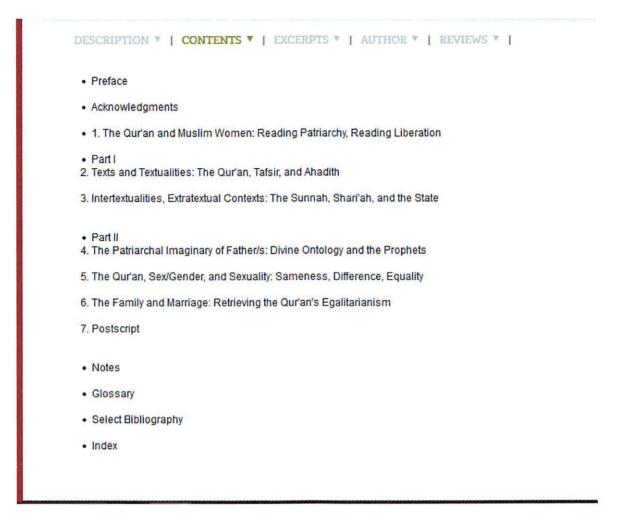
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66) Tahreem	67) Mulk	68) Qalam	69) Haqqa	70) Ma'arij	
71) Nooh	72) Jinn	73) Muzzammil	74) Muddaththir	75) Qiyaama	
76) Dahr	77) Mursalaat	78) Naba	79) Naaze'aat	80) Abas	
81) Takweer	82) Infitaar	83) Mutaffifeen	84) Inshiqaq	85) Burooj	
86) Tariq	87) A'la	88) Ghaashiya	89) Fajr	90) Balad	
91) Shams	92) Lail	93) Dhuhaa	94) Sharh	95) Teen	
96) 'Alaq	97) Qadr	98) Baiyina	99) Zalzala	100) Aadiyaat	
101) Al-Qariya	102) Takaathur	103) 'Asr	104) Humaza	105) Feel	
106) Quraish	107) Ma'oon	108) Kauthar	109) Kaafiroon	110) Nasr	
111) Lahab	112) Ikhlaas	113) Falaq	114) Naas		

ARB 341 - Quran Text and Women

Course description: Addresses Muslim women scholars' argument that it is not the religion but the patriarchal interpretation of the Quran that have kept Muslim women oppressed.

Enrollment requirements: None

Offered by: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Class Details

Fees: \$30 course fee iCourse fee: \$50

Books: View books for this class

Additional Class Details

Units: 3 Repeatable for credit: No General Studies: No

Component: Lecture Session: Session C Dates: 1/11/2016 - 4/29/2016 Last day to enroll: January 17, 2016 Drop deadline: January 17, 2016

Course withdrawal deadline: April 03, 2016

Instruction Mode: Internet

Reserved Seat Information

Seats in this class have been reserved for students in the specified programs, majors or groups listed below. Reserved seats are subject to change without notice.

Reserved Groups	Reserved Available Seats	Students Enrolled	Total Seats Reserved	Reserved Until	
On-campus students	0	22	20	n/a	

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