This two unit version of the Law in the Muslim World course will survey a selection of the various types of laws existing in the nearly 60 countries of the Muslim world. The subjects will include: Islamic law; unwritten customary law; civil law, including constitutional and criminal law; international human rights law, particularly women’s rights, and a case study on the right to self-determination; and public international law relating to terrorism. We will emphasize recent developments in the Middle East since spring 2011 as well.

TEXT

The photocopied supplement is the main text.

COURSE EVALUATION –this class is not on the Iowa curve

1. There will be a take home open book essay exam distributed at the end of the course, which will count for 30% of the final grade. The exam will be typed.

2. There will be a simulation that will count for 30% of your grade. It will involve a role play concerning a timely issue in the Muslim world.

3. Class participation will count for 30% of the final grade. It includes regular timely class attendance and preparation, as well as active contribution to class discussion. Comments should evidence a mastery of the readings.

4. Each student will sign up to present two substantive questions for class discussion based on one hour’s reading. If there is more than one student signed up for an hour, it is okay to discuss potential questions together as long as each person submits separate questions. The questions should be emailed to me before the class begins for the day. This assignment is worth 10% of your final grade. STUDENTS SHOULD REVIEW THE SYLLABUS BEFORE CLASS STARTS AND BE PREPARED TO SIGN UP FOR HRS 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, or 19. THE SYLLABUS WILL BE CIRCULATED PRIOR TO THE START OF CLASS.

5. Any student needing accommodations to comply with the requirements or examination for this course should contact me.
ASSIGNMENTS

The hours listed for each reading are approximate. You should definitely be prepared for that hour, even though we might not discuss the reading assigned till several hours later, depending on the flow of class commentary.

Hour 1-4  Introductory material, Introduction to Islamic Law, Islam and Power

Introduction to the course
Elements of a Legal system
Membership list of The Organization of Islamic Conference Member States, Supp. pg. 1
Islam-guide.com: What is the Quran about? Supp. pg. 5
Who is the Prophet Mohammed? Supp. pg. 6
What are the Five Pillars of Islam? Supp. pg. 8
Islamic jurisprudence sources, Islamic schools
Islamophobia

Hour 5  Constitutional Law and Democracy

Syria 2012 Constitution – pick out provisions to discuss in advance, compare to the US constitution, Supp. pg. 12

Hour 6

Human Rights Watch, Syria (2016), Supp. pg. 38

Hour 7  Criminal Law


Human Rights Watch, Afghanistan (2016), Supp. pg. 64

Hour 8  International Human Rights: General --please review and pick out selected provisions to discuss

Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), Supp. pg. 71
Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam (1990), Supp. pg. 77
Arab Charter on Human Rights (2004), Supp. pg. 82

Hour 9

Human Rights Watch, Iraq (2016), Supp. pg. 104
Human Rights Watch, Egypt (2016), Supp. pg. 110
Human Rights Watch, Turkey (2016), Supp. pg. 119
Hour 10 & 11 International Human Rights: Women

Hour 12

Hour 13 International Human Rights: Minorities
Benjamin Carter, Removing the Offending Member, Iran and the Sex Change or Die Option as the Alternative to the Death Sentencing of Homosexuals, 14 J. GENDER RACE & JUST. 797 (2011), Supp.pg. 187

Hour 14

Hour 15 International Human Rights: The Right of Self Determination
Human Rights Watch, Israel/Palestine (2017), Supp. pg. 248

Hour 16

Hour 17
Human Rights Watch, Tunisia (2016), Supp. pg. 300

Hour 18
Adrien Wing & Hisham Kassim, Hamas, Constitutionalism, and Palestinian Women, 50 HOW. L. J. 479 (2007), Supp. pg. 306
Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian & Adrien Wing, Violence Against Palestinian Women in the West Bank, in COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (Leigh Goodmark et al. eds., Oxford Press 2015), Supp. 333

Hour 19 Public International Law: Terrorism
Islam-guide.com, What does Islam say about Terrorism, Supp. pg. 345

**Hour 20**
Finish readings, presentations

**Hour 21-24**
simulation

**Hour 25 & 26**
finish simulation
review for final
further questions
course evaluations

Distribute take home final exam