

101340	History of Early Islam and The Umayyad State	(3 credit hours)	(prerequisite -)
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This course expects the student to reach some historic conclusions that highlight the importance of studying this foundational era in the Arab-Islamic history. It sheds light on the Islamic call and spread in Mecca and Medina, the organization of the Islamic state in the era of Prophet Muhammad, the policy of the Prophet Muhammad in spreading the Islamic call inside and outside the Hijaz, the wars of apostasy and false prophets, and the issue of the succession of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him. It also traces the conquests in the era of the Rashidun Caliphs and the administrative, financial, religious, and military organization of the state. The course finally draws focus to the Umayyad dynasty, the evolution of the caliphate system in its era, the policies of the Umayyads in the consolidation of their power, their stand on the opposition movements of the Kharijites, Shiites and the Shu'ubiyah, Islamic conquests during their era, and the multi-faceted role of the Umayyads in the Islamic cultural and civilizational achievements as their accomplishments are considered a landmark in the Arab-Islamic history.