

**Department of History & Pakistan Studies**  
**Arts & Humanities**  
**University of the Punjab, Lahore**  
**Course Outline**



<b>Programme</b>	BS History	<b>Course Code</b>	HIS/401	<b>Credit Hours</b>	3
<b>Course Title</b>	<b>History of Umayyads &amp; Abbasids (661-1258)</b>				
<b>Course Introduction</b>					
The period of Umayyads and Abbasid dynasty is the classical period of Islamic History. After the end of Pious Caliphate, they laid the foundations of intellectual and cultural effervescence of Islamic civilization. Besides studying cultural and intellectual currents of the period, this course also deals with the administrative setup and political ideals of the ruling families.					
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>					
On the completion of the course, the students will know:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understand the transformation from Khilafat-e-Rashida to autocratic / monarchical system of government.</li> <li>2. Comprehend the administrative setup and expansionist policies pursued by the Umayyads &amp; Abbasides.</li> <li>3. Appreciate the religio-political trends and cultural and intellectual developments of the period.</li> </ol>					
<b>Course Content</b>					<b>Assignments/Readings</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	❖ <b>Umayyad Caliphate:</b>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amir Muawiya: Domestic and Foreign policy, Consolidation of Power and Administration, His Character and Achievements.</li> </ul>				
<b>Week 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nomination of Yazid and His Autocratic Rule, Resistance of Hazrat Imam Hussain and the Tragedy of Karbala, Its Effects on Islamic History.</li> </ul>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marwan: Battle of Marij-e-Rahit, His Internal Policy and Consolidation of Power.</li> </ul>				
<b>Week 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abdul Malik: Consolidation of his Power, His Character and Administrative Reforms, Abdullah bin Zubair &amp; his Rule, Character.</li> </ul>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walid: His Conquests and their Effects, Internal Policy and Character.</li> </ul>				
<b>Week 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sulaiman: His Character and Achievements.</li> </ul>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hazrat Umar Bin Abdul Aziz: His Early Life, His Accession, Administrative and Religious Reforms, His Character.</li> </ul>				

<b>Week 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hasham: His Literary Taste, His Estimate.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Causes of the Decline of the Umayyad Rule.</li> </ul>	
<b>Week 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration: Central and Provincial Administration, Judiciary and Military System.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culture: Literature, Architecture, Music, Education.</li> </ul>	
<b>Week 7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relations of the Umayyads with the Western World.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Abbasid Caliphate:</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Week 8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abbasides and their Movement, their Accession to Power. Character of Abbasides.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caliph Al-Saffah: His Character and Rule.</li> </ul>	
<b>Week 9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abu Jafar al-Mansur: His Political Policy, Character and Achievements.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mehdi: Emergence of the Zindiqs, Administrative Policy, His Estimate.</li> </ul>	
<b>Week 10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harun-ur-Rashid: Barmaki Family, Its Rise and Fall, Intellectual Development, Character and Achievement.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mamun: Struggle with Amin, Cultural and Intellectual Achievements</li> </ul>	
<b>Week 11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Al-Mutasim: Mutazilites and Tussle with Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal, Rise of the Turks.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Al-Wathiq: Revolt of the Arabs, Murder of Ahmad bin Nasr.</li> </ul>	
<b>Week 12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Al-Mutawakkel: Relations with the Turks, His Religions Policy, Character.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of the Buwaihids and the Seljuqs.</li> </ul>	
<b>Week 13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cause of the Downfall of the Abbasids.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central and Provincial Administration, Judiciary and Military Systems.</li> </ul>	
<b>Week 14</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mutazillites and Asharites.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Architecture, Paintings Culture, Art, Music.</li> </ul>	
<b>Week 15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relations of the Abbasides with the West.</li> </ul>	
<b>Week 16</b>		

## Textbooks and Reading Material

### 1. Textbooks.

Holt, P.M.

Cambridge History of Islam

تاریخ اسلام (جلد دوم و سوم - نوامیہ و نوح عباس)

شاہ معین الدین احمد ندوی

### 2. Suggested Readings

Ameer Ali, Syed.

The Spirit of Islam

Aslam, M.

Muslim Conduct of State

Hourani, Albert.

A History of Arab People

Imamuddin, S. M.

A Political History of the Muslims

Mahmud, S. F.

A Short History of Islam

Rostenthal, Franz.

The Classical Heritage in Islam

Siddiqi, Amir Hasan.

Cultural Centres of Islam

Watt, Montgomery.

The Majesty That was Islam

Wellhausen, J.

Arab Empire and its Fall.

المأمون

شبلی نعمانی

اکامل فی التاریخ

ابن اثیر

تاریخ طبری

ابن جریر طبری

البراکہ

عبد العزیز کانپوری

تاریخ دعوت و عزیمت (حصہ اول)

سید ابوالحسن علی ندوی

تاریخی مقالات

محمد اسلم

مسلمانوں کے فنون

ایم ایس ڈیمنڈ (مترجم - شیخ عنایت اللہ)

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## Teaching Learning Strategies

1. Weekly Lectures
2. Term Papers
3. Review Essay of selected chapter/article from the reading list
4. Presentations
5. Book Review

## Assignments: Types and Number with Calendar

1. Book Review---- 4<sup>th</sup> Week (5 Marks)
2. Review Essay--- 8<sup>th</sup> Week. (5 Marks)
3. Term Paper-----16<sup>th</sup> week (10 Marks)

## Assessment

Sr. No.	Elements	Weightage	Details
1.	Midterm Assessment	35%	Written Assessment at the mid-point of the semester.
2.	Formative Assessment	25%	Continuous assessment includes: Classroom participation, assignments, presentations, viva voce, attitude and behavior, hands-on-activities, short tests, projects, practical, reflections, readings, quizzes etc.
3.	Final Assessment	40%	Written Examination at the end of the semester. It is mostly in the form of a test, but owing to the nature of the course the teacher may assess their students based on term paper, research proposal development, field work and report writing etc.