

## **HIS/138: History of the Ottoman Empire (1288-1924)**

### **Brief Description:**

Being placed at the center of the three continents of the world – Asia, Africa and Europe – the Ottoman Empire occupied a special place in Islamic history. The course deals with the origin, growth and decline of this Empire. The study of administrative structures and cultural achievements of the Ottomans is a special feature of this course.

### **1. Aims & Objectives:**

After studying this course, the students will be able to:

- Comprehend the territorial growth and political developments in the Ottoman Empire.
- Understand the achievements of the Ottomans in the fields of education, art and culture
- Appreciate their military and naval administration and achievements

### **2. Contents:**

- ❖ Advent of Ottoman Turks in Anatolia and foundation of the Empire by Osman.
- ❖ Aurkhan : Establishment of the Empire.
- ❖ Murad I : Battle of Kasowa.
- ❖ Bayazid Yildirim: Battle of Angora.
- ❖ Muhammad I : Consolidation of the Empire.
- ❖ Muhammad II : Conquest of Constantinople.
- ❖ Salim I : Conquest of the Middle East, Establishment of the Khilafat.
- ❖ Sulaiman the Magnificent : His achievements and administration.
- ❖ Later Sultans : This period will be studied under the following heads:
- ❖ Different Reforms, Eastern Question, Young Turks Movement.
- ❖ Central and Provincial Administration
- ❖ Causes of the downfall of the Ottoman Empire.

### **3. Basic Readings:**

Shaw, Kural and Shaw, Staford. History of the Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey 2 Vols.  
Muhammad Aziz. Daulat-i-Usmania

### **4. Additional Readings:**

Harold Lamb Suleman the Magnificent.  
Peter Mansfield The Ottoman Empire and its Successors.  
Cassels, Lavender The Struggle for the Ottoman Empire, 1707-1740.  
Gibbons, H. A. &  
Shaw, Stanford J. Foundation of the Ottoman Empire.  
Muhammad Aziz. Tarkan-i-Usmania.

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