

HISU-495: Prophethood in the Bible and In the Qur'an

The proposed team taught course has an impressive syllabus with critical readings that would be of great benefit to the students as they become more informed about how the ancient concept and office of the Prophet had a great impact on shaping aspects of ancient and modern Civilizations. The course explores the identity, function, and legacy of the prophets in Islamic and Christian tradition. Much of our work in this course will involve a close comparative exploration of the way Bible and Qur'an render shared characters and narrative scenarios. We will compare, isolate, and analyze their similarities and differences with a view toward unpacking their broader significance. Prophets include but will not necessarily be limited to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Elijah, Jesus, Mary, and Muhammad. Careful attention will also be given to the cultural issues surrounding the generation and promulgation of competing character profiles within kindred scriptures, as well as to the development of textuality as a marker of authority. This course is also considered the cornerstone of the field of interreligious studies and dialogue.

Credits: 3

Program: Historical Studies