

An Introduction to

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and Muslims through History and Scripture

This 10-part course will approach Islam from a historical and scriptural perspective, covering the foundations of the religion and then building on the economic, political and cultural institutions that arose in Muslim societies. The course spans the past to the present and will help participants better understand and give a context for current Islamic relationships and events.

Topics covered in this course include:



- Religious Beliefs and Practices
- Sources and Samples of Scripture
- Jesus in the Qur'an
- Islamic Political and Economic System
- Gender & Islam
- The Golden Age
- Post Golden Age: Decline and Reform Movements and US Involvement in the Muslim World

The instructor, Iftekhhar Hussain, is a practicing Muslim, an international business professional, and a U.S. citizen who has lived in Pennsylvania for 18 years. In his role as Chair of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Pennsylvania (CAIR Pennsylvania), he has taught this course in various Christian church settings, a synagogue and interfaith locations. There are no required readings, although recommendations are provided to those who wish them. The class is informal in style and rich in dialogue.

This class will be offered on **Sundays beginning January 25th**. There is no charge, but **prior registration** is requested. Please sign up for the time and location that is best for you but if you have a conflict, feel free to attend the alternate class.

Your choice of two locations and times!

→ **Sunday afternoons, 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester, 501 S. High Street, West Chester, www.ufwc.org To register, email Islam-class@ufwc.org or call class coordinator, Cyndy Bullaughey, 610-793-2370.

→ **Sunday evenings, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

Grove United Methodist Church, 490 West Boot Road, West Chester, www.grovechurch.org To register, email logistics coordinator Arlene Rengert, arengert@gmail.com or call information to Grove's Direction of Education, Patti Klotz, 610/696-2663