

**DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF KERALA**

M.Phil. Programme in Islamic History

Syllabus

(Under Credit and Semester System w.e.f 2016 Admissions)

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Programme Objectives :

- To inculcate in the students what constitutes research and the various aspects related to the research methodology.
- To make the students experts in data collection relating to the subject.
- To make students adept regarding the review of literature.
- To make students objective, analytical and scientific with regard to research.

Structure of the Programme :

Semester	Course Code	Name of the Course	No. of Credits
I	ISH-711	Research Methodology	4
	ISH-712	Islam in Kerala – History and Culture	4
	ISH-713	Special Paper- Area Study Connected with the Dissertation	4
II	ISH-721	Dissertation	20
Total Credits			32

Semester : **I**
Course Code : **ISH - 711**
Course Title : **Research Methodology**
Credits : **4**

Aim : It intends to expose students to areas of critical and objective thinking and introduce the students to current research issues. After the completion of the course, the students are expected to be imbued with a correct historical sense.

Course Objectives : The course will consist of lectures which would give the students a thorough understanding of historical method and research methodology. This would help them to identify the research problem, formulate hypothesis and have critical thinking and analysis.

Course Content

Module I: History: Its Nature and Scope

Definition of History - Nature and Uses of History - The Scope and Kinds of History - History and Other Social Sciences - Periodisation of History

Module II : Historical Method

Historical Method: Need and definition - Stages of Historical Method: Search for Sources- Analysis of Sources-Problem of Authenticity or External Criticism - Problem of Credibility or Internal Criticism - Positive and Negative Criticism - Problem of Synthetic Operation- Exposition

Module III : Principles of Thesis Writing

Principles of Thesis Writing: Requirements- Book reports, Journal article reports, Book reviews, Journal article reviews, Term papers and Dissertations- Planning of Thesis Writing: Selection of the problem- Sources- Reviewing the literature- Designing the Study- The Chapter outline - Sources: Classification- Primary or Original and Secondary: published and unpublished- Pre-historic and Historic Sources- Fossils- Palaeolithic and Neolithic tools and Weapons- Drawings and Paintings- Skeletal remains- Tombs, monuments, pottery, coins, seals, epigraphs, oral traditions, Legends, Myths, Diaries, Chronicles, memoirs, travelogues, Maps, Manuscripts, News Papers etc.

Module IV: Writing the Thesis

Writing the Thesis: Researching the subject, organizing materials into the concept of event- Choosing a topic- Note taking- Use of foot notes, Use of proper titles and introduction- Paragraphs and its structuring- An effective conclusion- Synthesis and Interpretation - Division of Page and Chapter

Module V : Quotations and Footnotes

When, what and how to quote- purpose, placement, forms, uses, intellectual honesty and plagiarism. - Bibliography: Importance and purpose, Categorization, Alphabetical and Chronological order

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Semester : 1
Course Code : ISH - 712
Course Title : Islam in Kerala – History and Culture
Credits : 4

Aim : The course aims at familiarizing the students with the history of the origin and spread of Islam in Kerala, and the influence exerted by the Muslims to bring about a composite culture in Kerala.

Course Objectives : Apart from providing a comprehensive and descriptive analysis of the origin and spread of Islam in Kerala, it throws light on the role of Kerala Muslims in the anti-colonial and freedom struggles and the socio-political, religious and educational conditions of Muslims in Kerala.

Course Content

Module I: Advent of Islam in Kerala

Kerala- Arab relations- Genesis and Spread of Islam in Kerala- the Cheraman Perumal Tradition- Outcome of Arab Muslim influence.

Module II: The Portuguese invasion and its impact

Advent of the Portuguese- Vasco-da-Gama-Conflict with the Portuguese- Zamorin of Calicut- Rise and fall of Kunjali Marakkar- The critical effects of the Portuguese invasion on Muslims.

Module III: The Mysore Rulers and its Impact on Kerala

Kerala under Hyder Ali and Tippu Sultan- Change in Muslim condition and activities- The Agrarian situation- Social changes and reforms- Religious policy of Tippu Sultan

Module IV: British Domination and Muslim Debacle

The British period- Muslim decline- Anti British struggle- Mappila uprisings: 1836-1921- Malabar rebellion of 1921- Muslim attitude to Western Culture

Module V: Intellectuals, their Contributions to Anti-Colonial Struggles, reform movements and educational activities

Maqdums of Ponnai- Mamburam Sayyid Alavi Thangal, Fasal Pookoya Thangal, Makthi Thangal- Chalilakath Kunjahammad Haji- Hamadani Thangal- Vakkom Maulavi - Jamaat-e-Islami-Muslim League-MES-The development of Muslim education- Mappila literature

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Semester : 1
Course Code : ISH - 713
Course Title : Special Paper – Area Study Connected with the Dissertation
Credits : 4

Aim : The areas of research comprises problems which are either international or national or those related to the State of Kerala. It is aimed at making the students thorough with Islamic History and the current problems related to Islam and Islamic Countries.

Course Objectives : The candidates will be required to take any one of the topics given below or a similar topic chosen by the candidate and approved by the M.Phil Committee for a dissertation. The special paper will cover a large area of the dissertation. It would enable the students to have an objective view of the various strands in Islamic history.

The candidate will be required to take any one of the topics given below or a similar topic chosen by the candidate and approved by the M.Phil Committee for a Dissertation. The special paper will cover a larger area of the Dissertation.

Course Content

1. The Palestinian Problem
2. Influence of Islam on Kerala Society and Culture
3. Sufism in Kerala
4. The Khilafat Movement and its Impact in Kerala
5. The Muslim League and its Influence in Kerala
6. Rise and Spread of Islam in Kerala
7. The Role of Kerala Muslims in the fight against Foreign domination
8. Educational Development of the Muslims of Kerala
9. Ali Rajas of Cannanore
10. Muslim Expansion in South India (13th to 18th Centuries)
11. The Mappila Outbreaks in the 19th Century- An Anti-Colonial Movement
12. Mappilappattus as a source of social history of Mappilas
13. Sufism in Kerala
14. Social Reform Movement among Kerala Muslims
15. Vakkom Moulavi
16. Abdur Rahman Sahib- His Role in the Freedom Movement
17. Seethi Sahib
18. Rise of the Muslim League in Kerala
19. C.H. Muhammad Koya- The Man and His Times
20. Movement and the Mappilas
21. Role of Muslims in the Movement for Responsible Govt. in Travancore
22. Development of Muslim Education in Travancore

23. Role of the Ulama in the fight against foreign domination
24. Development of Muslim Education in Kerala since Independence
25. MES and its contribution to the Development of Mappila Education
26. Political Resurgence of Kerala Muslims in the 20th Century
27. The Salafi Movement in Kerala
28. Social Change among Kerala Muslims in the 19th and 20th Centuries
29. Promotion of Learning in Medieval India
30. The Aligarh Movement
31. Social change among Muslim Women in Kerala in the 19th and 20th centuries

Semester : **II**
Course Code : **ISH - 721**
Course Title : **Dissertation**
Credits : **20**

Aim:

It is aimed at making the students aware of writing a dissertation and the various elements which go into the making of a good dissertation.

Objectives:

It is intended to inculcate in the students a scientific and objective outlook with regard to a research problem.