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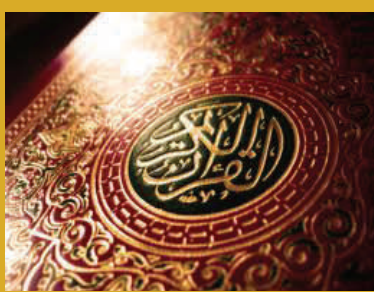
INTRODUCTION TO THE QUR'AN

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Considered the Word of God by Muslims, the Qur'an is the scriptural foundation of Islam and the source of spiritual inspiration as well as legal, social, and moral teachings. This course will introduce the Qur'an as both sacred object and historical artifact and will explore the significance it occupies in the Islamic tradition. Among the Qur'anic themes to be considered are: eschatology and the afterlife; stories of earlier prophets such as Adam, Noah, and Abraham; images of Jesus and Mary; legislation; and the role of women. The Qur'an's enactment through recitation – whether in daily prayers, gatherings in shops or homes, or to treat illness – will also be examined, for it is through recitation that believers affirm their dedication to God and Islam.

This course will also acquaint students with the many critical debates associated with the Qur'an, its collection and codification.

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