



2010 JANUARY TERM ABROAD

Islam and Its Influence in Turkey

January 3 - 27, 2010

Itinerary

Orientation at University of St. Thomas	11/21	Pammukale/Bodrum	01/14
Twin Cities Departure	01/03	Bodrum/Izmir	01/15
Istanbul	01/04	Izmir/Canakkale	01/17
Istanbul/Konya	01/12	Canakkale/Istanbul	01/18
Konya/Pammukale	01/13	Istanbul/Twin Cities	01/27

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Price: \$4,495*

This course is designed to familiarize students with the basic beliefs and practices of Islam in its diverse cultural expressions worldwide, including worship, family life and intellectual and artistic traditions. Almost all of the course will be taught in Turkey. We will visit Istanbul, with its stunning mosques and bazaars, Cappadocia, with its Hobbitt-like monastic cells and underground cities, Bodrum, with its Crusader castle and Mediterranean seascape, ancient Ephesus, a Greco-Roman city preserved in time, and Izmir. Because this course is taught in Turkey, it will focus especially on Islam as a way of life in Turkey. Through a close reading of Quranic and biblical texts, students will consider how Islam is both similar to and different from the other major monotheistic faiths, Judaism and Christianity. Finally, the course will examine how both Islam and Christianity are meeting the challenges of modern culture, especially in Turkey.

The course is an intensive survey, one of introduction to Islam and its influence on Turkey. It aims to explore the historical context in which Islamic revelation was born, the sacred texts, its belief system, its rituals, and later theological, legal, mystical and artistic interpretations. It explores the historical expansion of Islam and its encounter with Christianity. The course is planned to discuss the meeting of Islam and Christianity in Turkey to see how the two civilizations kept influencing Turkey, which is the cradle of earlier Anatolian civilizations particularly Roman, Seljukide, Ottoman and modern Turkey. All this is given in a perspective of continuity and change in culture. The course is enriched by cultural observations of the ongoing encounter between Islam and modernity in Turkey.

Comprehensive Fee Includes: Transportation and course arrangements as indicated, hotel accommodations in twin and triple rooms, continental breakfast daily, five group dinners and visa fees for U.S. citizens. (subject to change)

Prerequisites: For all campuses except UST, a theology course. For UST students, Theology 101 and a 200-level Theology course.

Required Readings: Abou El Fadl, Khaled, *The Place of Tolerance in Islam* (selected chapters)

Armstrong, Karen. *Muhammad, A Prophet for Our Time*.

Nasr, Seyyed Hossein. *Islam: Religion, History, and Civilization*.

Stoneman, Richard. *A Traveller's History of Turkey* (selected chapters)

Marmaduke Pickthall, *The Meaning of the Glorious Qur'an* (selected readings)

The New Oxford Annotated Bible, NRSV (selected readings)

Booklet of Readings

Evaluation:

Participation 20%

Quizzes 20%

Journal 20%

Final Exam 25%

Final Integrative Paper 15%

*Each home institution may have supplementary fees in addition to the price listed.

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Dr. Ozdemir is a native of Turkey, and has taught the introductory course in Islam at the University of St. Thomas for four years. He also taught for 25 years at 9 September University, in Izmir, Turkey. Dr. Ozdemir is a native of Turkey, and lived there for fifty years. Dr. Ozdemir most recently led this same course in January 2009.



Dr. Nichols has taught courses in world religions for many years. Each of these contained a section on Islam. Also, he has been involved with Islamic-Christian dialogue for 12 years. For the last year, Dr. Nichols has been co-director of the Muslim Christian Dialogue Center at St. Thomas. Dr. Nichols spent one semester (spring, 2002) in Rome teaching a Catholic Studies course and two January terms (2004, 2005) teaching world religions in Hawaii.





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RULES AND PROCEDURES

For the forty-fifth consecutive year, UMAIE offers unique opportunities for cross-cultural study during January Term and starting in 2005, May/June Term. UMAIE, a consortium of five colleges and universities, cooperates to provide the educational depth and resources necessary for an intercultural curriculum.

This year UMAIE offers courses in many locations around the world including: The Americas (North, Central and South), Antarctica, Australia, Egypt, Europe (Western, Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern), Hawaii, India, Jordan, New Zealand, Russia, Thailand and Turkey.

APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS — Applications and required documents are available via the UMAIE website (www.umaie.org). Applications are accepted between **April 15 - October 2, 2009**. When applying for a course, please submit the following to your campus UMAIE Board Member:

- Three copies of your completed application.
- One copy of your valid passport photo & signature page OR if you do not have a passport, a copy of your passport application. (Actual submittal of your passport application to a passport agency is not required until acceptance into a course. Please visit <http://travel.state.gov/passport>.)
- One copy of your January Term Abroad Agreement.
- One copy of your unofficial transcript.
- One deposit check in the amount of **\$400** made payable to **Seminars International, Inc.** (All checks will be cashed upon receipt. Returned checks will be assessed a service charge of **\$50**.)

*UST students please see your study abroad website (www.stthomas.edu/studyabroad) for application procedures.

No application will be considered without **ALL** the required signed documents, copies and deposit as listed above. If you have any questions please contact your campus UMAIE Board Member.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPLICANTS — Faculty Directors will screen each application to ensure all prerequisites are met, and that equal access is given to students from all consortium schools. **For applications received by April 15th, the UMAIE Secretariat will notify each participant via e-mail by May 8, 2009, to inform if applicant is: 1) accepted into the course; 2) on a waiting list; 3) not accepted into the course.** Please be aware that if you are placed on a waiting list, your deposit check will still be cashed upon receipt. In the event a course is filled or cancelled due to low enrollment, students are contacted regarding a second choice. Students who choose not to transfer to another course will receive a full refund. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED ONLY ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS AND LATE FEES WILL LIKELY BE APPLIED.**

PASSPORTS, VISAS AND IMMUNIZATIONS — All applicants must send a copy of a valid and signed passport to their campus UMAIE Board Member upon acceptance into a UMAIE course (if one was not turned in with application). This is not required for students travelling to Hawaii. **Passports must be valid at least six (6) months beyond your return date.**

If your course requires a visa it will be stated in the course description. A country specific visa application will be sent to you 1-2 months prior to departure.

Information regarding recommended and/or needed immunizations can be found at the CDC website: www.cdc.gov/travel/. If you are traveling to a destination that requires an immunization, the UMAIE Secretariat will inform you in a timely manner. Additional information regarding passports, visas and immunizations is available from your campus UMAIE Board Member.

COMPREHENSIVE FEE — Costs listed are based on planned enrollments for each course. Every effort is made to operate the program at the stated price. However, if fewer students enroll, costs may be increased or the course cancelled. **NOTE:** UMAIE reserves the right to adjust fees due to dollar devaluation, fuel surcharges and general inflation.

The comprehensive fee includes round-trip air transportation from Minneapolis-St. Paul to the course location; airport transfers; visas (where required for U.S. citizens who meet the visa application deadline and have the correct accompanying documentation); transportation to most course activities while abroad; lodging, primarily in twin or triple rooms in hotels, pensions, university dormitories, or family homes (where indicated); continental breakfast daily (exceptions noted on individual course descriptions) and other meals as indicated; tickets for required cultural performances; planned excursions; and administrative costs (however, individual institutions may assess additional charges). When rail passes or entrance fees are included, they are based on the utilization of youth rates (25 years or under). Any additional amount incurred will be the participant's responsibility.

EXCLUSIONS — Expenses and items not specifically mentioned herein are not covered, including but not limited to: passport fees; airline checked and/or excess luggage fees; local subway, bus and tram fares (if not included in course price); departure taxes (except U.S.); optional entertainment and excursions; beverages; individual room service charges; travel insurance; porter's fees; laundry and cleaning; telephone and fax; personal gratuities; transportation to and from point of course departure.

FINAL PAYMENT — Accepted applicants are notified of the final price during the last week of October. Students at Gustavus Adolphus College will bring their final payment to their International Education Office on or before Tuesday, November 3. Students from Elmhurst College will bring their final payment to their Student Accounts Office before Tuesday, November 3. Students from all other institutions will have their fees billed to their student account.

WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

- No cancellation fee for students withdrawing on or before **September 14, 2009**.
- A **\$100** cancellation fee is withheld for students who withdraw between **September 15 and October 2, 2009**.
- Beginning **October 3, 2009** the course deposit of **\$400** is non-refundable.
- A refund for cancellations occurring after **November 3, 2009** is based upon recoverable costs. The **ENTIRE COURSE COST** may be forfeited.
- **If cancellation occurs 30 days or less prior to departure, there will be no refund. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended for students with pre-existing medical conditions.** This insurance must be purchased at the time of registration. Please discuss this with your UMAIE Campus Board Member.
- If a course price increases by more than 6% (due to general inflation or lower enrollment) a student may cancel without penalty.
- No refund is given to students who wish to omit portions of the course.
- **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO YOUR CAMPUS UMAIE BOARD MEMBER.**

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS — are secured by Seminars International, Inc., 33 West Monroe Street, Suite 1160, Chicago, IL 60603-5303, (800) 541-7506, TRAVEL@semint.com. Applications are processed by the Minnesota office, 21530 Vernon Avenue, Prior Lake, MN 55372, (952) 440-1338, kathy@semint.com. Participants desiring additional information may contact Seminars International Inc., or visit their website - www.semint.com.

ORIENTATION SESSION—Will be held **Saturday, November 21, 2009** at the University of St. Thomas. **ALL MUST ATTEND.**

DEVIATIONS — Course prices are based on group air arrangements and the air carrier may assess a service fee. Not all airlines allow deviations on group reservations. In addition to the airline service fee(s), an additional fee must be paid to Seminars International, Inc. as follows: before **October 2, 2009 the charge is \$75; from October 3, 2009 until November 3, 2009 the charge is \$125. After November 3, 2009, no deviations will be accepted.** Deviation requests must be made in writing to the Chicago Seminars International office via fax (312) 332-5509 or email TRAVEL@semint.com. Once the deviation has been booked, any changes may incur additional costs. Students who deviate are responsible for providing their own transportation to or from the actual course location abroad. **Faculty Directors are not expected to provide assistance. Students from Augustana College and Elmhurst College will receive further information on course flights upon acceptance.**

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