

Convert Care 101 Syllabus

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Time: Every Saturday for 8 weeks starting from October 1st, 2016 (4:00 to 5:15)

Office hours: Email myself for an appointment

Course Location: Upstairs next to my office

Course Description: After embracing Islam, many people ask themselves, “Ok, now what?” This course will give the answer. In this course, special attention will be given to the following topics: the absolute basics of Islam and valuable advice on some changes that new Muslims often face

Communication with Instructor: Although the best way to contact me is through email (see address above), I do respond via phone as well (630-344-3431)

Class: The class time will consist of both lectures by the instructor on various topics related to the topic and student discussion of the readings and main topics of the week. The lectures are designed to be complementary to the information found in the textbooks. Although some topics will necessarily repeat themselves in both the lecture and the readings, the lecture will not regurgitate the information found in the weekly readings. Instead it will either explore different issues than what is found in the readings or explore some of the same issues in the readings in more depth. So it **behoooves you to take notes of the class lecture**. The last 15 minutes of class will be dedicated to Question and Answer session. Some chapters may take more than 1 session.

Rules

- 1) Please raise hand when wishing to speak
- 2) Please turn cell phones on silent
- 3) Treat others the way you want to be treated.

Required texts

Mustafa Umar. Welcome to Islam. A step by step guide for new Muslims.

Week 1

Introduction to the class. Syllabus. Day 1. Islamic Beliefs, purifying yourself, informing friends and family



Essential Question: How did you break the news to your family?

HW - Review pg. 1-14, Read pg. 16-20

Week 2

Changing your name, wudū

Essential Questions: Did you change your name? Why or why not? Wudū checklist

HW - Review pg. 16-20, Read pg. 21-32

Week 3

Timings, direction of prayer, five times a day

Essential Questions: How did it feel like to pray for the first time? In public?

HW - Memorize the 4 phrases to say in prayer, Surah Fatiha, Review pg. 21-32 Read pg. 33-37

Week 4

Dress code, diet, interest

HW - Review pg. 33-37. Read pg. 38-42

Week 5

The Friday prayer, sources of Islam, common challenges

HW - Review all material

Week 6 Final

Final Exam

Final Exam Details:

In addition to a formal written exam and an oral exam, you will also have to “Give a tour of the mosque” to a non-Muslim.

More sources

<http://www.whyislam.org>

<http://www.thedeenshow.com>