

Department: Economics and Finance

Course Name:	Islamic Economics	Course No.:	ECON 645
Prerequisite:	N/A	Credit Hours:	3

Brief Description:

This course discusses the economic and moral behaviours of the individuals as well as on aggregate basis, simultaneously structures and practices in the economy and in business situations covering the economic, ethical and moral dimensions in the periphery of conventional and Islamic system. It is also concerned especially with *Shari'ah* and *Fiqh* injunctions of Islam. The objective of the course is to equip students with both theoretical and analytical skills to help them to evaluate effectively the subject. The focus is on the discussion of theoretical development of economics especially with reference to Islamic teachings. However, challenges related to moral and ethical policy are not only unique to Islamic Economics but also mainstream economics is trying to cover this area. This module covers a variety of theories that relate economics in general and in particular Islamic perspective. This module covers the following topics: Introduction to the course, Definition, Scope, significance and Nature of Islamic Economics, Economic values under the paradigm of Islamic and conventional system, Current debate on methodology, particularly the positive/normative characterization of Islamic Economics.

Course Objectives:

After completion of this course the student will be able to:

- Recognize the strength and weaknesses of the major trends in economic thought
- Demonstrate a critical understanding of the received jurisprudence and juristic intents taken as an essential basis for understanding the concept of 'utility' in Islamic Economics
- Compare between Islamic Economics and mainstream Economics
- Analyze Islamic Economics as a unique system of economic policy
- Combine the Market and Non-market economic sector
- Evaluate a just socio-economic order through the promotion of ethical values and the institution of appropriate system

Course Topics:

- Introduction
- Methodology of Economics from the *maqasid* Perspective
- Legitimate economic exchange and productive organization
- Market Imperfections
- Special topics
 - Consumer behavior
 - Firm behavior
 - Price Determination
 - Fiscal and Monetary policy
- Ethical issues in business communications

Text Book:

➤ Tag el-Din, Seif I. (2013) *Maqasid Foundations of Market Economics*, Edinburgh, UK: Edinburgh University Press, Ltd.

Additional References:

➤ Chapra, M. U. (2000) *The Future of Economics: An Islamic Perspective*, Leicester, UK: Islamic Foundation.

Online Resources:

➤ www.irti.org (Website of IRTI, Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia)

Measurement & Assessment Tools:

Objectives			Obj 1.1 &1.2	Obj 2.2	Obj 3.1
Assessment tools	Grade	Week (Time period)	1	2	3
Midterm test	25	9 th	✗		
Class work	10	12 th			✗
Assignments	15	15 th		✗	
Final exam	50	As Dated	✗		
Total	100				
Extra credit					
Not Required					

Tentative Course Outline:

Week	Hours	Topics	Readings
1	3	Introduction to the course: Definition, Nature and Need	
2	3	Economics of <i>Maqasid</i>	
3	3	Economics of Exchange and Utility Theory	
4	3	Non-Market Economics and <i>Maqasid</i> Equitable	
5	3	Trade versus Usury	
6	3	Principle of economic Exchange and nature of money	
7	3	Economic organization and factor productivity	
8	3	Sources and Treatment of market Imperfections	
9	3	Lessons from sales usury on market imperfections	
10	3	Consumer behavior	
11	3	Firm behavior	
12	3	Price Determination	
13	3	Fiscal policy	
14	3	Monetary policy	
15	3	Ethical issues in business communications	
16	3	Revision	

Approved by Dept. Chair:

Date of Approval:

Extra Information: (Updated every semester and filled by course instructor)

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