



COURSE INFORMATION:

Title: **The Bible in the Quran**



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(official course website—required)



twitter.com/uafbiblequran

(extra credit—optional)

- Meeting Times/Dates: Fall 2012 (Nov 14–Dec 12), Wednesdays 6:00–9:00pm
- Location: BRKS 302
- Department/Number: RELG-F193 [TE2] (CRN 77871)
- Credits: 1 (one)
- Prerequisites: none

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

Name: Dr. Paul Korchin

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COURSE READINGS / MATERIALS:

Textbook: *Claiming Abraham: Reading the Bible and the Qur'an Side by Side*
Editor: Michael Lodahl
Publisher: Brazos Press: Grand Rapids MI, 2010

Supplementary Readings: Relevant texts, articles, and audio/visual materials will be provided via the course website and/or photocopied handouts.

Supplies Required: Computer with internet access (available @ UAF, CTC campuses).

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An inquiry into the manners and motivations by which Islam appropriated and reconfigured biblical traditions in order to meet its own theological, political, economic, and social needs/interests. What did Muhammad and the earliest Muslims know about the *Ahl al-Kitāb* ('People of the Book')? From where and whom did they acquire their knowledge about the Bible's characters and stories? This course also considers the ramifications (historical and contemporary) of shared—and contested—scriptural traditions between Islam, Christianity, and Judaism.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES:

By the conclusion of this course, the diligent student will be knowledgeable about key materials and mechanisms involved with oral and textual transmission between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The attentive student will gain insight into the historical, cultural, and ideological circumstances and events that encouraged scriptural interplay among the three Abrahamic faiths. The dedicated student will also be able to discern and consider various religious, political, and social consequences that such interactions have for an increasingly global society.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:

Within the classroom, this course will be conducted in a lecture–seminar format, featuring presentations and questions by the instructor designed to engage the students in productive conversations about the material and topics at hand. Visual media will be incorporated (chiefly PowerPoint slides) to provide a more vivid context for reflection and engagement. The instructor and students will also undertake critical readings of primary source texts, along with relevant secondary literature. Beyond the classroom, this course will maintain blogging and micro-blogging sites in order to foster a more sustained and vibrant intellectual dialogue about the subject matter. Postings will include relevant multimedia sources, class discussion threads, and course logistics.

COURSE CALENDAR:

NOV 14:	<u>QURAN AND TAWRAT (I)</u> Readings: <i>Creation, Adam(Adum), Noah(Nuh)</i> Lodahl, 1–24 Online postings & feedback
NOV 21:	<u>QURAN AND TAWRAT (II)</u> Readings: <i>Abraham(Ibrahim), Moses(Musa)</i> Lodahl, 25–63 Online postings & feedback

approved by the instructor; grading rubric distributed equally between structure, content, depth; *an unexcused late paper will receive a failing grade.*

According to the following scale:

A+	98–100
A	94–97
A-	91–93
B+	88–90
B	84–87
B-	81–83
C+	78–80
C	74–77
C-	71–73
D+	68–70
D	64–67
D-	61–63
F	0–60

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UAF Writing Center @801 Gruening Building (main campus). Tutor-provided assistance with all stages of the academic writing process. Visit www.alaska.edu/english/writing-center on the web or contact via phone (907-474-5314).

DISABILITY SERVICES:

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