

Course Title : History and Methodology of Tafsir

Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
ISC 204	B	4	4	0	0	4.00	5
Lecturer and Office Hours			Xhorxhina Seferi, Msc				
Teaching Assistant and Office Hours							
Language			Albanian, Turkish, Arabic				
Course Level			Bachelor				
Description			This lesson deals with the phases of the history of Islamic Exegesis, and a special attention given to the History of the Qur'ân as the Tafsir in the time of the Prophet and its sources; the Tafsir in the period of the Sahâba and its sources; the Tafsir in the period of the Tabiûn; the movements of Tafsir after the period of the Tâbiûn; the Isrâiliyât and the Tafsir; the early texts of Tafsir and the course of its different phases. Meanwhile terms formed in the course of exegetical directions, and examples for these till the contemporary era will be elaborated on.				
Objectives			- The evaluation of the periods that the science of tefsir has crossed since the time of Prophet (sas) - The treatment of the topic of methodology of tefsir and the introduction of some masterpieces in this field - Taking into consideration the role of tefsir in the understanding of Kur'an				

Course Outline

Week	Topics
1	The revelation of the Qur'an and its recording. This topic deals with the ways and forms of the coming of the divine revelation, the states of the Prophet (s.a.s) during the taking of the wahj, the writers of the wahj, the stages of revelation. The themes of the revelation of the divine revelation are also addressed in this chapter, as was the writing of the Qur'an and its multiplication. (pg. 3-29)
2	Tafsir science, definition, object, purpose and basic concepts. This topic will address the definitions of some basic terms such as: Tafsir, te'vil, translation, meâl, mufessir, what is their theme, purpose and importance. The differences between these concepts will also be addressed. (pg. 56-79)
3	History of tafsir: the period of the first two generations; The Prophet (s.a.s) and the Companions. This topic will first focus on the ways of tafsir during the period of the Prophet (s.a.s), then analyze the methods of interpreting the Qur'an used by the Companions. The general features of tafsir during this period will also be described, the sources that the Companions supported during the interpretation, and the names of the most prominent Companions who have dealt with tafsir will also be mentioned. (pg. 81-94)
4	History of tafsir: the period of the second and subsequent two generations; from the tabiun, etbau't-tabiun to the present day. This topic will address tafsir in the period of the tabiun, the schools of tafsir during that period and the peculiarities of the interpretation of the tabiun. Tafsir will also be treated in the period of the etbau't-tabiun to this day, mentioning some very important personalities of the science of tafsir who have made valuable contributions to the writing of tafsir works. (pg. 94-106)
5	Types of tafsir: Traditional and interpretive. This topic will analyze both traditional and interpretive types of tafsir. Definitions will be given for each type, their historical development and the characteristics of each will be shown. Also mentioned will be some of the most popular interpretations and interpreters for each type. (pg. 108-131)
6	Tafsir schools. Classical and modern tafsir schools will be treated on this topic. Their definitions, the types of tafsir for each of the schools, the reasons that led to the birth of each type along with their characteristics, and some works that have been written for each type of tafsir will be given. (pg.133-155)
7	Classification of Quranic sciences. In this topic, the classification of the sciences of the Qur'an and under the divisions of each science will be explained in a specific way. (pg. 157-230)
8	Midterm Project

9	Historical Sciences: Esbabu nuzul and the Stories in the Qur'an. In this topic, the causes of the revelation of the verses, the types of causes of the revelation and the benefits of learning these causes are discussed. The types of stories in the Qur'an, their features and purposes will also be addressed. (pg. 211-217; 220-227)		
10	Historical Sciences: The Abrogation of the Verses and the Israelites. In this topic are treated the arguments of abrogation, its types. Even for the treatment of the eyes of the Israelites has entered the tafsir and the types of news of the Israelites. (pg. 217-220; 227-232)		
11	Linguistic sciences: Foreign words in the Qur'an, mubhematu'l-Qur'an and muxhmel-mubayen In this topic, foreign words illustrated with examples from the Qur'an are treated. Also discussed are the reasons for the mubham in the Qur'an, the topics in which kq explanations without details (muxhmel) and detailed explanations (mubayen). (pg. 164-170)		
12	Linguistic sciences: Figurative expression, examples and oaths in the Qur'an. In this topic, the types of linguistic sciences will be treated, part of which are figurative expressions. The types of figurative expressions used in the Qur'an illustrated with examples and oaths in the Qur'an will be addressed. (pg.158-162; 178-183)		
13	Meaningful sciences: Muhkem-muteshabih and interrupted letters. In this regard, the verses are treated semantically. The reasons for the existence of the two types and under the divisions of each illustrated with examples from the Qur'an. (pg.162-167; 180-191)		
14	Meaningful sciences: Mushkilu'l-Qur'an and ixhazu'l-Qur'an. In this topic it will be explained what is mushkilu'l-Qur'an, the reasons for its birth among the Qur'anic verses. Ijazu'l-Qur'an and the dimensions of the miracle will also be addressed. (pg.192-194; 198-203)		
15	Meaningful sciences: Relatives between verses and suras, style of expression and grammar in the Qur'an. This topic deals with the types of relations between verses and suras, the way of expressing the Qur'an and general information about the grammar of the Qur'an. (pg.195-198; 203-209)		
16	Final Exam		
Prerequisites			
Textbook		• Edit. Bahattin Dartma, Tefsir Tarihi ve Usulü, Eskişehir 2013.	
Other References		• Ömer Çelik, "Tefsir Usulü ve Tarihi", Erkam Yayınları, İstanbul 2012. • Akgul, M, Kur'ân İklimine Seyahat, Işık Yayınları, İstanbul 2008.	
Laboratory Work			
Computer Usage			
Other			
Learning Outcomes and Competences			
1	The students will learn the periods of the science of tefsir starting from the time of Prophet		
2	The student will gain knowledge about the topics of the methodology of tefsir and some masterpieces in this field		
3	The student will have the opportunity to give examples regarding the role of tefsir in the understanding of Qur'an		
Course Evaluation Methods			
In-term studies		Quantity	Percentage
Midterms		1	40
Quizzes		1	15
Projects		0	0
Term Projects		0	0
Laboratory		0	0
Attendance		0	0
Contribution of in-term studies to overall grade			55

Contribution of final examination to overall grade			45
Total			100
ECTS (Allocated Based on Student) Workload			
Activities	Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total Workload (hours)
Course Duration (Including the exam week : 16 x Total course hours)	16	4	64
Hours for off-the-classroom study (Pre-study, practice)	14	2	28
Assignments	0	5	0
Midterms	1	13	13
Final examination	1	20	20
Other	0	0	0
Total Work Load			125
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)			5
ECTS			5