

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	A	-1	4	0	0	4.00	5
Lecturer and Office Hours			Xhorxhina Seferi, Msc				
Teaching Assistant and Office Hours							
Language							
Course Level							
Description			In this course will be treated: The study of the forms of tafsir that have arisen during the periods that have passed tafsir from the time of the Prophet (sas) to the present day. The meanings of the words tafsir and ta'wil. Tafsir and sources of tafsir in the time of the Prophet (sas). Tafsir and sources of tafsir in the time of the Companions. Tafsir in the time of the Tabiin; tafsir and isrâilijâti; Tafsir movements after the period of the tabiin. The first tafsirs and their impact. Study of authors who have written about the development of literature in parallel with this. Topics underpinning the methodology of tafsir, examples of the role of tafsir in the understanding of the Qur'an.				
Objectives			1. Assessing the periods that the science of tafsir has gone through starting from the time of the Prophet (p.b.u.h). 2. Addressing the topics of tafsir methodology and presenting some works in this field. 3. Examining with examples the role of tafsir in the understanding of the Qur'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 divine revelation, the states of the Prophet (s.a.s) while receiving the wahi, the scribes of the wahi, the stages of revelation. This topic also deals with the wisdom of the revelation of the divine revelation piece by piece, how the writing of the Qur'an and its multiplication took place. Edit. Bahattin Dartma, Tafsir Tarihi ve Usulü, Eskişehir: 2013, p. 3-29.
2	The science of tafsir, definition, object, purpose and basic concepts. This topic will address the definitions of some basic terms such as: Tefsit, ta'wil, translation, meâl, mufessir, what is their theme, purpose and importance. Differences between these concepts will also be addressed. Edit. Bahattin Dartma, Tafsir Tarihi ve Usulü, Eskişehir: 2013, p.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 will analyze the methods of interpretation of the Qur'an used by the Companions. The general features of tafsir during this period will also be described, the sources on which the Companions relied during the interpretation, and the names of the most prominent Companions who have dealt with tafsir will be mentioned. Edit. Bahattin Dartma, Tafsir Tarihi ve Usulü, Eskişehir: 2013, p. 81-94.
4	History of tafsir: the period of the second and following two generations; from the tabiuns, etbau't-tabiuns 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 the present day, mentioning some very important personalities of the science of tafsir who have made valuable contributions to the writing of the works of tafsir. Edit. Bahattin Dartma, Tafsir Tarihi ve Usulü, Eskişehir: 2013, p. 94-106.
5	Types of tafsir: Traditional and interpretive. This topic will analyze the two types of tafsir, the traditional and the interpretive. Definitions for each species will be given, their historical development and the characteristics of each will be shown. Also mentioned will be some of the most popular interpretations and performers for each genre. Edit. Bahattin Dartma, Tafsir Tarihi ve Usulü, Eskişehir: 2013, p. 108-131
6	Tafsir schools. In this topic will be treated the classical and modern schools of tafsir. They will be given 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. Edit. Bahattin Dartma, Tafsir Tarihi ve Usulü, Eskişehir: 2013, p.133-155.

7	Classification of Quranic sciences. This topic will specifically explain the classification of the sciences of the Qur'an and the subdivisions of each science. Edit. Bahattin Dartma, Tafsir Tarihi ve Usulü, Eskişehir: 2013, p. 157-230.	
8	Midterm Exam	
9	Historical Sciences: Causes of Revelation and Stories in the Qur'an. This topic deals with the causes of the revelation of verses, the types of causes of revelation and the benefits of learning these causes. The types of stories in the Qur'an, their features and purposes will also be addressed. Edit. Bahattin Dartma, Tafsir Tarihi ve Usulü, Eskişehir: 2013, p. 211-217; 220-227.	
10	Historical Sciences: Repeal of the verses and the Israelites. In this topic are treated the arguments of abrogation, its types. It also deals with how the Israelites entered the tafsir and the types of Israeli news. Edit. Bahattin Dartma, Tafsir Tarihi ve Usulü, Eskişehir: 2013, p.217-220; 227-232.	
11	Linguistic sciences: Foreign words in the Qur'an, mubhematu'l-Qur'an and mujmal-mubayn This topic deals with foreign words illustrated with examples from the Qur'an. It also deals with the reasons for mubham in the Qur'an, the topics on which kq explanations without details (mujmal) and detailed explanations (mubayn). Edit. Bahattin Dartma, Tafsir Tarihi ve Usulü, Eskişehir: 2013, p. 164-170.	
12	Linguistic sciences: Figurative expression, examples and oaths in the Qur'an. In this topic will be treated the types of language sciences, part of which are also figurative expressions. The types of figurative expressions used in the Qur'an illustrated with examples and oaths in the Qur'an will be addressed. Edit. Bahattin Dartma, Tafsir Tarihi ve Usulü, Eskişehir: 2013, p.158-162; 178-183.	
13	Semantic sciences: Muhkem-muteshabih and interrupted letters. The verses are treated semantically in this topic. The reasons for the existence of the two types and under the divisions of each illustrated with examples from the Qur'an. Edit. Bahattin Dartma, Tafsir Tarihi ve Usulü, Eskişehir: 2013, p.162-167; 180-191.	
14	Semantic sciences: Mushkilu'l-Qur'an and ijazu'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. The ijazu'l-Qur'an and the dimensions of the miracle will also be addressed. Semantic sciences: Mushkilu'l-Qur'an and ijazu'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. The ijazu'l-Qur'an and the dimensions of the miracle will also be addressed. Edit. Bahattin Dartma, Tafsir Tarihi ve Usulü, Eskişehir: 2013, p.192-194; 198-203	
15	Semantic sciences: Relationships between verses and suras, style of expression and grammar in the Qur'an. This topic deals with the types of relationships between verses and suras, the style of expression of the Qur'an and general information about the grammar of the Qur'an. Edit. Bahattin Dartma, Tafsir Tarihi ve Usulü, Eskişehir: 2013, p.195-198; 203-209.	
16	Final Exam	
Prerequisites		
Textbook		
• Edit. Bahattin Dartma, Tafsir Tarihi ve Usulü, Eskişehir: 2013,		
Other References		
• M. Akgül, Kur'ân İklimine Seyahat, Işık Yayınları, İstanbul: 2008. • Ömer Çelik, "Tefsir Usulü ve Tarihi", Erkam Yayınları, İstanbul: 2012. • Rushit Musallari, Ajka e Shkencave Kuranore, Tiranë 2018.		
Laboratory Work		
Computer Usage		
Other		
Learning Outcomes and Competences		
1	The student will learn the periods in which the science of tafsir has passed starting from the time of the Prophet (p.b.u.h).	
2	The student will gain knowledge about the topics of tafsir methodology and about some works in this field.	
3	The student will have the opportunity to give examples regarding the role of tafsir in the understanding of the Qur'an.	
Course Evaluation Methods		
In-term studies	Quantity	Percentage

Midterms	1	30
Quizzes	1	15
Projects	0	0
Term Projects	0	0
Laboratory	0	0
Attendance	1	10
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)
Course Duration (Including the exam week : 16 x Total course hours)	16	4
Hours for off-the-classroom study (Pre-study, practice)	14	4
Assignments	0	0
Midterms	1	2
Final examination	1	3
Other	0	0
Total Work Load		125
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)		5
ECTS		5