

Course Syllabus

Course: Hadith IV – Rulings of Hadith

Study Program: Islamic Studies

Number of ECTS Credits: 5

Course Status: Compulsory

Course Code: 410

Contact Hours: 2+2

Academic Year: 2026/2027

Semester: VIII

Instructor: Prof. Assoc. Dr. Musa Vila

Brief Course Description

This course deals with hadiths that contain rules, teachings, and general norms of religious and legal legislation. Among the topics addressed are civil law, including marriage and its rulings, divorce and its regulations, and criminal law, which encompasses issues of crime, punishments, and the determination of relationships between the offender, the perpetrator, and the victim. It also covers hadiths related to lawful foods, types of meat, hunting, and animals permitted for consumption. Furthermore, the course includes hadiths concerning punishments, vows, testimonies, claims, and related matters.

Course objective

This course aims to acquaint students with the rulings derived from hadith, their meanings, and the opinions of scholars, including comparative analysis to determine which views are stronger. It also presents, in a scientific manner, the method of deriving legal rulings from hadiths. The positions of the four legal schools regarding hadith rulings are examined, highlighting their evidences, counter-arguments, and related scholarly debates. Students will also become closely familiar with the original Arabic texts, with the opportunity to read and pronounce them correctly. Among the main topics addressed are hadiths containing rules, teachings, and ethical norms. The course covers rulings related to marriage and divorce as components of civil status, as well as hadiths concerning criminal matters and penal rulings, punishments and disciplinary measures. It also includes hadiths related to food, hunting, and animals designated for slaughter.

Expected learning outcomes:

After completing this course, the student will be able to:

1. To describe the historical development of Hadith from the time of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) until the stage of codification into books, which later became foundational sources for legal reasoning.
2. To compare the tireless work of classical Hadith scholars with that of contemporary researchers.
3. To discuss the most appropriate approach for implementing Hadiths in practical life.
4. To defend the Prophetic sayings against doubts and accusations that may be directed toward the sacred traditions.
5. To present a brief overview of how a researcher can practically trace the source of Prophetic sayings within Hadith collections.
6. To memorize a considerable number of Prophetic sayings exactly as stated by the Prophet in the original Arabic text, along with their translation into Albanian.

Metodologjia e mësimdhënies:

1. The course will be conducted in the form of lectures, exercises, and interactive discussions.
2. Students will be encouraged to participate in interactive discussions, benefiting from the most appropriate methods of argumentation based on Prophetic traditions.
3. There will be an exchange of ideas in the form of discussion, including the acceptance of differing opinions, which will motivate students to be more active during lectures.
4. From a practical perspective, the lecturer, together with the students, will visit the faculty library to become acquainted with the principal Hadith collections, works on Hadith commentary, legal rulings and norms derived from Hadith, as well as the scientific methodology of Hadith scholars.

Course Content:

Week one:

- 1. Actions are judged by intentions. 2. Types of intention according to the hadith. 3. Meaning of the hadith and the concept of the worldly life (dunya). Literature: ("Commentary of Hadiths according to the scientific methodology," pp. 11–27)**

Week two:

1. The issue of the permissible (halal), the forbidden (haram), and doubt in Islam. 2. Their definitions. 3. Types of doubts. Literature: (“Commentary of Hadiths according to the scientific methodology,” pp. 28–38)

Week three:

1. The hadith indicating that advice is an essential element of religion. 2. Advice to God and to His Book. 3. Advice to the Messenger of God and advice to leaders and believers. Literature: (“Commentary of Hadiths according to the scientific methodology,” pp. 39–47)

Week four:

1. Religion as a synthesis of physical and spiritual purity. 2. Prayer and charity in the perspective of hadith. 3. Patience in the perspective of hadith. Literature: (“Commentary of Hadiths according to the scientific methodology,” pp. 48–59)

Week five:

1. Prophetic recommendations for youth. 2. Worship and assistance are dedicated only to God. 3. Belief in God’s decree according to hadith. Literature: (“Commentary of Hadiths according to the scientific methodology,” pp. 60–72)

Week six:

1. The hadith indicating the unity of society. 2. Avoiding spying on one another. 3. Avoiding eavesdropping on one another. 4. Protection from envy and betrayal. Literature: (“Commentary of Hadiths according to the scientific methodology,” pp. 73–82)

Week seven:

1. Stages of human creation in prophetic sayings. 2. Duration of these stages. 3. The granting of the soul to the fetus. 4. What is the soul and the opinions of scholars. Literature: (“Commentary of Hadiths according to the scientific methodology,” pp. 83–100)

Week eight:

1. Marriage as a necessity of life. 2. Marriage as a tradition of the Prophet (peace be upon him). 3. The purpose of marriage.

Literature: (“Commentary of Hadiths according to the scientific methodology,” pp. 101–124)

Week nine:

1. Engagement and its procedure. 2. Spouses should see one another. 3. A Muslim woman is free to choose her spouse. 4. Temporary marriage.
Literature: (“Commentary of Hadiths according to the scientific methodology,” pp. 125–155)

Week ten:

1. Chapter on divorce. 2. Separation of the wife from the husband with compensation. 3. Divorce by mutual imprecation (li’an). 4. The paternity of the child cannot be denied without evidence.
Literature: (“Commentary of Hadiths according to the scientific methodology,” pp. 157–187)

Week eleven:

1. Criminal acts. 2. When the blood of a Muslim may be lawfully taken – execution. 3. Fighting against rebellion. 4. Execution of a deserter. 5. Whether the blood of one who insults the Messenger (peace be upon him) is lawful.
Literature: (“Commentary of Hadiths according to the scientific methodology,” pp. 191–228)

Week twelve:

1. Punishments and disciplinary measures. 2. Punishment for adultery. 3. Admission of guilt for adultery. 4. Dispositions of hadith and opinions of scholars.
Literature: (“Commentary of Hadiths according to the scientific methodology,” pp. 230–249)

Week thirteen:

1. Punishment for slander. 2. Punishment for theft. 3. Punishment for alcohol consumption. 4. Disciplinary measures and their forms.
Literature: (“Commentary of Hadiths according to the scientific methodology,” pp. 250–300)

Week fourteen:

1. Food, hunting, animals whose meat is permitted, and animals designated for sacrifice. 2. Rulings regarding predatory animals. 3. Whether the meat of the wild donkey and the horse is permissible to eat. 4. Mentioning the name of

Allah during slaughter.
Literature: (“Commentary of Hadiths according to the scientific methodology,” pp. 301–321)

Week fifteen:

1. Tools of slaughter and which veins of the animal must be cut. 2. What is preferred regarding the sacrifice. 3. Defects that render the sacrifice invalid. 4. Nothing from the sacrifice may be sold.
Literature: (“Commentary of Hadiths according to the scientific methodology,” pp. 322–333).

Assessment criteria and components:

Participation and engagement in lectures 10%
Seminar paper 20%
Intermediate test 30%
Final exam 40%
Total 100%

Required literature:

1. Dr. ass. Musa Vila, “Komentimi i haditheve sipas metodologjisë shkencore”. Pristina 2014.
2. Dr. Jusuf Kardavi, “Hallalli dhe Harami në Islam”, Pristina 2002.
3. Dr. Kahtan Abdurrahman Ed-Duri, “Safvetul ahkam min nejlil eutari ve subul es-selami”, Amman, 1999.
4. Dr. Musa Vila, “Nën hijen e haditheve të Resulullahut, FIS, Prishtina, 2018”
5. Tahaviu, Ebu-Xhafer, Ahmed Ibn Muhamed “Sherrh Meanil Athar” “Dar Kutub El Ilmije”, Beirut 1994

Additional literature and bibliography:

1. Muhamed El-Uthejmini, “Komentari i librit – Rijadus-salihinë”, Prizren 2013.
2. Dr. ass. Musa Vila, “Veprimtaria e Ahmed ef. Kaleshit në fushën e Hadithit”, Pristina 2012.
3. Muhamed El-Gazali, “Es-sune en-nebevije bejnel ehlil fikhi ve ehli hadith”, Bejrut, 1989.
4. Imam Tirmidhi, “Virtytet e të Dërguarit s.a.v.s.”, Skopje, 2002.

5. Muhamed Axhaxhë, El-Hatibë, “Shkëndia nga udhëzimi Profetik”, Prizren, 1997.
6. Fet’hul Bari fi sherh sahih el buhari, Ibn Haxher el Askalani, dar etturath el arabi, Bejrut, 1976.
7. Zejlai, Xhemaludin Abdullah Ibn Jusuf, “Nasbu Rrajeh”, “Muesese Errejan”, Beirut 1997