SYNOPSIS OF COURSES

GHM 2113  BASIC RESEARCH METHODS AND REPORT WRITING
CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 3
The course introduces students to research materials as well as different research methods used in Islamic studies, social and behavioural sciences. It focuses on the different research methods such as survey, observation, experimental and case study. Students will also learn descriptive statistics.

HSM 2123  BASIC COMMUNICATION
CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 3
This course introduces students to the basic concepts in communication study as well as discusses its scopes. The course is designed to provide students with both theoretical and practical aspects of communication. The importance of communication in Islam will be discussed.

HSM 2133  BASIC HISTORY AND CIVILIZATION
CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 3
This course introduces students to basic concepts and approaches in the field of history, discusses the phases of the development of history as a social science discipline, and examines the Islamic and Western concepts of history. It also deals with the rise and fall of civilizations, and highlights the distinctive features and major achievements of Muslim civilization, and discusses its contribution to the growth of Western civilization.

HSM 2143  BASIC POLITICAL SCIENCE
CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 3
This course provides the students with basic understanding of the discipline of political science. It deals with the definition and subject matter and rise and development of political science. Basic political concepts such as political power, authority, government, political culture, political socialization, political parties, khilâfah (vicegerency), shûrâ (consultation) and dawlah (state) will be highlighted. The concept of nation-state will be examined in the light of Islamic as well as Western perspectives, and the rights, duties and obligations of the citizen of a country will be highlighted.

HSM 2253  CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN THE MUSLIM WORLD
CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 3
This course highlights the general political and economic conditions of the Muslim World, and discusses the history of Muslim-Western relations in Southeast Asia and in the Middle East. It also addresses various international contemporary issues in the Muslim world.

HSM 2263  BASIC PSYCHOLOGY
CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 3
The course introduces students to the basic theories and concepts in Psychology as a Science. It exposes students to the various theoretical approaches to the study of human behaviors and thought processes. Application of these theories and concepts in daily life is highlighted. Throughout the course, Islamic perspectives to human behavior are incorporated.
GRM 2273  INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC REVEALED KNOWLEDGE  
CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 3  
This course introduces the theory of knowledge in Islām by exploring the sources and types of knowledge as well as its importance. It also discusses the sciences which had branched out from the revealed sources, i.e. the Qur‘ān and the Sunnah. Additionally, this course elaborates on the methodologies used by the classical and modern scholars in understanding the revelations. Finally, it highlights the practical approaches of the said theories.

HSM 2283  BASIC SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY  
CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 3  
This course provides a general understanding of the study of man and his culture. It examines how anthropologists conceive the idea of man and the various methodologies they employ to arrive at their view of man. The fundamental principles of anthropology will be critically examined within the framework of the Islamisation of Knowledge. The course also provides a preliminary understanding of the fundamental principles of Sociology. It examines the origins and historical development of sociology as a social science. Thus, the course investigates how sociologists study social behavior which includes the study of organization of social life, social inequality, social institutions and social change. Moreover, the course attempts to explore the basic principles of sociological assumptions from Islamic perspective.

DEPARTMENT REQUIRED COURSES

GSM 1133  COLLEGE MATHEMATICS  
CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 3  
The course provides the students with the basic knowledge of mathematics. It covers topics that include real number system, polynomials, radicals, exponents, logarithms, equations, inequalities and matrices.

GSM 2213  INTRODUCTION TO CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKING SKILLS  
CREDIT HOURS: 3 / CONTACT HOURS: 3  
The course aims to introduce the students to critical thinking skills: the ability to interpret, analyse and evaluate ideas and arguments. It covers many of the basic skills or competencies displayed by good critical thinkers, to include great Islamic intellectuals, as opposed to those which impede good thinking. Through the study of these skills, they can be taught, learned, practised and transferred to other studies and to everyday life. At the same time, students will be introduced to the qualities of a creative person and the major elements of the creative thinking process. The course also aims to contextualise the issue of thinking and creativity within the Islamic milieu.