Objective

The primary focus of this course is to provide the understanding of the history of Muslim rule in India. This course covers more than 800 years of the medieval Indian history starting from the advent of Islam in the Indian Subcontinent, looking into Ghaznavid and Ghaurid rule in the North-western peripheral regions of India and rise and fall of Delhi Sultanate. In this course, the students will be acquainted with the political, military, socio-cultural, economic, religious, and intellectual history of the Muslims of Medieval India/South Asia.

Evaluation

The Course will require participation of students in class discussions and in question answer sessions.

Class Participation = 05 marks
Assignment+ Presentation = 15 marks
Mid Term Examination = 30 marks
Final Examination = 50 marks

Course Outline

Part I

Early Muslims and the Arab Rule in the Indian Subcontinent
- Early Settlements in the Coastal Regions of India
- Military Expeditions in the North-western Peripheral Regions of India under the Pious Caliphs and the Early Umayyads
- Conquest of Sindh, Multan and Gujarat under Muhammad ibn Qasim al-Thaqafi (711-15)
- Impact of the Arab Conquest on Sindh, Multan and Gujarat
  (i) Political Impact
  (ii) Impact on Society, Culture and Economy

Part II

Ghaznavid and Ghaurid Rule in the North-western Peripheral Regions of India
- Rise of Turkish Militarism in the Abbasid Empire, and Expansion towards India
- Ghaznavid Rule in the North-western Peripheral Regions of India
- Impact of the Ghaznavid Rule
- Ghaurid Rule in North India and Impact of the Ghaurid Rule
- Comparison between Sultan Mahmud of Ghaznah and Sultan Muhammad Ghauri

Part III

Establishment and Consolidation of Delhi Sultanate under the Ilbari Sultans of Delhi
- Establishment of the Sultanate of Delhi
- Ilbari Sultans of Delhi
• Sultan Qutb al-Din Aybeg (r. 1206-1210)
• Sultan Aram Shah (r. 1210-1211)
• Sultan Shams al-Din Iletmish (r. 1211-1236)
• Successors of Iletmish
• Sultan Nasir al-Din Mahmud (r. 1246-66)
• Sultan Ghiyath al-Din Balban (r. 1266-86)
• Successors of Balban and the Khalji Revolution

Part IV
Expansion and Reformation in Delhi Sultanate under the Khaljis and Tughluqs
• Introduction to the Khalji Dynasty (1290-1320)
• Sultan Jalal al-Din Khalji (r. 1290-96)
• Sultan ‘Ala al-Din Khalji (r. 1296-1316)
• Successors of Sultan ‘Ala al-Din Khalji
• The Tughluq Dynasty of Quranah Turks (1320-1412)
• Sultan Ghiyath al-Din Tughluq (r. 1320-25)
• Sultan Muhammad ibn Tughluq (r. 1325-51)
• Sultan Firuz Tughluq (r. 1351-88)
• Amir Taimur’s Invasion of India (1398-99)

Part V
Twilight of the Sultanate under the Saiyyids and Lodhis, and its Fall
• Rule of the Saiyyid Dynasty (1414-1451)
• Rule of the Lodhi Dynasty (1451-1526)
• Fall of the Delhi Sultanate

Part VI
State and State Conduct in the Sultanate of Delhi
• Political Philosophy of the Sultans of Delhi
• Administration of the Sultanate of Delhi
• Governance Patterns in the Sultanate of Delhi
• Defense Policy of the Delhi Sultans against the Mongols

Part VII
Society, Culture and Economy in the Sultanate of Delhi
• Indo-Muslim Culture and Society in India
• Relationship of the Muslim Rulers with the Non-Muslim Subjects
• Development of Languages and Literature
• Education
• Music and Painting
• Indo-Muslim Architecture
• Trade and Commerce
• Agriculture and Industries

Part VIII
Religious Trends during the Sultanate Era
• Role of the Ulama in the State and Society
• Sufism during the Sultanate Era
• Bhakti Movement
Part IX
Historiography in the Sultanate Era

- Taj al-Ma’athir
- Tabaqat-i Nasiri
- Tariikh-i Firuzshahi
- Khaza’in al-Futuh
- Tariikh-i Firuzshahi
- Futuh al-Salatin
- Ajaib al-Asfar
- Alternative Sources of History

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