

## Assessment for Islamic Criminal Law

Weighting	Assessment item
20%	In-class oral presentation (or multi-media) on an aspect of Islamic criminal law and culture.
30%	Group Presentation: Country Report on Islamic criminal law in a Muslim majority nation.
50%	Examination or Research Essay

### Oral or Video Presentation in Class

Oral presentations are to broaden and enhance knowledge of Islam: its culture, historical development and contemporary responses. There are 30 topics from which students can choose which relate to the legal content covered in that class. The presentations are given in the seminar. The time allocated for each presentation will be **2-3 minutes**.

As entire treatises and books have been written on many of these topics the task is simply to introduce the class to the person [eg Ayatollah Khomeini], the activity [eg Ramadan], the issue [dogs in Islam; *riba* -interest] or the process [*halal* slaughter] etc.

### Group Presentation: Country Report on Islamic criminal law in a Muslim majority nation

To highlight the diversity in Islamic law in Muslim majority nations, ten countries have been selected. There is a mix of Shia and Sunni, including the four main madhabs; a mix of geographic locations from Middle East, Africa and Asia; forms of governance including monarchies, theocracies; democratic and Islamic republics; as well as GDP; and ethnic, linguistic and cultural difference.

Students work in small groups to jointly create a presentation on one of these Muslim countries [Afghanistan, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan, Qatar, Malaysia, Sudan, Tunisia, Nigeria] to be presented in the last seminar. Issues covered include:

1. How, why and when did the country become Muslim.
2. A snapshot of the country today – key demographic features.
3. Role, if any, for Islam in the Constitution.
4. Islamic criminal laws – what is and is not covered.
5. Other sources of criminal law or procedure.
6. Human rights assessment.
7. Topical, interesting features or current issues in the nation regarding criminal law and procedures.
8. Best sources of information on the country.

### Examination or Research Essay

Students can select between an examination or a research essay. The final examination will be a combination of problem and short answer questions based on in-class content. Duration: 60 minutes

The research essay can be on a topic which is selected by the student and approved by the course coordinator. Length: 4,000 words.