

INDIA ARAB CULTURAL CENTRE
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

M. A International Studies Arab-Islamic Culture

Course Title:	Sufism and Sufi Genealogies
Duration:	One Semester
Credit:	4 credit/100 marks
Level of Teaching:	Post-Graduate
Method of Instruction:	Lectures, Discussions
Mode of Evaluation:	Assignment and End-Semester Examination

Course Description:

This course is directed to introduce the theoretical essays of the origin, development and history of Islamic Spiritual Thought 'Sufism', in line of International Relations. The objective of the course would be focussing on Sufi Genealogies, and spatial spread of the Sufism in the Arab World, Central Asia and Indian Subcontinent.

Unit One:

Sufism: Its Meaning and Definition
Historical Background and the Evolution of Sufism
Spatial Spread and Development of Sufism

Unit Two:

Sufi Genealogies: Biological and Spiritual
Evolution of Sufi *Silsilahs* (Sufi Orders)
Prominent Sufi *Silsilahs*

Unit Three:

Evolution and Spread of the Chishti, Qadiri, Naqshbandi and Suharwardi *Silsilahs*
Khanqahs: Structure and Functions
Impact of Sufism on Indian Culture

Schedule of Examination & Grading:

Midterm Exam	25 %
Final exam	75 %

Suggested Readings

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- Schimmel, A. 1975. *Mystical Dimensions of Islam*. North Carolina: University of North Carolina Press. Chapel Hill.