

Islamic Law

Introduction:

Shari'ah is the religious law and moral code of Islam. It encompasses many topics addressed in law including crime, politics, and economics as well as other topics such as hygiene, diet, prayer and fasting. Therefore, not only does Shari'ah encompass criminal matters but also every day matters of how Muslims live their lives. Recently in American there have been many controversies about Shari'ah Law, so a deeper understanding of what Shari'ah Law actually says and stands for is important. Here are some materials to get you started:

Books:

Freedom, equality and justice in Islam by Mohammad Hashim Kamali.
Call Number: 297.27 .K36

al-Imam Muhammad ibn Idris al-Shafi'i's al-Risala fi usul al-fiqh : treatise on the foundations of Islamic jurisprudence translated with an introduction, notes, and appendices by Majid Khadduri.
Call Number: 340.59 .S53

Islamic law : theory & interpretation by Michael Mumisa ; foreword by Shaikh Zaki M. A. Badawi.
Call Number: 340.5901 .M86

Maqasid al-Shariah as philosophy of Islamic law : a systems approach by Jasser Auda.
Call Number: 340.59 .A93

Shari'ah law : an introduction by Mohammad Hashim Kamali.
Call Number: 340.59 .K36

Websites:

[PBS Frontline's Islamic Belief, Law and Practice](#)

PBS has a great overview of the basic beliefs of Islam as well as information on Islamic Law.

[The True Story of Sharia in American Courts](#)

Tim Robinson presents a balanced report on the relationship between Shari'ah Law, International Law, and law practiced in the United States.

[Islamicity's "Muslim Americans and Shari'ah"](#)

A guide for the practicing Muslim on different aspects of Shari'ah.