

ISLAMIC WORLD STUDIES MINOR

The minor in Islamic World Studies challenges students to think differently about Islam and Muslim societies and their role in shaping the modern world. With an interdisciplinary approach to several regions, students explore historical and contemporary issues in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The minor helps students apply lessons locally and globally as they gain better understanding of these regions' centuries-old ties through vast networks created by trade, religion, imperialism and human migration.

As an Islamic World Studies minor, students learn about the lifestyles and institutions of Islam and the history, culture and language of the Muslim world. Students are encouraged to study Arabic and to take a variety of courses on the music, literature, public health and environment of these regions. The minor makes an excellent addition to a primary area of study in languages and cultures, political science, law, pre-health, business or nonprofit administration and more. Islamic World studies is one of six interdisciplinary minors focused on international regions and global themes.

Minor Requirements (18 Hours)

Core Courses (6 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
Select two of the following:		
ANTH 237	Cultures of Islam	6
ANTH 238	Middle Eastern Cultures	
GEOG 226	Geography of the Middle East	
HIST 104	Introduction to the Civilization of the Islamic Middle East	
RELG 250	Introduction to Islam	
Total Credit Hours		

Electives (12 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
Select four of the following: ¹		
ANTH 237	Cultures of Islam	12
ANTH 238	Middle Eastern Cultures	
ANTH 240	South Asian Cultures	
ANTH 241	Southeast Asian Cultures	
ANTH 515	Tradition and Transformations in Islamic Cultures	
ARAB 201	Intermediate Arabic	
ARAB 202	Intermediate Arabic	
ARAB 280	Introduction to Modern Arab Culture	
ARAB 301	Advanced Arabic Language I	
ARAB 302	Advanced Arabic Language II	
ARAB 310	Conversational Arabic	
ARAB 320	Introduction to Modern Arab Literature in Translation	
ARAB 398	Selected Topics	
FREN 453	Francophone Literatures and Cultures	
GEOG 226	Geography of the Middle East	

HIST 104	Introduction to the Civilization of the Islamic Middle East	
HIST 327	The Crusades	
HIST 347	The Middle East in Modern Times	
HIST 348	North Africa from Colonialism to Revolution: 1830-1962	
HIST 349	The Contemporary Middle East and North Africa	
HIST 365	East Africa and the Indian Ocean World	
RELG 369	Islamic Law	
HIST 386	Islamic Institutions and Traditions	
HIST 562	The Middle East and the United States: 1800 to the Present	
HIST 389	Science, Magic and Religion	
IBUS 428	Islamic Economics and Finance	
JSTU 387	Jews and Muslims	
POLI 103E	Controversies in the Politics of Global Regions: Middle East	3
POLI 449	International Relations of the Middle East	
POLI 483	Middle East Politics	
RELG 250	Introduction to Islam	
RELG 358	The Qur'an and Hadith	
RELG 359	Islamic Theology and Philosophical Thought	
RELG 367	Sufism	
RELG 387	Jews and Muslims	
Total Credit Hours		15

¹ Course choices must include at least one of the listed courses in Religious Studies unless taken to fulfill other degree requirements.

Note: ARAB 121 and ARAB 122 are recommended as choices for the foreign language requirement. Students may apply credits from special topics courses offered by any Arts and Sciences department toward the Islamic World Studies minor. To count toward the minor, the majority of material covered in a special topics course must relate to Islam, Muslim populations, and/or Islamic World contexts. Approval of special topics courses is at the discretion of the Program Director.