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.