

ISLAMIC STUDIES MINOR

Banner Code: ISLM

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This minor is designed for students interested in the societies, cultures, history, and politics of the Islamic world. It offers students the opportunity to study the many societies that have significant Muslim populations. These societies are not just in the Middle East. They stretch from North Africa to Southeast Asia and beyond, including Europe as well as North America. To fulfill the requirements for the minor, students take a wide variety of courses from a range of departments. These courses provide students with a broad and well-rounded understanding of Islam.

The minor will enhance students' opportunities for future study and employment, especially in the Washington, D.C. area.

Faculty

Amireh, Bakhshash, Dakake (director), DeCaroli, Haddad, Hamdani, Katz, Lukacs, Mandaville, McGlinchey, Paden, Salawdeh

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	3
HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3

RELI 312	Islam (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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Total Credits 9

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select three electives from the following. No more than 6 credits of foreign language or 3 credits of Experiential Learning can be applied to the minor. ¹		

ARAB 420	Survey of Arabic Literature	
ARAB 440	Topics in Arabic Religious Thought and Texts (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 308	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 309	Peoples and Cultures of India (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ARTH 320	Overview of Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ARTH 382	Arts of India (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ENGH 309	Topics in Literature (when topic is Arab and Arab-American writers)	
GGG 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	
GGG 326	Geography of Eastern Europe and Russia	
GOVT 332	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (when relevant to the Islamic world with approval of director)	
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
RELI 338	Qur'an and Hadith (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
RELI 343	Sufism	
RELI 344	Muhammad: Life and Legacy	
RELI 358	Islamic Thought (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
RELI 367	Islamic Law, Society, and Ethics	
RELI 368	Islam, Democracy, and Human Rights (Mason Core) (https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

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RELI 386 Islam in the Modern Age

Special topics course, when relevant, with prior written approval of the director

Foreign Language Courses (up to 6 credits) ¹

Experiential Learning (up to 3 credits) ²

Total Credits **9**

¹ Foreign language courses include:

- ARAB 110, ARAB 201, ARAB 202
- PERS 110, PERS 201, PERS 202
- TURK 110, TURK 201, TURK 202

² Experiential Learning includes any study abroad program or an internship experience approved by minor director.