

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, Bakhash, 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 AP5.3.4 Minors (<http://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) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) | 3 |
| RELI 312 | Islam (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) | 3 |
| Total Credits | | 9 |

Electives

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| 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) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) | |
| ANTH 308 | Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) | |
| ANTH 309 | Peoples and Cultures of India (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) | |
| ARTH 320 | Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) | |
| ARTH 382 | Arts of India (Mason Core) (http://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 | |
| GOVT 340 | Central Asian Politics | |
| HIST 282 | Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) | |
| HIST 387 | Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) (when relevant to the Islamic world with approval of director) | |
| HIST 462 | Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) | |
| HIST 465 | The Middle East in the 20th Century | |
| RELI 338 | Qur'an and Hadith | |
| RELI 343 | Sufism | |
| RELI 344 | Muhammad: Life and Legacy | |
| RELI 358 | Islamic Thought (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) | |
| RELI 367 | Islamic Law, Society, and Ethics | |
| RELI 368 | Islam, Democracy, and Human Rights (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) | |
| 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 |

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Foreign language courses include:

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

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