

ISLAMIC STUDIES MINOR

Banner Code: ISLM

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The 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.

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 21

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)	3
RELI 272	Islam	3
Total Credits		9

Foreign Language

Code	Title	Credits
Select one course in a foreign language of any country with a significant Muslim population ¹		3
Total Credits		3

¹ Arabic may be used to fulfill this requirement, but other languages of the Islamic world may be substituted with prior written approval of the director. This requirement may be waived for students who can demonstrate proficiency in a relevant foreign language. Contact the college Office of Undergraduate Affairs (<http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu>). Such students will be required to take 3 additional elective credits.

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select three electives from the following: ¹		9
ARAB 420	Survey of Arabic Literature	
ARAB 440	Topics in Arabic Religious Thought and Texts (Mason Core)	
ANTH 308	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Mason Core)	
ANTH 309	Peoples and Cultures of India (Mason Core)	
ARTH 320	Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core)	
ARTH 382	Arts of India (Mason Core)	
ARTH 386	The Silk Road (Mason Core)	
ENGH 309	Topics in Literature (when topic is Arab and Arab-American writers)	
FREN 453	Topics in North African Francophone Literature and Culture	
GGG 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	
GGG 330	Geography of the Soviet Succession States	
GOVT 328	Global Political Theory	
GOVT 332	Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	
GOVT 340	Central Asian Politics	
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)	
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core)	
HIST 460	Modern Iran (Mason Core)	
HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	
RELI 355	Sufism	
RELI 374	Islamic Thought (Mason Core)	
RELI 375	Qur'an and Hadith	
Total Credits		9

¹ Special topics courses, when relevant, may be used to fulfill this requirement with prior written approval of the director.