

ISLA 430. ISLAMDOM: BAGHDAD TO CORDOBA .

Credits: 3

Offered by: Islamic Studies (Faculty of Arts)

Terms offered: Winter 2026

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Description

The course examines the major socio-political developments in Iraq, Persia, Syria, Egypt, North Africa and Spain from the 9th to the 13th Century. Emphasis is laid on the Umayyad Caliphate centered in Cordoba, and the 'Abbasid Caliphate centered in Baghdad, and the rise of important local dynasties leading up to the Mongol invasion. The course underscores the formation of Islamic cultures in distinct geographical settings and the transformation of religious life under new socio-economic conditions. It also explores shifting notions of civil society and orthodoxy.

- Prerequisite(s): Either ISLA 200 or ISLA 350 or permission of instructor.

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