

# WORLD ISLAMIC AND MIDDLE EAST STUDIES MINOR CONCENTRATION (B.A.) (18 CREDITS)

**Offered by:** Islamic Studies (Faculty of Arts)

**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Arts and Science

**Program credit weight:** 18

## Program Description

World Islamic and Middle East Studies is an interdisciplinary program focusing on Muslim cultures and societies both past and present. Recognizing the variety of approaches within Islam, its global reach, but also its regional specificities, and that of the Middle East in particular, the program aims at providing students with training in the languages, textual traditions, and social life of Muslims across different times and places.

**Note:** For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please refer to Visual Schedule Builder. A technical issue is causing the "Terms offered" field to incorrectly report "this course is not currently offered" for many courses in the Course Catalogue.

## Complementary Courses (18 credits)

18 credits of complementary courses selected from the World Islamic and Middle East Studies course lists as follows:

3 credits at the 200 level, in non-language ISLA courses;

6 credits at the 300 level and Higher, in non-language ISLA courses;

9 credits at any level. If non-language courses are selected, no more than 6 credits in non-language courses overall at the 200-level. Students may fulfill these credits by taking complementary courses from the list of the Non-ISLA Courses below.

NOTE: Hebrew courses (JWST 220D1/D2, 320D1/D2, 340D1/D2), listed under Non-ISLA Courses, are considered non-language courses.

## Non-Language Courses (9-18 credits)

### ISLA 200-Level

3 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
ISLA 200	Islamic Civilization.	3
ISLA 210	Muslim Societies.	3

### ISLA 300 Level and Higher

6 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
ISLA 300	Special Topics 7.	3
ISLA 305	Topics in Islamic History.	3
ISLA 310	Women in Islam.	3
ISLA 315	Ottoman State and Society to 1839.	3
ISLA 325	Introduction to Shi'i Islam.	3
ISLA 330	Islamic Mysticism: Sufism.	3
ISLA 350	From Tribe to Dynasty.	3
ISLA 355	Modern History of the Middle East.	3
ISLA 360	Islam and Politics in Africa	3
ISLA 365	Middle East Since the 1970's.	3
ISLA 370	The Qur'an: History and Interpretation.	3
ISLA 380	Islamic Philosophy and Theology.	3
ISLA 383	Central Questions in Islamic Law.	3
ISLA 385	Poetics and Politics in Arabic Literature.	3
ISLA 388	Persian Literature.	3
ISLA 392	Arabic Literature as World Literature.	3
ISLA 395	Melancholic Migrants	3
ISLA 410	History: Middle-East 1798-1918.	3
ISLA 411	History: Middle-East 1918-1945.	3
ISLA 415	Modern Iran: Anthropological Approach.	3
ISLA 420	Indo-Islamic Civilization: Medieval.	3
ISLA 421	Islamic Culture - Indian Subcontinent.	3
ISLA 430	Islamdom: Baghdad to Cordoba .	3
ISLA 488	Tales of Wonder-Islamic World.	3
ISLA 489	Special Topics 6.	3
ISLA 499	World Islamic and Middle East Studies Internship.	3
ISLA 501	The Qur'an: Text and History.	3
ISLA 502	Art in the Age of Empires.	3
ISLA 505	Islam: Origin and Early Development.	3
ISLA 506	Revolutions: Arab Middle East and North Africa.	3
ISLA 511	Medieval Islam, 10th-12th Century.	3
ISLA 512	Art of the Ottoman Empire.	3
ISLA 515	The Medieval School in Islam.	3
ISLA 516	Medieval Islam, 13th-15th Century.	3
ISLA 531	Survey Development of Islamic Thought.	3
ISLA 555	Urdu Poetry.	3
ISLA 581	Special Topics 1.	3
ISLA 582	Special Topics 2.	3
ISLA 585	Arab Women's Literature.	3

## Non-ISLA Courses

0-9 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 209	Anthropology of Religion.	3
ANTH 318	Globalization and Religion.	3
ANTH 327	Anthropology of South Asia.	3
HIST 209	Introduction to South Asian History.	3
HIST 240	Modern History of Islamic Movements.	3
HIST 305	Themes in Middle East History	3
HIST 340	History of Modern Egypt.	3
HIST 341	Themes in South Asian History.	3
HIST 435	Topics in South Asian History.	3
HIST 446	Topics in Middle East History.	3
JWST 220D1	Introductory Hebrew.	3
JWST 220D2	Introductory Hebrew.	3
JWST 245	Jewish Life in the Islamic World.	3
JWST 261	History of Jewish Philosophy and Thought.	3
JWST 312	Modern Jewish History.	3
JWST 320D1	Intermediate Hebrew.	3
JWST 320D2	Intermediate Hebrew.	3
JWST 323	The Israeli Novel.	3
JWST 334	Jews and Muslims: A Modern History.	3
JWST 338	Jewish Philosophy and Thought 2.	3
JWST 340D1	Advanced Hebrew.	3
JWST 340D2	Advanced Hebrew.	3
JWST 348	Modern Jewish Studies.	3
JWST 366	History of Zionism.	3
JWST 367	Hebrew through Israeli Cinema.	3
JWST 368	A Taste of Hebrew Literature.	3
JWST 369	History of the Hebrew Language.	3
JWST 370	Israeli Popular Culture.	3
PHIL 356	Early Medieval Philosophy.	3
POLI 340	Comparative Politics of the Middle East.	3
POLI 341	Foreign Policy: The Middle East.	3
POLI 347	Arab-Israel Conflict, Crisis, Peace.	3
RELG 204	Judaism, Christianity and Islam.	3
RELG 307	Bible, Quran and Interpretations.	3
RELG 309	World Religions and Cultures They Create..	3
RELG 440	Global Islam.	3

## ISLA Language Courses

0-9 credits in one or more language(s) from:

### Arabic

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Course	Title	Credits
ISLA 221D1	Introductory Arabic.	4.5
ISLA 221D2	Introductory Arabic.	4.5
ISLA 322D1	Lower Intermediate Arabic.	3

ISLA 322D2	Lower Intermediate Arabic.	3
ISLA 322	Lower Intermediate Arabic.	6
ISLA 423D1	Higher Intermediate Arabic.	3
ISLA 423D2	Higher Intermediate Arabic.	3
ISLA 524	Advanced Arabic 1.	3
ISLA 525	Advanced Arabic 2.	3
ISLA 526	Colloquial Arabic.	3

### Persian

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Course	Title	Credits
ISLA 241D1	Introductory Persian.	3
ISLA 241D2	Introductory Persian.	3
ISLA 342D1	Lower Intermediate Persian.	3
ISLA 342D2	Lower Intermediate Persian.	3
ISLA 443D1	Upper Intermediate Persian.	3
ISLA 443D2	Upper Intermediate Persian.	3
ISLA 545	Advanced Persian 1.	3
ISLA 546	Advanced Persian 2.	3

### Turkish

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Course	Title	Credits
ISLA 232D1	Introductory Turkish.	3
ISLA 232D2	Introductory Turkish.	3
ISLA 333D1	Lower Intermediate Turkish.	3
ISLA 333D2	Lower Intermediate Turkish.	3
ISLA 443D1	Upper Intermediate Persian.	3
ISLA 443D2	Upper Intermediate Persian.	3
ISLA 535D1	Advanced Turkish.	3
ISLA 535D2	Advanced Turkish.	3
ISLA 560	Ottoman Turkish	3

### Urdu

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Course	Title	Credits
ISLA 251D1	Introductory Urdu-Hindi.	3
ISLA 251D2	Introductory Urdu-Hindi.	3
ISLA 352D1	Intermediate Urdu-Hindi.	3
ISLA 352D2	Intermediate Urdu-Hindi.	3
ISLA 553	Advanced Urdu-Hindi 1.	3
ISLA 554	Advanced Urdu-Hindi 2.	3
ISLA 555	Urdu Poetry.	3