

MUSLIM STUDIES MINOR

The minor in Muslim Studies is open to all undergraduate students at Michigan State University, and may be combined with an undergraduate major.

There are more than 1.5 billion Muslims around the world, the vast majority living outside the Middle East. The largest Muslim communities are in fact in Asia and Africa, with significant and growing diasporas in Europe and the United States. The Muslim Studies minor seeks to explore the diversity of these Muslim communities. It encourages students to acquire a solid background in the history, religion, and culture of Muslim peoples in general, while exploring in depth particular Muslim communities in Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas.

The minor provides students with the opportunity for sustained study of Muslim societies and Islam in a range of disciplines and topics. With the approval of the department that administer the student's degree program, courses that are used to satisfy the requirements of the minor may also be used to satisfy the requirements for the bachelor's degree. The student's program of study must be approved by the Muslim Studies coordinator prior to enrollment in any course.

Requirements for the minor in Muslim Studies

Students must complete the requirements specified below (16-32 credits):

1. Completion of second-year college-level competency in Arabic or another language appropriate for Muslim Studies such as Persian, Turkish, Urdu, Bahasa Indonesia, Malay, or Swahili. Students may petition the Muslim Studies minor coordinator for approval of an additional global language when it relates to a student's program of study. Students may also petition for a substitution for part or the entire language requirement, replacing the language credits with non-language courses from the course list below. An exception to the language requirement may be granted to students completing a relevant study abroad experience from an approved list of programs available from the Muslim Studies minor coordinator. Students with majors in the College of Social Science should consult with their academic adviser to discuss alternatives to fulfillment of the language requirement in the minor.
2. Five courses with Muslim studies or Islamic content selected from the two categories, with at least one from each category. Not more than one IAH or ISS course may count toward the five required courses. Students must contact the Muslim Studies minor coordinator for an updated list of approved courses prior to enrollment.

HUMANITIES

Integrative Studies in Arts and Humanities

IAH	211B	Area Studies and Multicultural Civilizations: Asia and the Pacific (I)	4 credits
IAH	211C	Area Studies and Multicultural Civilizations: The Americas (I)	4 credits
IAH	211D	Area Studies and Multicultural Civilizations: The Middle East (I)	4 credits

History

HST	201	Historical Methods and Skills	3 credits
HST	372	The Middle East: Islam and Empires	3 credits
HST	373	The Modern Middle East: From Empires to Nation States	3 credits
HST	450	Special Topics in African History	3 credits
HST	451	Special Topics in Asian History	3 credits
HST	487	Seminar in Comparative History (W)	3 credits

Religious Studies

REL	205	Myth, Self, and Religion	3 credits
REL	232	Islam in America	3 credits
REL	330	Islam	3 credits
REL	430	The Qur'an and Its Interpreters (W)	3 credits
REL	432	Modern Muslim Thought (W)	3 credit

French

FRN	415	Introduction to French Studies I: Metropolitan France	3 credits
FRN	416	Introduction to French Studies II: Francophone Cultures	3 credits
FRN	447	Genre-Based Seminar	3 credits

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SOCIAL SCIENCES

James Madison College

MC	320	Problems and Paradoxes in Global Development	4 credits
MC	324A	Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in the Middle East	4 credits
MC	325	State and Society in Comparative Perspective	4 credits
MC	376	Modern Political Thought in the Muslim World	4 credits
MC	390	Advanced Topics in Public Affairs	4 credits
MC	391	Selected Topics in Public Affairs	4 credits
MC	441	Islam and World Politics	4 credits
MC	492	Senior Seminar in International Relations (W)	5 credits
MC	497	Senior Seminar in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy (W)	5 credits

Anthropology

ANP	417	Introduction to Islam in Africa	3 credits
ANP	419	Anthropology of the Middle East	3 credits
ANP	422	Religion and Culture	3 credits
ANP	426	Urban Anthropology	3 credits
ANP	491	Topics in Anthropology	2 credits

Integrative Studies in Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences

ISS	315	Global Diversity and Interdependence (I)	4 credits
ISS	330B	Asia: Social Science Perspectives (I)	4 credits

Geography

GEO	339	Geography of the Middle East and North Africa	3 credits
GEO	340	Geography of Eurasia	3 credits

Political Science

PLS	344	Politics in the Third World of Developing Areas	3 credits
PLS	345	Religion and World Politics	3 credits
PLS	346	Middle East Politics	3 credits
PLS	351	African Politics	3 credits
PLS	358	Politics of the U.S.S.R. and Its Successor States	3 credits
PLS	441	Islam and World Politics	4 credits

The following courses do not always contain content relevant to the Minor in Muslim Studies. Before enrolling in any of these, please consult the Muslim Studies Minor coordinator to see if, in the semester in which a student wishes to enroll, the course counts toward the minor: Anthropology 491; French 415, 416, and 447; History 201, 450, 451, and 487; Integrative Studies in Arts and Humanities 211B, 211C, and 211D; Integrative Studies in Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences 315 and 330B; Geography 340; James Madison College 320, 325, 390, 391, 492, and 497; Political Science 344, 345, 346, 351, and 358; Religious Studies 205 and 232.

MUSLIM STUDIES MINOR CHECKLIST

This is a checklist for students in the Muslim Studies minor who began in Muslim Studies Fall 2018 or after. It may help students visualize how the various parts of the curriculum fit together.

Muslim Studies Minor Program:

I. Second Language (2 years or approved substitution)

Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Urdu, Bahasa Indonesia, Malay, or Swahili

II. Five courses with Muslim studies content selected from the two categories, with at least one from each category. Not more than one IAH or ISS course may count toward the five required courses. Students must contact the Muslim Studies minor coordinator for an updated list of approved courses prior to enrollment.

Humanities

IAH 211B -----
IAH 211C -----
IAH 211D -----
HST 201 -----
HST 372 -----
HST 373 -----
HST 450 -----
HST 451 -----
HST 487 -----
REL 205 -----
REL 232 -----
REL 330 -----
REL 430 -----
REL 432 -----
FRN 415 -----
FRN 416 -----
FRN 447 -----

Social Sciences

ANP 417 -----
ANP 419 -----
ANP 422 -----
ANP 426 -----
ANP 491 -----
GEO 339 -----
GEO 340 -----
ISS 315 -----
ISS 330B -----
PLS 344 -----
PLS 345 -----
PLS 346 -----
PLS 351 -----
PLS 358 -----
PLS 441 -----

MC 320 -----
MC 324A -----
MC 325 -----
MC 376 -----
MC 390 -----
MC 391 -----
MC 441 -----
MC 492 -----
MC 497 -----