# 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):

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**

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| 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**

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| 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**

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| 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**

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| 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**

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| 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**

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| 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**

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

**Geography**

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

**Political Science**

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| 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. 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 _____