

ISLAMIC WORLD STUDIES

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Loyola University Chicago's Islamic world studies minor introduces students to the rich global heritage of Islamic civilization and the diversity of contemporary Muslim societies. Islam has had a lasting influence on cultures in the Middle East, South and Southeast Asia, Europe, and Africa. The minor offers a unique opportunity for students to learn about historical, political, and religious aspects of Muslim societies as well as artistic, literary, and cultural achievements of Islamic civilization. Our minor also allows the study of the vibrant Muslim community in the United States, of which Chicago is a major center. Several languages of the Muslim world, including Arabic, are offered at Loyola and may count towards the minor.



Picturesque Lake Shore Campus, situated on the shore of Lake Michigan and located on Chicago's North Side, is home to more than 3,400 undergraduate resident students.

THE MINOR

Expertise in Islamic studies and in the politics, history, culture, and languages of the Muslim world is needed in many careers today, including academia, business, law, medicine, international relations, and national security. Students who plan to continue in a graduate program for Middle Eastern, South or South East Asian, or Islamic Studies or related fields acquire a solid foundation in this program.

A minor in Islamic world studies prepares students for careers in international organizations, NGOs, business, journalism, government, or to pursue graduate study in related fields. Students gain valuable knowledge and portable skills while demonstrating understandings of cultural diversity that are sought by potential employers. This minor may fulfill personal interests in learning about the fascinating cultures and histories of Muslim societies.



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Requirements

The Islamic world studies minor requires a total of six courses (18 credit hours), including an introductory course in Islamic religion or Islamic history. Additionally, students must take at least five other courses, three of which should be at the 300-level or above. No more than four courses may be taken from any one department. Ideally, courses covering at least two regions of the Muslim world should be included. Languages such as Arabic and Hindi-Urdu may count for up to three units of the minor.

Students minoring in Islamic world studies have majored or minored in other fields at Loyola including international studies, religious studies, journalism, sociology, music, history, Black world studies, peace studies, nursing, life sciences, and business.

In addition to completing the required courses for the minor, to obtain an undergraduate degree (usually 128 credit hours), students must fulfill their major requirements, round out their education by learning important skills and values through Loyola's Core Curriculum, and develop their own special interests by taking general electives.

The Faculty

Anthropology

Kathleen Adams, PhD, University of Washington

Communication

Jeff Harder, MFA, Ohio University

History

Zouhair Ghazzal, PhD, University of Paris–Sorbonne

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John Pincince, PhD, University of Hawaii

Kim Searcy, PhD, Indiana University

Modern Languages and Literatures

Khadija Bounou, PhD, University of Iowa

Political Science

Peter Schraeder, PhD, University of South Carolina

Gunes Murat Tezcur, PhD, University of Michigan

Sociology

Rhys Williams, PhD, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Theology

Program Director: Marcia Hermansen, PhD, University of Chicago

Course Offerings

Many courses offered across the Loyola curriculum count for Islamic world studies credit. The following is a representative list.

ANTHROPOLOGY (ANTH)

ANTH 218 Contemporary Cultures of Southeast Asia

ANTH 220 Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (selected sections)

ARABIC (ARAB)

ARAB 101–104 Arabic I, II, III, IV

ARAB 250 Advanced Composition and Conversation I

ARAB 251 Advanced Composition and Conversation II

COMMUNICATION (COMM)

COMM 370 The Middle East in Cinema

ENGLISH (ENGL)

ENGL 315 South Asian Literature in Translation

FINE ARTS (FNAR)

FNAR 352 Islamic Art (selected sessions)

HINDI-URDU (HNDI)

HNDI 101–104 Hindi I, II, III, IV

HNDI 250 Composition and Conversation I

HNDI 251 Composition and Conversation II

HISTORY (HIST)

HIST 109 Survey of Islamic History

HIST 300 Kinship in Contemporary Middle Eastern Societies

HIST 300 Iraq

HIST 300 Social and Economic History of Early and Medieval Islam

HIST 300 Middle Eastern Cinema

HIST 300 South Asian History

HIST 300E South Asia Since 1500

HIST 300E The Ottoman Empire

HIST 308 Slavery in Muslim Africa

HIST 312 Introduction to Islamic History

HIST 313 The Modern Middle East

HIST 322 The Arab-Israeli Conflict

HIST 349 Islam in Africa

HIST 351 African Politics since 1600

HIST 380 Islam in the African American Experience

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MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES (LITR)

LITR 230	Indian Cinema
LITR 238	Arabic Literature
LITR 243	South Asian Literature

POLITICAL SCIENCE (PLSC)

PLSC 300	Arab World, Islam, and U.S. Foreign Policy
PLSC 300	Catholic and Muslim Democracy
PLSC 340	African International Relations
PLSC 342	Politics of Africa
PLSC 368	Middle East Politics
PLSC 369	Religion and Politics: Iran, Iraq, and Lebanon

SOCIOLOGY (SOCL)

SOCL 280	Sociology of Muslims
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THEOLOGY (THEO)

THEO 114	Introduction to the Qu'ran
THEO 195	Introduction to Islam
THEO 350	Topics in Islam (variable)
THEO 363	The Muslim Experience (variable: South Asian, American, etc.)
THEO 364	Islamic Mysticism
THEO 365	Women, Gender, and Embodiment in Islam
THEO 366	Contemporary Islamic Thought and Movements

Study Abroad

Loyola encourages students to study abroad to apply lessons learned in the classroom to an international setting. Students may choose from more than 70 programs in 34 countries to not only enhance their credentials, but also to enjoy extensive travel opportunities and gain a greater sense of self-reliance.

Islamic world studies minors may be particularly interested in a Loyola summer study abroad course in Tunisia, which includes site visits and lectures for political science credit. Islamic world studies minors have also participated in study abroad programs in Ghana, Spain, Egypt, and India. To learn more, visit LUC.edu/studyabroad.

Core Curriculum

- Focuses on desired knowledge, skills, and values in addition to academic disciplines.
- Includes 45 credit hours of coursework, developing important skills through 10 required areas of knowledge:
 - Important skills include communication, critical thinking, ethical awareness, information literacy, quantitative and qualitative analysis, research methods, and technological literacy.
 - Required areas include college writing seminar(s), artistic knowledge and experience, historical knowledge, literary knowledge, scientific literacy, societal and cultural knowledge, philosophical knowledge, theological and religious studies, and ethics.
- “Values Across the Curriculum” requirements:
 - 12 credit hours completed through the Core, major, or electives, focusing on:
 - Understanding and promoting justice
 - Understanding diversity in the United States and the world
 - Understanding spirituality or faith in action in the world
 - Promoting civic engagement or leadership
- Makes up about one-third of a student’s Loyola academic experience, complemented by the major and electives.
- Incorporates great flexibility with myriad courses from which to choose for each required area. Courses may be completed at any time during a student’s Loyola education.
 - For more information, please visit LUC.edu/core

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