Islamic Studies, Certificate

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Studying Islam allows students to enrich their understanding of this major religion, from its history and culture to current events. Students will gain cultural competence that can enhance prospects for graduate school and a wide variety of careers.

Description

The certificate in Islamic studies allows students to gain an appreciation of Islam's multiculturalism and contemporary relevance in multiple geographic settings. The program is designed to prepare students for graduate programs in religious studies, Islamic studies and area studies and for any academic discipline or career (such as international law and business) that focuses on global Muslim society.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

2018 - 2019 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Program Requirements

The certificate in Islamic studies requires a minimum of 26 credit hours. At least 12 upper-division hours are required. At least six upper-division hours must be in courses offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. A minimum grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) is required in each course used toward the certificate.

**Core -- 9 credit hours**

REL 260: Introduction to Islam (HU & G) (3)
REL 365: Islamic Civilization (HU & H) (3)
REL 366: Islam in the Modern World (HU & G) (3)
Language Requirement -- 8 credit hours

Student will take either two semesters (eight credit hours) of Arabic or two semesters (10 credit hours) of Indonesian.

ARB 101: Elementary Arabic I (4)
ARB 102: Elementary Arabic II (4)
IDN 101: Elementary Indonesian I (5)
IDN 102: Elementary Indonesian II (5)

Students who are native speakers of these languages or other Islamic languages, such as Farsi, or who have other equivalent knowledge may substitute eight credit hours of additional course work selected from the list of approved electives.

Elective Courses -- 9 credit hours

Students must choose electives that represent at least two of three geographic regions. The available geographic regions are Africa and the Middle East, America and Europe, and Asia. No more than one course from the "non-geographic" list may apply toward the certificate. It is recommended that students work with an academic advisor in the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies to select appropriate elective courses.

Africa and the Middle East

AFR 340: The Making of Modern Africa (SB & G & H) (3)
ARB 331: Arabic/Islamic Culture and Literature (HU & H & G) (3)
ARB 335: Arabic Culture and Islam (G) (3)
ARB 337: Hadith and Prophetic Tradition (3)
ARB 341: Quran Text and Women (HU & H) (3)
ARB 351: Classical Arabic Literature (3)
ARB 352: Modern Arabic Literature in Translation (3)
ASB 366: African Archaeology: Precolonial Urban Culture (SB & H) (3)
FRE 471: The Literature of Francophone Africa and the Caribbean (HU) (3)
GCU 328: Geography of Middle East and North Africa (SB & G) (3)
HST 307: Studies in African History (H) (3)
HST 372: Modern Middle East (SB & G & H) (3)
POS 353: Comparative Politics of the Middle East (3)
REL 362 / AFR 372 / SGS 366: Islam and Islamic Societies in Africa: Social and Political History (G) (3)
REL 369: Women in Islam (3)
REL 461 / AFR 480 / SGS 442: Different Voices Within Contemporary Islamic Discourse (3)

America and Europe

FRE 471: The Literature of Francophone Africa and the Caribbean (HU) (3)
GCU 426: Geography of Russia and Surroundings (SB & G) (3)
REL 310: Western Religious Traditions (HU & H) (3)
REL 364: Islam in Eurasia and Central Asia (3)
REL 377: Religion in Russia (HU & H) (3)
SPA 425: Foundational Texts of Spain (HU) (3)
SPA 473: Old and New Spaniards: Culture and Civilization of Spain ((HU or SB) & G) (3)

Asia

ASB 325: Peoples of Southeast Asia (G) (3)
GCU 326: Geography of Asia (SB & G) (3)
GCU 433: Geography of Southeast Asia (3)
HST 106: Asian Civilizations ((HU or SB) & G & H) (3)
HST 107: Asian Civilizations (SB & G & H) (3)
HST 111 / REL 111: Introduction to Asia (HU & H & G) (3)
HST 240 / ASB 240 / GCU 240 / POS 240 / REL 240 / SGS 240: Introduction to Southeast Asia ((HU or SB) & G) (3)
HST 245 / POS 245 / REL 245 / SGS 245 / SLC 245: Introduction to South Asia (HU & H & G) (3)
HST 391: Modern Southeast Asia (SB & G & H) (3)
HST 392: Modern India (3)
REL 347: Peace and Conflict in India ((L or HU) & G) (3)
REL 348: Religion and Culture in Southeast Asia (3)
REL 364: Islam in Eurasia and Central Asia (3)

Non-geographic

ARB 336: Introduction to the Qur'an (3)
HST 302: Gender and Sexuality in Islam ((HU or SB) & G & H) (3)
HST 302: Women, War and Peace ((HU or SB) & G & H) (3)
REL 205: Life, Sex and Death (HU) (3)
REL 363 / AFR 373: Islam and World Affairs (G) (3)
REL 378: Religion, War and Peace (L) (3)
REL 379: Religion, Nationalism, and Ethnic Conflict (HU & G) (3)
REL 380: Theology of Terror (3)
REL 460: Studies in Islamic Religion (HU & G) (3)
REL 480: Religion and Global Politics (L & G) (3)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment Requirements

Students wishing to add the certificate in Islamic studies to their plan of study must consult with an academic advisor in the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies. Students who complete all the
requirements of their undergraduate major, their college and the certificate program receive the certificate plus transcript recognition of its completion.

There are no specific admission requirements other than a student’s desire to learn about Islam and Islamic societies and culture.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

**Contact Information**

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