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.

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.

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.

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

**ARABIC (ARAB)**
- ARAB 101–104: Arabic I, II, III, IV
- ARAB 250: Advanced Composition and Conversation I
- ARAB 251: Advanced Composition and Conversation II

CONTINUED
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 History

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 209 Survey of Islamic History
HIST 213 Introduction to African 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 300E Islam in the Horn of Africa
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

MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES (LITR)
LITR 238 Arabic Literature in Translation
LITR 280 World Masterpieces in Translation

PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)
PHIL 308 Islamic Philosophy

POLITICAL SCIENCE (PLSC)
PLSC 300 Arab World, Islam, and U.S. Foreign Policy
PLSC 340 African International Relations
PLSC 342 Politics of Africa
PLSC 368 Middle East Politics
PLSC 369 Religion and Politics: Iran, Iraq, and Lebanon
PLSC 375C Catholic and Muslim Democracy

SOCIOLOGY (SOCL)
SOCL 280 Sociology of Muslims

THEOLOGY (THEO)
THEO 114 Introduction to the Qu’ran
THEO 295 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

Core Curriculum

Loyola’s Core Curriculum consists of 16 courses (48 credit hours) across ten Knowledge Areas, which include college writing seminar, artistic knowledge and experience, historical knowledge, literary knowledge, quantitative analysis, scientific literacy, societal and cultural knowledge, philosophical knowledge, theological and religious studies, and ethics. The dynamic curriculum emphasizes crucial skills and prepares students for success after college. These skills include communications, critical thinking, ethical awareness, information literacy, quantitative and qualitative analysis, research methods, and technological literacy. In six of the Knowledge Areas, students take two foundational, or Tier I, courses, that provide an introduction to the main concepts and modes of thought common to that Knowledge Area. Students then choose from a wider array of Tier II courses that allow students to pursue their academic interests and deepen their understanding in each area. In addition to courses in the content areas, students will also take one course that satisfies Loyola’s commitment to Engaged Learning. In total, the Core curriculum makes up roughly one-third of a student’s coursework, is complemented by a major and electives, and may be completed at any time during the Loyola academic experience.

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