

Muslim Studies Specialization

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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 Specialization at Michigan State University 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, the Middle East, Europe, and the Americas.

SPECIALIZATION IN MUSLIM STUDIES

The Specialization in Muslim Studies, administered by James Madison College, is available as an elective to students who are enrolled in bachelor's degree programs at Michigan State University. The specialization provides students with the opportunity for sustained study of Mus-

lim societies and Islam in a range of disciplines and topics. With the approval of the department that administers the student's degree program, courses that are used to satisfy the requirements of the specialization 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 Specialization in Muslim Studies

Students must complete the requirements specified below (16 to 32 credits): 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 Specialization coordinator for approval of an additional foreign language when it relates to a student's program of study. Students may also petition for a substitution for part or all of the 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 Specialization 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 this specialization.

2. Five courses with Muslim studies or Islamic content selected from two different 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 Specialization coordinator for an updated list of approved courses prior to enrollment.

Muslim Studies Specialization Course Options

ARTS & HUMANITIES

Integrative Studies in Arts and Humanities

IAH 211B Area Studies and Multicultural Civilizations: Asia
IAH 211D Area Studies and Multicultural Civilizations: The Middle East

French

FRN 415 Introduction to French Studies I: Metropolitan France
FRN 416 Introduction to French Studies II:

Francophone Cultures
FRN 447 Genre Based Seminar

History

HST 201 Historical Methods and Skills
HST 372 The Middle East from the Romans to the Mongols
HST 373 The Middle East: The Ottoman Empire
HST 450 Special Topics in African History
HST 451 Special Topics in Asian History

Religious Studies

REL 330 Islam
REL 431 Muhammad and the Qur'an

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Anthropology

ANP 422 Religion and Cultures
ANP 429 Ethnographic Field Methods
ANP 491 Topics in Anthropology

Integrative Studies in Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences

ISS 315 Global Diversity and Interdependence
ISS 330B Asia: Social Science Perspectives

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MC 320 Politics, Society and Economy in the Third World
MC 324A Regional Politics, Cooperation, and Conflict in the Middle East
MC 324D Regional Politics, Cooperation and Conflict in Asia
MC 325 State and Society in Comparative Perspective
MC 365 Islam and Development in Southeast Asia
MC 390 Advanced Topics in Public Affairs
MC 391 Selected Topics in Public Affairs
MC 441 Islam and World Politics
MC 492 Senior Seminar in International Relations
MC 497 Senior Seminar in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy

Political Science

PLS 344 Politics in the Third World
PLS 351 African Politics
PLS 358 Politics of the USSR and Successor States
PLS 354 Politics of Asia
PLS 441 Islam and World Politics
PLS 460 International Relations

Sociology

SOC 499 Social Issues and Change in Contemporary Society

The following courses do not always contain content relevant to the Specialization in Muslim Studies. Before enrolling in any of these, please consult the Muslim Studies Specialization Coordinator to see if, in the semester in which a student wishes to enroll, the course counts toward the Specialization: Anthropology 422, 429, and 491; French 415, 416, and 447; History 201, 450 and 451; Integrative Studies in Arts and Humanities 211B; Integrative Studies in Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences 315 and 330B; James Madison College 320, 324D, 325, 390, 391, 492, and 497; Political Science 344, 351, 354, 358 and 460; SOC 499.

Upon completion of the requirements of the Specialization in Muslim Studies, the student should contact the coordinator for the specialization and request certification for the specialization. After the certification is approved by the Dean of the College, the Office of the Registrar will enter on the student's academic record the name of the specialization and the date that completion was certified. This information will appear on the student's transcript.



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