Islamic Studies

ABOUT ISLAMIC STUDIES

Islamic Studies is dedicated to the rigorous pursuit of objective academic research on Islam and contemporary issues of concern specifically to Australia and Asia-pacific and Muslim’s engagement with other civilisations and intercultural dialogue.

Why choose Islamic Studies?
There is a rising need to understand Islam both in an Australian and international context. This course provides insight into the history of a 1400-year-old religion and culture. You will be equipped with an advanced understanding of the historical, theological, legal and spiritual teachings of Islam and understanding them within an Australian context. Through comparative study and contemporary thought you will analyse ancient texts of Islam and explore them through different perspectives. This very rich part of our historical make up will provide you with invaluable knowledge and insight into a following 1.5 billion people strong.

Complementary areas of study
If you are interested in Islamic Studies, you may want to take complementary areas of study such as:
- Religious Studies
- History
- Philosophy
- Ancient Cultures
- Anthropology
- International Relations

What are some of the topics Islamic Studies explores?

Islam: Principles, civilisations and influence
Explore the evolution and influence of Islam as a religion and civilisation focusing on law and theology. You will study the writings of great thinkers, mystics and historians and examine core themes within the Qur’an.

Islamic responses to the post-colonial age
Examine developments in Islamic thought and leadership from the end of the Ottoman Empire through the colonial and post-colonial periods. Through looking at significant figures in recent history, you will understand how Islamic religious thought has responded to the colonial age.

How Islamic Studies fits into your Arts degree
You can take units in Islamic Studies towards a minor or simply as elective units in your degree.

Career prospects
An understanding of Islam is needed in a wide range of fields such as immigration, law, educational institutes and community organisations.

From our students
“I thoroughly enjoyed this unit. It was by far the most enjoyable and interesting unit I have taken this year. The tutor was very engaging which really helps stimulate the class involvement. Also, their knowledge is extensive and their confidence in the subject material made it much easier to learn.”

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On the unit, Interpreting the sources of Islam: The Qur’an and Hadith

For more information:
future.arts.monash.edu/ug-islamic-studies

Location: Clayton
Available as: Minor or as elective units