

Studies In Islam - Fall 2015 Courses

Learn more about Islamic civilization and culture and the Arabic language by considering a Minor in Studies in Islam or choosing from a wide range of courses offered

Islamic Civilization and Culture

SI 121R—Islam in the World

An introduction to the caliphates, cities, and cultures of Islam, through film and selected texts, including the experience of Islam in Canada as revealed through its writers. This course provides a foundation for Studies in Islam, establishing a context for multidisciplinary approaches to a wide variety of topics

Instructor: Timothy Gianotti

SI 221R—Islam, the West, and the Modern World

This course examines conceptions of East-West divide and confrontation as well as topics of interest, both geo-political and religious, that influence the relationships of Muslims and the Western world. The focus is on the history of Muslims in the West and the challenges of integration of Muslim communities in pluralistic, secular societies

Instructor: Shiraz Sheikh

SI 230R—Islamic Visual Culture: Art, Architecture, and Aesthetics

This course explores Islamic visual culture by focusing on three main design elements in Islamic art and architecture: calligraphy, arabesque, and geometry. The course emphasizes the aesthetic, visual, and cultural importance of ornamentation in Islamic art and examines its manifestation in the work of contemporary Muslim artists

Instructor: Soheila Esfahani

SI 390R—Understanding Islam

This course brings together the diverse strands that constitute the student's learning and experience in required as well as elective courses of Studies in Islam. Exploring Islam in a variety of contexts, the approach is interdisciplinary and integrative

Instructor: Idrisa Pandit

Arabic Language

SI 101R - Introduction to Arabic 1

This course is designed for students with no previous knowledge of Arabic. It focuses on recognizing the Arabic alphabet and cursive writing. Students will build up basic vocabulary and construct simple sentences

Instructor: Amir Al-Azraki

SI 102R—Introduction to Arabic 2

Language structures and verb conjugations will be covered at a beginner level. Students will exchange conversations in varied contexts and build compound sentences and short paragraphs on topics of interest

Instructor: Amir Al-Azraki

SI 201R—Intermediate Arabic 1

This is an intermediate course focusing on reading comprehension of authentic Arabic materials. Students will be introduced to verb patterns and subject-verb agreement rules and will write longer paragraphs and short essays

Instructor: Amir Al-Azraki

SI 301R—Advanced Arabic 1

This is an advanced course focusing on honing reading comprehension skills. Students will write longer essays using advanced grammatical structures, and they will participate in longer conversations

Instructor: Timothy Gianotti

For more details visit the Studies in Islam website at <https://uwaterloo.ca/studies-in-islam/>

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