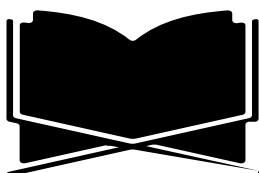




Master of Arts in Islamic Studies

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A strong multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary graduate program enabling students to specialize in one of five concentrations within the field of modern Islamic scholarship.



The Master of Arts in Islamic Studies offers students a unique opportunity to enjoy a strong multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary graduate education across a range of core subjects, while also enabling them to pursue a specialization in one of a number of important areas within the field of modern Islamic scholarship.

The program is tailored to examine traditional Islamic knowledge and place such knowledge in the context of the challenges faced by modern society.

Islamic Studies is a discipline that is widely taught in universities across the world. However, the blended combination of specialties and research offered at HBKU is especially unique.

Program Focus

The Master of Arts in Islamic Studies program covers Islamic knowledge sources and addresses the role they play in understanding pressing issues in the contemporary world.

The program focuses on teaching the skills required to produce graduates with exceptional knowledge of Islam in the modern context, and significant critical thinking.

It develops graduates who can practice the values of moderation, and gain an understanding of present-day challenges that have grown more complex as a result of pluralism and globalization.

Curriculum

A 36-credit degree program taught over two years that includes:

- **Foundation courses (6 credits)**

- Islamic Ethics
- Islamic Thought

- **Core courses (6 credits)**

- Qur'anic and Hadith Studies
- Sources and Methods of Research in Islamic Studies

- **Concentrations options (12 credits)**

- Two of the concentrations are taught in Arabic:
 - Contemporary Fiqh
 - Contemporary Qur'anic Studies
 - Three of the concentrations are taught in English:
 - Comparative Religions
 - Islamic Civilization and Societies
 - Islamic Thought and Applied Ethics
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*Each concentration offers a range of courses from which students can select four courses.

- **Elective Course (3 credits)**

Students can select an elective course from the Islamic Studies catalog.

- **Thesis (9 credits)**
