

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

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Action: Revise Islamic Studies Minor; Revise Islamic Studies Minor with Language
(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term 12F
(use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree _____
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: _____
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name: _____
Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit
(if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: _____
(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor: _____
(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change: _____
(**Must attach** your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study: _____
(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration: _____

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?

(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter "None")

New courses added to the minors:

ARTH 204/BAMS Architecture and Power in Africa

ARTH238 From Cairo to Timbuktu (permanent number in process)

ARTH334 Cairo: Architecture and Revolution (permanent number in process)

ARTH 349 Art and Architecture in Context (Tunisia Study Abroad only)

ARTH 404 Seminar, Early Islamic Art

ARTH 420 Seminar, African Art (when containing Islamic content)

FLLT 320 Various Authors and Genres (when containing Islamic content)

FLLT 332 Arabic Literature in Translation

ANTH314 Immigrant Islam (course was incorrectly listed previously as ANTH 313)

ANTH 316 Islam and Gender (course was incorrectly listed previously as ANTH 314)

ANTH 363 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective (when containing Islamic content)

ANTH 372 The Culture of Colonialism (when containing Islamic content) (permanent number in process)

HIST 365 Topics in Asian History, Introduction to Modern India

POSC 330 Comparative Political Terrorism (when containing Islamic content)

POSC 442 Migration and Security in Europe

Islamic Studies and Islamic Studies with Language are interdisciplinary minors drawing their strength from a broad range of courses in the College of Arts and Sciences. Adding these courses (many of them are new offerings) adds significantly to the interdisciplinary strength of the Islamic Studies minor/s. The inclusion of these new courses reflects the broadening scope of curriculum offerings addressing Islam at the University.

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education: <http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/>

Requiring a broader scope of interdisciplinary inquiry by students in the Islamic Studies minor/s allows students to engage more fully with Islam from a multitude of frameworks and disciplines, spanning the study of Islam as a religious, historical, political, cultural, literary, and aesthetic phenomena. As such, the requirement that students will now take courses from three broad “disciplines” or groups (Groups I, II, and III) contributes to Goal #8 (expansion of the understanding and appreciation of human creativity and diverse forms of aesthetic and intellectual expression); allows students to appreciate the differences among different Muslim groups in the world and in the United States (Goals #9 and #10); and more fully grounds their experience of Islam as a complex and broad intellectual endeavor that underlies “the search for knowledge in the arts, humanities, sciences and social sciences” (Goal #5).

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:

(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter “None”)

None

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):

(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

Islamic Studies and Islamic Studies with Language are relatively new minors at the University. Since its inception in 2007, the program has provided students with a basic foundation in

exploring the beliefs, expression, and experience of Muslim people through history and in the present day. Interest in Islam has grown substantially among students and faculty at the University in the past five years. New faculty have been hired who contribute substance and depth to the Islamic Studies minor/s, and existing faculty have either added content addressing Islam to ongoing courses or added more course offerings that address Islam and the Muslim world. The program now has the capacity to broaden its requirements and broaden the interdisciplinary scope of the minor/s. Therefore, we are *adding* courses to the requirements and electives (and in one case, deleting a course that does not address Islam, and in two other cases, correcting erroneous course numbers) and *reorganizing* the curriculum in such a way that students will strengthen their knowledge of Islam more broadly. In place of one required core course, students will now be able to take one of three courses from different disciplines as their core course (Group I), allowing them to study the foundational material for the minor from the perspective of either Political Science, History, or Anthropology.

As such, students in the minor will now be allowed to choose one of three foundational or “core” courses (Group I) and will be required to elect additional courses from two broad subject groupings (Group II—Arts and Literature; Group III—Social Science and History). Additionally, they will be allowed to take one additional elective at or above the 300 level. This final course at the 300 level allows students to engage more deeply with material from Group II *or* Group III.

The three groups are: Core requirements (Group I, 3 credits); Arts and Literature (Group II, 6 credits); Social Sciences and History (Group III, 6 credits). One additional course at or above the 300 level from Groups II or III is required, totaling 18 credits.

We are also allowing students who have a pre-existing facility in Arabic or another Islamic language the possibility to obtain the Islamic Studies minor with Language degree.

Program Requirements:

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and **include a side-by-side comparison** of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.)

Change #1: All Islamic Studies minors without and with Language must complete a total of 18 credits from Group I (3 credits, choose from three options); Group II (6 credits); Group III (6 credits); plus take one more additional course at or above the 300 level from Groups II or III.

Change #2: Students with prior experience in Arabic may be asked to demonstrate their competence in order to be exempt from language classes. Students may also substitute other Islamic languages for the Arabic requirement.

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Side by Side

Revised Minor in Islamic Studies

The following requirements apply to all students entering the University in Fall 2012 or after. Students entering prior to this date may choose to use either the catalog description for the minor from the year they entered the program or the 2012 catalog.

Islamic Studies is an interdisciplinary program for students wishing to focus their interests on Islam and the Islamic world as an enhancement and complement to their undergraduate majors. Students have two possible options: 1) a minor in Islamic Studies without language or 2) a minor in Islamic Studies with language (Arabic).

All Islamic Studies minors must complete a total of 18 credits from: Group I, Group II, and Group III, plus one elective course at the 300 level or above from Groups II or III as described below.

In the case of the Islamic Studies Minor with Language option, students must complete the Arabic language sequence through Arabic 107. Students with prior experience in Arabic may be asked to demonstrate their competence in order to be exempt from language classes. Students may also substitute other Islamic languages for the Arabic requirement.

18 required credit hours for the minor:

GROUP I: Core Requirement: Foundation Course in Islamic Studies

Students must take *one* of these three courses. It is strongly advised that students begin the minor with one of these courses.

POSC 201 Introduction to Global Islam
HIST 201 Introduction to Global Islam
ANTH 212 Peoples and Cultures of the Muslim World

GROUP II: Arts and Literature

Students must take 6 credits from the following courses in art and literature; three credits must be taken at the 300 level or above.

ARTH 236 Arts of the Islamic World
ARTH 204/BAMS203 Art, Power, and Architecture in Africa
ARTH238 From Cairo to Timbuktu (permanent number in process)
ARTH334 Cairo: Architecture and Revolution (permanent number in process)
ARTH 349 Art and Architecture in Context (Study Abroad only)
ARTH 404 Seminar, Early Islamic Art
ARTH 420 Seminar, African Art (when containing Islamic content)
FLLT 320 Various Authors and Genres (when containing Islamic content)
FLLT 332 Arabic Literature in Translation
ENGL 382 Multicultural Literature in English (when containing Islamic content)

GROUP III: Social Sciences and History

Students must take 6 credits from the following courses in social sciences and history; three credits must be taken at the 300 level or above.

ANTH 314 Immigrant Islam
ANTH 316 Islam and Gender
ANTH 363 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective (when containing Islamic content)

Existing Minor in Islamic Studies

The Islamic studies minor without language will require completion of six courses comprising 18 credits.

Core requirement..... 6

POSC201 Introduction to Global Islam

A second course at the 200-300 level from HIST381, HIST377, ARTH236, or POSC377

Twelve additional credits..... 12
(to include at least three 300-level courses).

Courses are to be chosen from the following approved list:

ANTH212	Peoples and Cultures of the Muslim World
ANTH313	Immigrant Islam: The Muslim Diaspora to the West
ANTH314	Islam and Gender
ARTH236	Arts of the Islamic World
ENGL382	Multicultural Literature in English (when offered as the Crescent and the Cross: Contemporary Fiction from Arab Nations and American Writers on the Arab World)
HIST130	Islamic Near East: 600-1500
HIST131	Islamic Near East: 1500-Present
HIST340	Ancient Near East and Greece
HIST377	Radicalism and Revolution: Islamic Movement/Modern Middle East
HIST378	Nationalism in the Modern Middle East
HIST380	History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict
HIST381	Islam and the West: The History of Mutual Perceptions
HIST444	Seminar: Women in the Islamic Middle East
PHIL312	Late Medieval Philosophy
POSC377	Arab-Israeli Politics
POSC410	Islam and Global Affairs
POSC430	Intermestic Relations of Islam and America

Substitutions for the above courses may be made with permission of the program director. Independent studies and special problems courses may also count toward the minor with the director's approval.

(Minor with Language consists of the same curriculum with Arabic language sequence through 107 level)

ANTH 372 The Culture of Colonialism (when containing Islamic content) (permanent number in process)
HIST 130 Islamic Near East 600-1500
HIST 131 Islamic Near East 1500-present
HIST 365 Topics in Asian History, Introduction to Modern India
HIST 377 Radicalism and Revolution: Islamic Movements
HIST 378 Nationalism in the Modern Middle East
HIST 380 History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict
HIST 381 Islam and the West
HIST 444 Seminar: Women in the Islamic Middle East
PHIL 312 Late Medieval Philosophy
POSC 330 Comparative Political Terrorism (when containing Islamic content)
POSC 377 Arab-Israeli Politics
POSC 442 Migration and Security in Europe
POSC 410 Islam and Global Affairs
POSC 430 Intermestic Relations of Islam and America

Islamic Studies Minor with Language

Islamic Studies Minor with Language will complete the same requirements described above, and additionally complete the Arabic language sequence through the 107 level. Students with prior experience in Arabic may be asked to demonstrate their competence in order to be exempt from language classes. Students may also substitute other Islamic languages for the Arabic requirement.

In courses where content varies, students should consult the Islamic Studies Program Director.

Requests for course substitutions for all Islamic Studies minors may be made with the permission of the Islamic Studies Program Director in consultation with the Islamic Studies Advisory Committee.

ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION: (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson _____ Date _____

Dean of College _____ Date _____

Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. _____ Date _____

Secretary, Faculty Senate _____ Date _____

Date of Senate Resolution _____ Date to be Effective _____

Registrar _____ Program Code _____ Date _____

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & International Programs _____ Date _____

Provost _____ Date _____

Board of Trustee Notification _____ Date _____

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