

# 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.

**Submitted by:** M. A. Muqtedar Khan phone number: 831-1939

**Department:** Political Science email address mkhan@udel.edu

**Action:** Add Islamic Studies Minor

(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** \_\_\_\_\_

07F  
(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:** Islamic Studies Minor

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:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **List program changes for curriculum revisions**

### **List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum:**

(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")

Introduction to Global Islam (POSC/HIST 201)

This course will be offered by the Political Science and History faculty on a rotating basis.

### **Other affected units:**

(List other departments affected by this new or revised curriculum. Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter "None")

Political Science and International Relations, History, Philosophy, Anthropology, Foreign Languages and Literature, English, and Art History.

Statements of support from Department Chairs are attached.

### **Rationale:**

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

Contemporary events dramatically underscore the global significance of Islam and the global need for a better understanding of the religion of Islam, the Islamic World and the various Muslim communities that exist from Michigan to Malaysia. Islam has not only become an important force in the global cultural, political and economic sphere, it has become a crucial aspect of the American and Western experience due primarily to the growth of Muslim communities in the West. Co-existence across borders and within borders is unfeasible without a good understanding of Islam, Islamic civilization, and the Muslim World.

Universities across the country have already recognized this fact and have either launched new programs of Islamic Studies or widened and deepened existing ones (for a list of some programs, see attachment X). The University of Delaware has lagged behind comparable institutions in this regard. An Islamic Studies minor is the first step towards addressing this deficit. The originators and supporters of this minor will be submitting a proposal for an Islamic Studies Program to add depth and value to this minor; this, clearly, is a necessary second step.

The demand for the courses on Islam and the Muslim World on campus is clear. Nearly every course that addresses the subject of Islam is oversubscribed. Campus events and talks that focus on Islam are uniformly well-attended. The University has sufficient resources, as evident from the existing course offerings, to constitute an Islamic Studies minor. Indeed, there are nearly twenty courses presently offered or proposed by faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences in which students in an Islamic Studies minor could enroll to meet the suggested requirements.

Clearly, knowledge of Islam and the Islamic World is a necessary asset to make University of Delaware students competitive in a marketplace where both government careers and non-governmental and global corporations have become highly sensitive to this subject area and are seeking graduates with background in Islamic Studies.

Finally, informal inquiries with students currently taking Islam-related courses about their continued interest in such a program provide ample reason to be optimistic about the prospects for early and steady enrolment in the minor.

**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 present curriculum.)

1. The Islamic studies minor will require a total 18 credits (comprised of six courses from the following list of designated or approved courses). See attachment Y for course descriptions.

Currently existing courses:

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  
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  
POSC410/610 Islam and Global Affairs

Proposed courses:

ANTH212 Peoples and Cultures of the Muslim World  
ANTH313 Immigrant Islam: The Muslim Diaspora to the West  
ANTH314 Islam and Gender  
POSC430 The Intermestic Relations of Islam and America  
POSC/HIST201 Introduction to Global Islam

2. The six courses that will lead to the Islamic Studies minor will include two core requirements.
3. The two core requirements shall be: (A) Introduction to Global Islam (POSC/HIST 201) and (B) a second course at the 200-300 level from the following list of approved courses: HIST381, HIST377, ANTH212, ARTH236, and POSC377.
4. The minor would require at least 3 courses at or above the 300 level.
5. The minor will have a designated advisor, as authorized by the CAS Dean’s Office, who will also be the director of the Islamic Studies Program when it is established.
6. In addition, the designated advisor of the minor (and in the future, the director of the proposed Islamic Studies Program) will have the authority to make course substitutions for required courses.

**ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION:**

(Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson *J. Megea* Date 10/27/06

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 Programs & Planning \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Provost \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Trustee Notification \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Revised 11/03/04 /khs

## **ATTACHMENT X: A FEW EXAMPLES OF RECENT NEW ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAMS**

1. Stanford, 2004 [9 million].  
[http://www.stanford.edu/dept/islamic\\_studies/faculty.html](http://www.stanford.edu/dept/islamic_studies/faculty.html)
2. San Francisco State University has started an Islamic Studies Program and In addition, an Islamic Studies Endowment Advisory Council should be established to help raise private funding in cooperation with the University's Office of Development.  
<http://www.sfsu.edu/~news/response/008.htm>
3. Claremont graduate University created a Council of Islamic Studies to launch an Islamic studies Program.  
<http://www.sfsu.edu/~news/response/008.htm>
4. Swarthmore College has received a one million dollar Jay Gould Endowment for Islamic Studies and will be the corner stone of a \$5 million Islamic studies program. Jay Gould Endowment for Islamic Studies.
5. Earlham College has recently started an Islamic Studies program with a recently awarded \$30,000 start-up grant from the Ball Venture Fund (BVF) of Muncie, Ind.  
<http://www.earlham.edu/publicaffairs/content/pressroom/archive/2005/may/0518-islamicstudies.php>

Programs expanded.

1. Harvard has received two endowments, one from UAE to establish a Sheikh Zayed Al Nahyan Professorship in Islamic Religious Studies, and a \$20 million from Saudi Arabian tycoon Prince Al Waleed to expand their Islamic studies program.
2. Georgetown University has also received a \$20 million from Saudi Arabian tycoon Prince Al Waleed to expand their Islamic studies program.

**ATTACHMENT Y: EXISTING AND PROPOSED COURSES WITH ISLAMIC STUDIES  
CONTENT**

**EXISTING COURSES**

ARTH236 *Arts of the Islamic World* 3 credits

Formation and diffusion of a distinctive artistic tradition from the eighth to the sixteenth century. Considers architecture, painting, metalwork and other media, especially in the Mediterranean world and western Asia.

ENGL382 *Multicultural Literature in English* 3 credits

(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* 3 credits

Introduces the student to the origins of Islam, its development as a religion and a culture, and the broad trends in Middle Eastern history until 1500.

HIST131 *Islamic Near East: 1500-Present* 3 credits

Considers the traditional make-up of the Middle East and charts the emergence of the region in its present form through the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

HIST340 *Ancient Near East and Greece* 3 credits

Stresses such themes as the way in which the world view of the ancients was different from ours, and the relationship between the individual and society. Readings in ancient historical works and ancient literature. Extensive use of slides.

HIST377 *Radicalism and Revolution: Islamic Movement/Modern Middle East* 3 credits

Addresses the background, historical development and present state of Islamic fundamentalist movements.

HIST378 *Nationalism in the Modern Middle East* 3 credits

Focuses on the ideology of nationalism in an attempt to explain the emergence of the modern countries in the Middle East.

HIST380 *History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict* 3 credits

Explores the roots and the historical complexity of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Topics include: the origins of Zionism, the nature of traditional Arab/Ottoman society in the 19th century, the relationship between the early Zionists and indigenous Arab population of Palestine, the creation of a Jewish society, the rise of Palestinian nationalism, and the protracted search for coexistence between Jews and Arabs. May be cross-listed with JWST381.

HIST381 *Islam and the West: The History of Mutual Perceptions* 3 credits

Surveys the history of mutual views of Islam and Christianity/Judaism/the West from the Middle Ages to the present. Topics include medieval polemics, Enlightenment

attempts at respect and understanding, the question of Orientalism, and the current specter of a clash of civilizations.

**HIST444 Seminar: *Women in the Islamic Middle East* 3 credits**

Examines the major developments, themes and problems in women's history in the Middle East from the advent of Islam to the present. By tracing women's legal status, sexual morality, family and social life, and female economic and political participation, it seeks to shed light on the process of women's roles in society and to challenge the notion that gender divisions and roles have been static over time. May be cross-listed with WOMS444.

**PHIL312 *Late Medieval Philosophy* 3 credits**

The rediscovery of Aristotle by the Islamic philosophers (10th-12th centuries) through Ockham (14th century) and includes Avicenna, Algazali, Averroes, Maimonides, Aquinas, and more. Topics include science and religion, divine command theory, talking about God, among others.

**POSC377 *Arab-Israeli Politics* 3 credits**

Focuses on the politics, particularly the international relations, of the Middle East. With the Arab-Israeli conflict as the point of departure the course examines the resurgence of Islam and Islamic movements and the regional and global consequences of the war on terror, recent trends in democratization and the rise of Al Qaeda and its affiliates. In essence this course will be a tour de force in culture and international politics of the Middle East.

**POSC 410/610 *Islam and Global Affairs* 3 credits**

This course examines the role of Islam and politics with particular emphasis on the phenomenon of Islamic resurgence, political Islam and Jihadi movements. The course also explores the ideas of the Islamic state and Islamic democracy and examines the struggle for self-determination and self-governance in the contemporary Islamic world.

## **PROPOSED COURSES**

**ANTH212 *Peoples and Cultures of the Muslim World* 3 credits**

Focusing on social and cultural dimensions of the Islamic experience, this course uses anthropological case studies and theory to understand the ways in which Islam is practiced and represented in Muslim societies from the Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa, South and Southeast Asia, and the West. Students will investigate the interaction between the shared Islamic identity and distinctive local expressions of Muslim faith and life.

**ANTH313 *Immigrant Islam: The Muslim Diaspora to the West* 3 credits**

This course examines the social and cultural aspects of transnational Muslim cultures in the West and their representation in Western media over time. Students will focus on the modern history and nature of and responses to Islamic immigration to Western Europe (with a particular focus on France, which has the largest Muslim population of Western European countries) and explore the nature of Islamic integration

in the U.S., with an in-depth look at pre- and post-September 11 policy and experiences. Through anthropological case studies, students will explore the scope and range of intercultural understanding between Muslim populations and receiving nations.

*ANTH314 Islam and Gender 3 credits*

This course uses anthropological case studies and historical material to comprehend the ideals, practices, and consequences of gender beliefs in Islam. Students will explore doctrinal, historical, and contemporary accounts to reach an understanding of the roles, identities, and requirements of female and male lives in Islam societies, as well as how these expressions of gender are understood and interpreted across and outside the Muslim world.

*POSC/HIST 201 Introduction to Global Islam 3 credits*

This course will introduce students to the theology, philosophy and history of Islam. The course will also provide a basic introduction to the Quran, the Traditions of Prophet Muhammad, and the fundamentals of Islam law and jurisprudence. The course will also explore the different interpretations and manifestations of Islam, both historically and contemporaneously.

*POSC 430 The Intermestic Relations of Islam and America 3 credits*

Intermestic Relations of United States and Islam, is envisioned as a capstone experience for Political Science and International Relations majors. The course will explore the intermestic – international and domestic – relations between Islam and the U.S. It will integrate and apply what students have learned about American domestic politics, America's foreign relations, world politics and existing global crisis between the U.S. and the Muslim World in the wake of the attacks of September 11, 2001 and subsequent US invasion and occupation of Iraq. This course proposal has won an instructional grant for the year 2006-2007.



**Subject:** Re: Islamic Studies Minor Proposal

**From:** Carole Haber <chaber@UDel.Edu>

**Date:** Tue, 23 May 2006 15:57:13 -0400

**To:** "Alan Fox, Ph.D." <afox@UDel.Edu>

Dear Alan,

I have shared your proposal with Rudi Matthee who, of course, is central to the program. He endorses it enthusiastically, with the one suggestion -- that I think you have heard before -- that it really is Middle Eastern Studies and not Islamic Studies. He does not believe, however, that this is a deal breaker, and feels that program's significance is far more important than the title. Either way, the Department supports the minor and hope it becomes accepted quickly.

Carole Haber

Alan Fox, Ph.D. wrote:

The College of Arts and Sciences has charged a small ad hoc committee with preparing a proposal for an Interdisciplinary Minor in Islamic Studies. Since some of the proposed classes come from within your departments, we ask for you to review the proposal draft and either make suggestions or criticisms, or respond to this email with a letter indicating your support. I feel the proposal speaks for itself as a timely and necessary first step toward the establishment of an Islamic Studies program. We would like to proceed expeditiously with this, so please respond as soon as possible. Thanks in advance for your time on this.

**Subject:** Re: Islamic Studies Minor Proposal  
**From:** "Fred Adams" <fa@UDel.Edu>  
**Date:** Mon, 15 May 2006 09:41:59 -0400  
**To:** "Alan Fox, Ph.D." <afox@UDel.Edu>

Alan,

You and I have talked about this before and I think you know that I strongly support it.

Do you need a letter of support on Letterhead stationary?

Yours,

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----- Original Message ----- From: "Alan Fox, Ph.D." <afox@UDel.Edu>  
To: [ajmagee@UDel.Edu](mailto:ajmagee@UDel.Edu); [chaber@UDel.Edu](mailto:chaber@UDel.Edu); "Frederick R Adams" <fa@UDel.Edu>;  
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Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2006 4:16 PM  
Subject: Islamic Studies Minor Proposal

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**Subject:** Re: Islamic Studies Minor Proposal  
**From:** Karen Rosenberg <krr@UDel.Edu>  
**Date:** Wed, 17 May 2006 09:12:17 -0400 (EDT)  
**To:** "Alan Fox, Ph.D." <afox@UDel.Edu>  
**CC:** Patricia Sloane-White <pswhite@UDel.Edu>

The Anthropology Department is delighted to see the proposal of the Interdisciplinary Minor in Islamic Studies and will do everything that we can to support it. As you know, we have recently hired Patricia Sloane-White as a tenure-track member of our department. The three anthropology courses on your list that she has proposed (Peoples and Cultures of the Muslim World, Immigrant Islam: The Muslim Diaspora to the West and Islam and Gender) will all be submitted for permanent status in the fall and will be taught on a rotating basis as part of her teaching. They will be available to students on a regular basis. If you have any questions, or if there is anything else we can do to support this program, please let me know.

Karen Rosenberg  
Chair, Department of Anthropology

On Sun, 14 May 2006, Alan Fox, Ph.D. wrote:

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**Subject:** Islamic Studies Minors

**From:** "Richard A. Zipser" <zipser@UDel.Edu>

**Date:** Wed, 11 Oct 2006 09:36:27 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** Alan Fox <afox@UDel.Edu>, sab@english.udel.edu, jjmagee@UDel.Edu

The proposals for Islamic Studies Minors (with and without language) have my approval.

Richard A. Zipser, Chair  
Foreign Languages and Literatures

----- Original message -----

Date: Tue, 10 Oct 2006 10:18:12 -0400

From: Alan Fox <afox@UDel.Edu>

Subject: final approval

To: zipser@UDel.Edu, sab@english.udel.edu, jjmagee@UDel.Edu

We have made some revisions to the proposal for establishing an Islamic Studies Minor, and we are requesting final approval from you. Please respond at your earliest convenience with an email either clearly stating your support or else outlining your remaining concerns. Thanks in advance...

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**Subject:** RE: [Fwd: final approval]  
**From:** "Bernhardt, Stephen A." <sab@english.udel.edu>  
**Date:** Thu, 12 Oct 2006 05:56:34 -0400  
**To:** "Alan Fox" <afox@UDel.Edu>

English supports the proposed minor in Islamic Studies.

Stephen A. Bernhardt  
Chair, Department of English  
Kirkpatrick Chair in Writing  
University of Delaware  
302-831-3351  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Alan Fox [<mailto:afox@UDel.Edu>]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 12:22 PM  
To: Bernhardt, Stephen A.  
Subject: [Fwd: final approval]

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Subject: final approval  
Date: Tue, 10 Oct 2006 10:18:12 -0400  
From: Alan Fox [[afox@udel.edu](mailto:afox@udel.edu)]  
Organization: University of Delaware  
To: [jjmagee@UDel.Edu](mailto:jjmagee@UDel.Edu), [sab@english.udel.edu](mailto:sab@english.udel.edu), [jjmagee@UDel.Edu](mailto:jjmagee@UDel.Edu)

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**Subject:** Re: Islamic Studies Minor Proposal  
**From:** "NINA KALLMYER" <nadiaeleni@verizon.net>  
**Date:** Tue, 16 May 2006 21:40:27 -0400  
**To:** "Alan Fox, Ph.D." <afox@UDel.Edu>

Dear Professor Fox,

I would like to state my support of the planned Islamic Major. Classes offered by us will provide useful complements to the materials encompassed by the projected major. Thank you for pursuing this exciting initiative

Nina Athanassoglou-Kallmyer  
Professor and Acting Chair  
Art History

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Alan Fox, Ph.D.

**To:** [jjimagee@UDel.Edu](mailto:jjimagee@UDel.Edu) ; [chaber@UDel.Edu](mailto:chaber@UDel.Edu) ; Frederick R Adams ; [krr@UDel.Edu](mailto:krr@UDel.Edu) ; [zipser@UDel.Edu](mailto:zipser@UDel.Edu) ; [sab@UDel.Edu](mailto:sab@UDel.Edu) ; [nina@UDel.Edu](mailto:nina@UDel.Edu) ; [erise@UDel.Edu](mailto:erise@UDel.Edu) ; [pswhite@UDel.Edu](mailto:pswhite@UDel.Edu) ; [mkhan@UDel.Edu](mailto:mkhan@UDel.Edu)

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