



Faculty of Arts

Islamic Studies at Melbourne

Why Islamic Studies?

LEARN ABOUT THE CONTEMPORARY MUSLIM WORLD

When you study Islamic Studies, you'll learn about the contemporary Muslim world and develop an understanding of Islamic history, civilisation and culture. You'll gain insight into Islam's foundation texts, its early and modern history, as well as areas of philosophical and political thought. You'll be able to study Muslim societies in both majority and minority contexts, concepts of unity, diversity, ethnicity and identity, with a focus on Middle Eastern affairs.

You can choose from subjects in human rights and Islamic law, politics of the Middle East, Islamic spirituality, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. All of the subjects are taught in English – but if the Muslim world is a key area of interest for you, you might like to complement your studies with a major in Arabic Studies.

WHERE CAN AN ISLAMIC STUDIES MAJOR TAKE YOU?

With your in-depth knowledge of Islam and the social and cultural diversity in Muslim societies, you will have developed the skills to work with people from diverse cultural backgrounds – a true asset in any workplace in our multicultural society. You might apply your skills in a variety of careers, including (but not limited to) teaching, journalism, the government and public service, NGOs, business, and academic research.

▶ Find out more: unimelb.edu.au/study/islamic-studies



“I chose Islamic Studies because I wanted to expand my knowledge of my own faith (which I knew very little about) and because I believed it was important to use my own knowledge to inform others about Islam. I know many people are unaware how diverse and complex Islamic History is – we tend to fear the unknown and use them as scapegoats. Education is key.”

Fatih Oguzhan