

# CONTEMPORARY ISLAMIC STUDIES, MASTER OF ARTS

The MA in Contemporary 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 important area 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.

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## Requirements

Minimum Hours required to complete program 36 CH

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
CIS 600	Foundations of Islamic Thought	3
CIS 601	Contemporary Quran and Hadith Studies	3
CIS 602	Applied Research Methodologies in Islamic Studies	3
Subtotal		9
<b>Specialization</b>		
Select one of the following Specializations:		18
<i>Specialization 1: Contemporary Islamic Thought</i>		
Required Courses:		
CIS 607	Islamic Thought and Postcolonial Studies	
CIS 705	Islam and Modernity	
CIS 706	Islamic Law and Society	
Elective Courses:		
Select three of the following:		
CIS 608	The Media and Muslim Societies	
CIS 609	Islam and Politics in the Muslim World	
CIS 611	Scientific Thought in Muslim Societies	
CIS 612	Muslim Societies in Diaspora	
CIS 613	Modern History of the Muslim World	
CIS 710	Muslim Encounters with Other Societies	
<i>Specialization 2: Fiqh and Society</i>		
Required Courses:		
CIS 615	Non-Textual Legal Sources	
CIS 616	Fatwa, Family and Society	
CIS 617	Islamic jurisprudence, Politics and the State	
Elective Courses:		
Select three of the following:		
CIS 618	The Higher Objectives of Sharia and Public Interest	
CIS 619	Text and Context: Comparative Textual Readings	
CIS 620	Nawazil and Novel Legal Issues	
CIS 621	Personal Earnings and Economics	
CIS 622	Social Justice, Community Welfare and Sustainable Development	
CIS 623	Muslim Social and Political Systems and Institutions	
Subtotal		18
<b>Thesis</b>		
CIS 695	Master's Thesis Hours	0-6

Subtotal		9
<b>Non-Course Requirements</b>		
699	Thesis Defense	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>36</b>

## Study Plan

### Specialization 1: Contemporary Islamic Thought

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
CIS 600	Foundations of Islamic Thought	3
CIS 601	Contemporary Quran and Hadith Studies	3
CIS 602	Applied Research Methodologies in Islamic Studies	3
CIS 706	Islamic Law and Society	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
CIS 607	Islamic Thought and Postcolonial Studies	3
CIS 705	Islam and Modernity	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
CIS 695	Master's Thesis Hours	3
Elective 1		3
Elective 2		3
Elective 3		3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
CIS 695	Master's Thesis Hours	6
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

### Specialization 2: Fiqh and Society

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
CIS 600	Foundations of Islamic Thought	3
CIS 601	Contemporary Quran and Hadith Studies	3
CIS 602	Applied Research Methodologies in Islamic Studies	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
CIS 615	Non-Textual Legal Sources	3
CIS 616	Fatwa, Family and Society	3
Elective 1		3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
CIS 617	Islamic jurisprudence, Politics and the State	3
CIS 695	Master's Thesis Hours	3
Elective 2		3
Elective 3		3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
CIS 695	Master's Thesis Hours	6
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>