

# ISLAMIC ART, ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM, MASTER OF SCIENCE

The MSc in Islamic Art, Architecture and Urbanism is a multidisciplinary program that produces and transfer knowledge in the fields of Islamic Art, Architecture and Urbanism with a strong relevance toward the contemporary world of Muslim societies. The program is conducted in collaboration with the University of Oxford in the UK, it aims to equip the next generation of curators, historians, and designers with a critical and informed understanding of Islamic art and architecture. This program encourages research towards safeguarding Islamic cultural heritage by examining the contextual history of Islamic art, architecture, and urbanism.

For more information, click here (<https://www.hbku.edu.qa/en/cis/msiau/>).

## Requirements

Minimum hours required to complete program 36 CH

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Foundation Courses</b>		
IST 636	Quranic Civilizations, Geography and Archaeology	3
Subtotal		3
<b>Core Courses</b>		
IAA 600	Independent Project Modelling	3
IAA 610	Research and Design Methods	3
IAA 611	History of Islamic Art and Architecture I (650-1250)	3
IAA 623	History of Islamic Art and Architecture II (1250-1900)	3
IAA 625	Survey of Architectural Typologies of the Islamic World	3
IST 621	Sustainable Islamic Urbanism: Past and Present	3
Subtotal		18
<b>Specialization</b>		
Select one of the following Specializations:		6
<i>Specialization 1: History and Cultural Display</i>		
IAA 631	Islamic Objects and Manuscripts	
IAA 632	Museum and Exhibition Studies	
<i>Specialization 2: Contemporary Mosque Architecture</i>		
IAA 633	Mosque Architecture Design	
IAA 634	Islamic Architecture and Urbanism in the 20th & 21st Centuries	
<i>Specialization 3: Sustainable Cities of Muslim Societies</i>		
IAA 635	Contemporary Cities for Muslim Societies	
IAA 636	Globalization, Cities and Urban Policies	
Subtotal		6
<b>Elective Courses</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
IAA 641	Urban Interventions in Historic Islamic Cities	
IAA 642	Physical Spaces and Spatial Humanities in Digital Societies	
IAA 643	Types and Typologies of Domestic Architecture	

Students can take one elective from Sustainable Engineering Courses or Digital Humanities Courses

Subtotal		3
<b>Thesis</b>		
IAA 695	Master's Thesis Hours	0-6
Subtotal		6
<b>Non-Course Requirements</b>		
699	Thesis Defense	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>36</b>

## Study Plan

### Specialization 1: History and Cultural Display

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
IAA 610	Research and Design Methods	3
IAA 611	History of Islamic Art and Architecture I (650-1250)	3
IST 636	Quranic Civilizations, Geography and Archaeology	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
IAA 623	History of Islamic Art and Architecture II (1250-1900)	3
IAA 625	Survey of Architectural Typologies of the Islamic World	3
IST 621	Sustainable Islamic Urbanism: Past and Present	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
IAA 600	Independent Project Modelling	3
IAA 631	Islamic Objects and Manuscripts	3
IAA 632	Museum and Exhibition Studies	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
IAA 695	Master's Thesis Hours	6
Elective 1		3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

### Specialization 2: Contemporary Mosque Architecture

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
IAA 610	Research and Design Methods	3
IAA 611	History of Islamic Art and Architecture I (650-1250)	3
IST 636	Quranic Civilizations, Geography and Archaeology	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
IAA 623	History of Islamic Art and Architecture II (1250-1900)	3
IAA 625	Survey of Architectural Typologies of the Islamic World	3
IST 621	Sustainable Islamic Urbanism: Past and Present	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
IAA 600	Independent Project Modelling	3
IAA 633	Mosque Architecture Design	3
IAA 634	Islamic Architecture and Urbanism in the 20th & 21st Centuries	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
IAA 695	Master's Thesis Hours	6
Elective 1		3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

## Specialization 3: Sustainable Cities of Muslim Societies

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
IAA 610	Research and Design Methods	3
IAA 611	History of Islamic Art and Architecture I (650-1250)	3
IST 636	Quranic Civilizations, Geography and Archaeology	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
IAA 623	History of Islamic Art and Architecture II (1250-1900)	3
IAA 625	Survey of Architectural Typologies of the Islamic World	3
IST 621	Sustainable Islamic Urbanism: Past and Present	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
IAA 600	Independent Project Modelling	3
IAA 635	Contemporary Cities for Muslim Societies	3
IAA 636	Globalization, Cities and Urban Policies	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
IAA 695	Master's Thesis Hours	6
Elective 1		3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>