

Islamic Studies Certificate

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This Certificate encompasses the study of Muslim and Islamic artistic, cultural, historical, intellectual, linguistic, literary, philosophical, political, religious, sociological and scientific presence, and impact on human society over the past one and a half millennia. It helps Yale College students curate their courses relating to Muslims and to Islam. It will be of interest to non-humanities majors with a strong interest in Islamic Studies; social science and humanities majors wishing to complement their existing interests with coursework in Islamic Studies; and self-identifying Muslim students for whom such a certificate offers an ideal way academically to explore their heritage.

REQUIREMENTS

See Links to the attributes indicating courses approved for the certificate requirements.

Students must successfully complete five course credits, of which no more than two may represent the same area of study. Currently, the four areas of study are Islamic Art, Architecture, Literature; Islamic History; Islamic Religion; and Islamic Society. Students must take one course in each of the four areas of study and the fifth course may be selected from any of the four content areas. Courses are drawn from a list of approved courses. The list is posted each semester on the Islamic Studies Certificate website. Other courses may be approved by permission of the certificate director. In addition to the course requirements, each student must attend three lectures on topics relating to Islamic Studies and submit a brief write-up. Notice of these events can be found on the Islamic Studies Certificate website.

Graduate and professional school courses may count toward the certificate; language courses and non-Yale courses may not count toward the Certificate.

No more than two course credits fulfilling the requirements of the Islamic Studies certificate may overlap with a major, a simultaneous degree, or another certificate. Additionally, no course credit may be applied toward the requirements of more than two curricular programs. For example, the same course credit may not be used to fulfill the requirements of two certificates and a major. All courses must be taken for a letter grade, and students must achieve a grade of C or above.

Credit/D/Fail No courses taken Credit/D/Fail may be applied toward the requirements of the certificate.

Outside credit Courses taken at another institution or during an approved summer or term-time study abroad program may count toward the major requirements with prior DUS approval.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Students must declare their intention to earn a Certificate on the *Declare Major, Concentration within the Major, Certificate* page on Yale Hub, as early as possible, but at the very latest, by the 15th of January or September in their last semester at Yale. Once declared, Degree Audit tracks students' progress toward completion of the certificate.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

Number of courses 5 course credits

Distribution of courses 1 course in each of the four content areas; 1 elective from any of the four content areas

Additional requirements attendance of 3 Islamic Studies lectures, and submission of a 1–2 page write-up for each