MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF ISLAMIC STUDIES

REQUIREMENTS

Specific admission requirements are shown on the Graduate Program Finder. ([http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs](http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs))

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs ([http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationtext](http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationtext)).

36 credits, including 18 credits in required courses and 18 credits in pre-approved elective courses.

A concentration in Islam and Hinduism is available through GW’s participation in the Consortium of Universities ([http://www.consortium.org/consortium](http://www.consortium.org/consortium)). For the concentration, students take 12 credits in required courses and 24 credits in pre-approved elective courses.

All students must complete at least four semesters of Arabic, which will not count toward the 36 credits required for the program. Alternatively, students may demonstrate competence in Arabic through examination. Depending on their focus of study, students may also be asked to take courses in other languages, which will not count toward the degree. In rare instances, students may substitute another language for Arabic, such as Persian, Turkish, or Urdu, if their research focuses on texts composed in one of these languages.

### Code | Title | Credits
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**Islamic Studies program**
**Required**
REL 6401 | Islamic Historiographies
REL 6402 | Qur’an and Hadith
REL 6441 | Islamic Law
REL 6460 | Topics in the Study of Islam
REL 6998 | Thesis Research
REL 6999 | Thesis Research
**Electives**
6 additional courses (18 credits) selected from a pre-approved list in a variety of disciplines. Most of the selected courses should focus on Islam in the contemporary world.

### Concentration in Islam and Hinduism

**Required**
REL 3901 | Thinking About Religion: Classic and Contemporary Approaches
REL 3915 | Islam and Hinduism in South Asia
REL 6998 | Thesis Research
REL 6999 | Thesis Research

**Electives**
8 additional courses (24 credits) selected from a pre-approved list in consultation with the graduate program advisor(s). Islam or Hinduism should be either the focus of such courses or a major component in a comparative course that treats multiple religious traditions. Elective courses may be taken at GW or at another participating school through the Consortium of Universities.

Visit the program website ([http://religion.columbian.gwu.edu/master-arts-islamic-studies](http://religion.columbian.gwu.edu/master-arts-islamic-studies)) for additional information.