

ISLM30001 Islam in the West

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	3 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 2 x 45 min lectures (online) and 1 hour tutorial per week Total Time Commitment: 2.5 contact hours/week , 7 additional hours/week. Total of 8.5 hours per week.
Prerequisites:	This subject is only available to students completing the final year of a major in Islamic Studies, or those in the Graduate Diploma in Arts (Islamic Studies).
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	110223
Core Participation Requirements:	None.
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Subject Overview:	This subject/unit examines Islam in the West past and present. It explores how Muslims interpret and practice Islam in a culture that is secular and somewhat alien to the culture of Muslim majority countries. Students will study how Muslims in the West negotiate their beliefs on Islam, particularly within the theological and ethico-legal spheres. Part of the subject/unit involves a case study of Muslims in Australia, which will include visits to some local Muslim institutions and interaction with Muslim communities. Students will undertake a small scale research project on Islam and Muslims in the West and present the results in writing.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # be able to appreciate how Muslims interpret and practice Islam living as minorities in the West # understand how Muslims in the West negotiate their religious beliefs, particularly in the theological and ethico-legal spheres # understand how this negotiation and interpretation affects institutions such as family, law, education and politics among Muslims in the West # be able to appreciate how Muslims carry out this interpretation and negotiation by actively and practically interacting with local Muslim communities
Assessment:	Assessment totalling 4000 words (100%)
Prescribed Texts:	Materials prepared by the Centre
Recommended Texts:	Abdullah Saeed, Islam in Australia, Crows Nest: Allen &amp;amp; Unwin, 2003 Abdullah Saeed and Shahram Akbarzadeh (eds), Muslim Communities in Australia, Sydney: UNSW Press, 2001 Shahram Akbarzadeh and Samina Yasmeen (eds) Islam and the West: Reflections from Australia, Sydney: UNSW Press, 2005 Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad and Jane I Smith (eds) Muslim Communities in the West: Visible and Invisible, Walnut Creek: Altamira Press, 2002
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees

Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"># be familiar with research methods. thinking in theoretical and analytical terms.# understand social, political, historical and cultural contexts and international awareness and openness to the world.# communicate knowledge intelligibly and economically, confidence in self-expression.
Notes:	This subject will be taught online by the University of Melbourne. It is offered to students of University of Melbourne, University of Western Sydney and Griffith University, who are completing an Islamic Studies major. Local tutorial support will be available at all three universities. All students completing the last semester of their Islamic Studies major must enrol in this subject Students must be completing an Islamic Studies major.
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Arts
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Arabic Studies Major Islamic Studies Islamic Studies Islamic Studies Islamic Studies Major