

## 730-846 Islam and Human Rights

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.500
<b>Level:</b>	Graduate/Postgraduate
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: 24 - 26 contact hours per subject. Total Time Commitment: The time commitment for this subject depends on the candidate's background and experience.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	N.A.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	N.A.
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	N.A.
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Ms Qudsia Mirza
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>A candidate who has successfully completed the subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Have an understanding of the Islamic foundations of human rights</li> <li># Comprehend the cultural relativist arguments in the Islamic context</li> <li># Have a critical engagement with key contemporary Islamic legal issues</li> <li># Examine specific human rights doctrines in Islam</li> <li># Recognise various methodologies and interpretative strategies in determining Islamic human rights</li> <li># Critically examine the application of international human rights standards in the context of Islamic societies</li> <li># Distinguish between political positions and sacred sources relating to Islamic human rights.</li> </ul> <p><b>Syllabus:</b></p> <p>This subject will provide an insight into contemporary debates relating to Islamic concepts of human rights and their relationship with international human rights law. It will examine key areas of divergence between Islam and Western human rights thought and practice using Islamic textual sources and classical and current interpretative strategies. Selected contemporary Islamic legal issues and debates will be analysed, within the contexts of postcolonialism and Orientalist critiques. A comprehensive analysis of the sources and main methodologies of Islamic law (syariah) will be provided.</p> <p>Some of the key issues covered will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Contemporary Islam and the West</li> <li># Issues of human rights and democracy in Islam</li> <li># Cultural relativism and Islamic human rights</li> <li># Law and Islamic feminism</li> <li># Diasporic Muslim communities in the non-Muslim world.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Take-home examination (100%) (3-6 October)
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Core subject materials will be provided free of charge to all students. Some subjects require further texts to be purchased. Please visit the subject homepage on the Melbourne Law Masters website by following the link at the bottom of this subject entry.

<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	Please see the Subject Objectives for this information.
<b>Links to further information:</b>	For the latest information on this subject, please visit: <a href="http://www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au/subject/730846">http://www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au/subject/730846</a>