

# PD-ISLMSTU Postgraduate Diploma in Islamic Studies

<b>Year and Campus:</b>	2011 - Parkville																							
<b>CRICOS Code:</b>	064483B																							
<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>Level:</b>	Graduate/Postgraduate																							
<b>Duration &amp; Credit Points:</b>	100 credit points taken over 12 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.																							
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<b>Course Overview:</b>	The Postgraduate Diploma is designed for graduates with an interest in academic exploration of the area. The program requires students to consider Islamic studies and related issues from a variety of perspectives and to locate these within historical, social, economic, philosophical and intellectual contexts. Students will develop their analytical and critical skills and are encouraged to adopt innovative approaches to the concepts and paradigms arising in the course.																							
<b>Objectives:</b>	<p>Students who complete the PG Diploma in Islamic Studies will have an understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Methodological issues in several key areas of Islamic studies;</li> <li># Current issues and challenges in each of the selected specialised areas of the course;</li> <li># The philosophical and theoretical underpinnings of Islamic perspectives on the social sciences such as education, economics, anthropology, politics and sociology;</li> <li># Major trends of contemporary Islamic thought and the social, political, and historical context within which this thought is shaped;</li> <li># Contemporary attempts at reform;</li> <li># How to design and write a preparatory research dissertation on an Islamic studies topic;</li> <li># Key issues that arise in interdisciplinary contexts of research in Islamic studies.</li> </ul>																							
<b>Course Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	<p>Duration: 1 years full-time / up to 2 years part-time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># six compulsory subjects (75 points)</li> <li># two elective subjects (25 points)</li> </ul> <p>Total 100 points - subjects are 12.5 points each, unless indicated otherwise.</p> <p>For policies that govern this degree, see <b>Academic Services Policy</b> (<a href="http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/policy/index.html">http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/policy/index.html</a>) in the <b>University Melbourne Policy Framework</b> (<a href="http://www.policy.unimelb.edu.au/">http://www.policy.unimelb.edu.au/</a>). Students also should also refer to information in the <b>Student Policy Directory</b>. (<a href="http://studentpolicy-unimelb.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/studentpolicy_unimelb.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_sid=fgBu7Kcj">http://studentpolicy-unimelb.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/studentpolicy_unimelb.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_sid=fgBu7Kcj</a>)</p>																							
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**Islamic Studies electives**

Note: the thesis requires two consecutive semesters of enrolment.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
ISLM40004 Islamic Theology: Schools and Methods	Semester 1	12.50
ISLM40001 Topics in Arabic & Islamic Studies	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
ISLM40009 Islamic Studies Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75
HIST90027 Middle Eastern Wars: Jihad & Resistance	Semester 2	12.50
ISLM40007 Methods of Islamic Law	Not offered 2011	12.50

**Other electives**

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
MULT90002 Supervised Reading (Asia Institute)	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
ASIA90001 Human Rights in Southeast Asia	Semester 2	12.50
POLS90007 US Foreign Policy	Semester 2	12.50
MECM40014 Global Media: Theory and Research	Semester 2	12.50

**Entry Requirements:**

1. The Selection Committee will evaluate the applicant's ability to pursue successfully the course using the following criteria –

- # an undergraduate degree with a major cognate to the specialisation with a grade average of H2B (70%) in the major, or equivalent

or

- # a Graduate Diploma in Arts in an area cognate to the specialisation with a grade average of H2B (70%) over the graduate diploma, or equivalent.

2. The Selection Committee may conduct interviews or tests and may call for referee reports and employer references to elucidate any of the matters referred to above.

**Admission Process (<http://www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply.html>)**

**Core Participation Requirements:**

The course requires a standard level of ability across all disciplines. It will be assumed students are able to access and attend classes on a regular basis, are capable of learning in a University environment and will be able to take responsibility for their own learning. Any ability beyond this threshold will be robustly supported through the curriculum. Any intensive use of IT or technologies will be adequately supported. Certain subjects have more specific requirements and demands, such as fieldwork or travelling, which are clearly outlined in the Handbook's subject description. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. The Faculty Disability Contact Officer works with students, the University Disability Liaison Unit and teaching staff to assist students with their special requirements, with a particular focus on accommodations for in-class and examination assessment tasks. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at <http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability>.

**Further Study:**

Students who complete this award may be eligible for the 100 point coursework Masters in Islamic Studies.

**Graduate Attributes:**

<http://www.unimelb.edu.au/about/attributes.html>