MC-ISLMSTU Master of Islamic Studies

Year and Campus:	2014 - Parkville
CRICOS Code:	064482C
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Duration & Credit Points:	200 credit points taken over 24 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.
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Course Overview:	**Please note that The Master of Islamic Studies is not accepting new applications from 2014.** The Master of Islamic Studies is designed for graduates of Islamic studies (or related areas of study) with an interest in further academic exploration of the area. The masters 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.
Learning Outcomes:	**Students who complete the Master of Islamic Studies will have an understanding of:** # Methodological issues in several key areas of Islamic studies; # Current issues and challenges in each of the selected specialised areas of the course; # The philosophical and theoretical underpinnings of Islamic perspectives on the social sciences such as education, economics, anthropology, politics and sociology; # Major trends of contemporary Islamic thought and the social, political, and historical context within which this thought is shaped; # Contemporary attempts at reform; # Key issues that arise in interdisciplinary contexts of research in Islamic studies.
Course Structure & Available Subjects:	200-point program: **Duration:** 2 years full-time / up to 4 years part-time # six compulsory subjects (75 points) # elective subjects (125 points) 150-point program: **Duration:** 1.5 years full-time / up to 3 years part-time # six compulsory subjects from the list of compulsory subjects of the 200 point program (75 points) # elective subjects from the list of electives of the 200 point program (75 points) **100-point program:** **Duration:** 1 year full- time/ up to 2 years part-time **Coursework Only Option** # six compulsory subjects (75 points) # elective subjects (25 points) **or**

Minor Thesis Option

The following four compulsory subjects from the list of compulsory subjects of the 200 point program - ASIA90004 Critical Asian Perspectives, ISLM90011 Reason and Revelation in Islam, ISLM90012 The Qur'an and the Prophet in Islam and ISLM90013 Human Rights and Islam (50 points)
The minor thesis - Islamic Studies Thesis ISLM90014 (50 points)

For policies that govern this degree, see **Academic Services Policy (http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/policy/index.html)** in the **University Melbourne Policy Framework (http://www.policy.unimelb.edu.au/)** . Students also should also refer to information in the **Student Policy Directory. (http://studentpolicy-unimelb.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/studentpolicy_unimelb.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_sid=fgBu7Kcj)**

Majors/Minors/ Specialisations

Major/Minor/Specialisation
200 Point Master of Islamic Studies
150 Point Master of Islamic Studies
100 Point Master of Islamic Studies

Entry Requirements:

1. The Selection Committee will evaluate the applicant's ability to pursue successfully the course using the following criteria –
For the 200 point program

an undergraduate degree in a cognate discipline with a grade average of at least H2B (70%) in the relevant subjects, or equivalent.

For the 150 point program

an undergraduate degree in a cognate discipline with a grade average of at least H2B (70%) in the relevant subjects and at least one year of full time documented relevant work experience, or equivalent.

For the 100 point program

an honours degree in a cognate discipline with at least a H2B (70%), or equivalent; or
an undergraduate degree in a cognate discipline with a grade average of at least H2B (70%) in the relevant subjects and at least two years of full time documented relevant work experience, or equivalent.

Please note - "cognate discipline" is broadly defined for entry into this course. In the past applicants who hold a degree in a broad range of areas have been admitted. These areas include law, economics, management and development. If unsure of your eligibility please apply with full documentation of your educational and employment experience.
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.
Documented evidence of relevant professional experience:
Applicants seeking admission into 100 and 150 point programs must provide the following documentation in support of their application for the recognition of prior professional experience:

brief curriculum vitae, detailing work experience;
contact details of two referees;
a covering letter outlining the applicants professional background and how this prepares them to successfully undertake the program.

In some cases, an interview and/or two reference letters from employers/managers detailing the period of employment and areas of responsibility, and/or evidence of written work or reports undertaken during the period of employment may be requested.

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 the minor thesis may be eligible for entry into the PhD.
Graduate Attributes:	http://www.unimelb.edu.au/about/attributes.html
Links to further information:	http://www.asiainstitute.unimelb.edu.au/