

# ISLAMIC STUDIES MINOR

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## Overview

The Islamic studies minor furthers Fordham's mission by challenging students to view the world through non-Western European constructs of nature, epistemology, aesthetics, ethics, cosmic realities, and corporeal experience. The minor helps students develop a crucial intervention with which to disrupt and go beyond the longstanding parochialism of academic disciplines in the U.S. that focus primarily on the Western canon and its related epistemologies. Simply put, a minor in Islamic studies promotes other ways of knowing and being in the world.

Students gain much from exposure to a wide array of ideas drawn from various Islamic discourses, which attunes them to greater epistemic pluralism and broader horizons for understanding the complexities and challenges of our world. Islamic studies is especially germane to this wider task because it helps bring to light a wealth of knowledge and experience from Islamic societies left too long in the periphery of western scholarship.