

Duration: 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time.

Number of credit points: 180

Aims: The Taught MLitt Degree in Islamic Studies is designed for those who wish to expand and deepen their knowledge of Muslim religion, and/ or as preparation for advanced research degrees. Students can choose one of two strands of studies:

(1) Islam in Dialogue — This strand focuses on the comparative aspect of Islam and its dialogue with the other monotheisms.

(2) Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies — This strand enables students to broaden their knowledge of Islam as a literary and living tradition.

Students in either strand will also be able to achieve a good knowledge of Arabic and/ or other languages relevant to their studies.

Content: The components of the degree are:

FULL TIME ROUTE

Compulsory:

DR552G Dissertation (60 credit points)

Elective courses (120 credit points):

Students are recommended to take the following four courses:

DR502X Special Subject (30 credits)

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DR504R or DR554R Independent Research Project I (no timetabling) (30 Credit Point)

DR504S or DR554S Independent Research Project II (no timetabling) (30 Credit Points)

Under these courses you will be given the opportunity to experience guided research on topics such as:

Quran and Commentary

Islamic Law

Islam in Egypt from 642CE to the present day

The Life of Muhammad: Religion, History, Literature

The Muslim Jesus

Eve (Hawwā) in Islamic Sources

Interpreting Myth

Other topics are available with agreement from the Programme Coordinator.

Students may replace one or more of the Special Subjects/Independent Research courses with one of the courses listed below (with agreement from Programme Coordinator):

SO5514 Religious Belief and Practice in the Modern World (30 credit points)

HI502T Engaging with Historiography (30 credit points)

HI501D Paleography 1 (30 credit points)

HI552G Independent Reading in Historical Studies (15 credit points)

HI552L Approaching Archives (15 credit points)

DR552V Jewish History and Culture (30 credit points)

DR502T Creation and Christian Ethics (30 credit points); or

DR553N The Christian Doctrine of God (30 credit points)

DR503F The Emergence of Christology (30 credit points)

DR553N The Christian Doctrine of God (30 credit points)

DR551Q Great Thinkers in Theological Ethics (30 credit points)

With the permission of the Programme Co-ordinator, students may be allowed to substitute one of the courses on this list with any other level 5 course offered within the School of Divinity, History and Philosophy.

Regular participation in the staff and postgraduate research seminars that run during the academic session is integral to the degree programme.

Students may also audit courses in the following languages (these courses will not count as credits toward the degree):

AR1002 Arabic for Beginners 1
AR1502 Arabic for Beginners 2
AR2002 Arabic for Beginners 3
AR2502 Arabic for Beginners 4
LT1009 Latin 1
LT1507 Latin 2
DR1039 Greek Language 1
DR1538 Greek Language 2

PART TIME ROUTE

This route will run over two years. Up to 120 credit points can be taken in a single academic year, with students taking a maximum of 180 credits in total over the two years.

Compulsory:

DR552G Dissertation (60 credit points)

Elective courses (120 credit points):

DR502X Special Subject (30 credits)
DR552X Special Subject (30 credits)
DR504R or DR554R Independent Research Project I (no timetabling)
(30 Credit Point)
DR504S or DR554S Independent Research Project II (no timetabling)
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Assessment: The training and taught courses will be assessed by course work, by written examination or by a combination of these, as prescribed for each course. The dissertation will be assessed by submission. An oral examination may be held at the discretion of the Examiners. The degree of MLitt shall not be awarded to candidates who fail to achieve CGS D3 or above in the dissertation, irrespective of their performance in other courses.