



UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

**Master's in Theology and Religious Studies**

**Islam in the Modern World**

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'The academic study of the manifold interactions between the Muslim World and Europe from the perspective of the social sciences and the humanities is both fascinating and very relevant for society.'

This unique programme will provide you with a thorough understanding of Islam within the context of European societies and the Muslim world, focusing on the period of the globalisation of modernity from approximately 1850 until the present day.

It includes introductory courses aimed at an advanced knowledge of present-day interpretations of the sources of Islam and the main current discussions within Islamic Studies. It will prepare you for qualitative research into Islam and Muslims in Europe, as well as exploring literary and historical approaches. In addition, the programme offers exciting electives, such as Islam in modern culture, Sufism, and Current Debates in Islam. You will also have the opportunity to take electives in European Studies, Middle Eastern Studies and History.

## Career prospects

Graduates are capable of situating phenomena and debates related to Islam in European multicultural societies and in the Muslim world in a scholarly context, as well as participating in the development of policies within a variety of institutions and organisations. Our graduates currently work as:

- Policy advisers for governmental institutions on various levels, local, regional, national and international, and for organisations operating in the field of (multi-)cultural management, policy-advice, mediation, social care, security.
- Journalists and contributors to opinion making in the news media; providers of expert information related to multicultural issues within organisations and institutions.
- Teachers and policy developers in educational institutions.

### Spotlight on a course

#### **Social and Political Ideologies in Islam**

This 6 ECTS course discusses the transforming Muslim movements which see Islam as a social force that can be used to shape social and public life (including gender relations) and politics. The focus of the course is on the period starting from the late nineteenth century to the present day. It discusses not only the Middle East, but also devotes attention to Persia/Iran, India, Africa, Europe and North America. The course is a part of the Master track "Islam in the Modern World", in which the UvA cooperates with Utrecht University (Religious Studies).



## Key data

### Degree

Master of Arts in  
Theology and  
Religious Studies

### Duration

1 year / 60 ECTS

### Mode

Full-time / Part-time

### Start

1 September

### Language of instruction

English

### CROHO

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## Entry requirements

The Master's in Islam in the Modern World is open to all students holding a university Bachelor's degree in:

- Religious studies
- Arabic language and culture
- Humanities\*
- Law or Social Sciences\*

\* provided that you have obtained at least 24 ECTS in Religious Studies or studies related to Islam. You will be considered for admission to this Master's programme if you have a Bachelor's degree in one of the aforementioned fields of study and can demonstrate relevant knowledge, insight and skills. Please check:

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