

Center for Islamic Studies

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION

Master of Arts in Islamic Studies

GTU's Center for Islamic Studies offers a Master of Arts with an area of concentration in Islamic Studies. The primary focus is on the study of contemporary Islam within its theological, historical and cultural contexts. In addition to the core courses in classical Islamic scholarship, students have the opportunity to study the diversity of Muslim Societies and Cultures, Islamic Education, and Islam and Media. The program emphasizes interdisciplinary approaches to the study of Islam, and understanding Muslims in dialogue with other religious traditions and cultures.

Admission requirements follow those of the GTU Common M.A.

Fourteen full courses (of three or more units each) are required, followed by a thesis, which counts as two additional courses. At least two courses must be taken outside the Center for Islamic Studies, at a GTU member school, another center or affiliate, or the University of California, Berkeley.

In the specialized M.A. in the area of Islamic Studies, courses are distributed as follows:

- 1) One course on each of the following topics: Introduction to Islam; Sources/Foundations of the Islamic Tradition; Islam and Modernity
- 2) Five additional courses in Islamic Studies
- 3) One course in a religious tradition other than Islam
- 4) Two courses in Arabic at the beginning, intermediate, or advanced level
- 5) Three electives
- 6) Two thesis courses

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