**Islamic Studies**  
**M.A. Program Requirements**

**Admission Requirements**

___  **Language Requirement** (Two years of Islamic language classes or equivalent language proficiency.)

Language: ______________________________    Level: ______________________________

___  **Required Course on Early Islamic History (or Equivalent)**

___  **Three Required Courses in Islamic Cultures and Institutions**

**Course Requirements**

Twelve courses* total, divided among three categories

*Only two of these courses may be in the 500 series. Also, five of these courses (other than Category 1 courses) must be at the graduate level, with only one of the five in the 500 series.

**Category 1: Three required courses**

1)  Near Eastern Languages 201
2)  Islamics 201 “Islamic Religious Sciences”
3)  History 200J

**Category 2: Three courses**

Courses that present and compare specific disciplinary approaches to, methods for, and critiques of the study of Islam and society, such as: Anthro 271, Anthro 273, Art History C214, History 201J, Political Science 245. Other courses chosen in consultation with the Program Chair.

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**Category 3: Six courses**

Courses from at least two different disciplines (not including language courses), and at least two geographic regions. Chosen in consultation with the Program Chair.

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**Advancement to Candidacy Requirements**

Advancement to candidacy forms must be filed no later than the second week of the quarter in which the student expects the award of the degree. Advancement to candidacy may not occur until all course requirements have been fulfilled. Forms are available from the student affairs advisor in Bunche 10373. The program’s faculty advisor must sign the form. A copy must be returned to the student affairs advisor and the original goes to the Graduate Division, Murphy Hall 1255.

___ Advancement to Candidacy Form Filed

**Comprehensive Examination Requirements**

Option 1:
___ Paper (40-60 pages) that combines work in two fields.

Faculty Committee: _________________________
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Option 2:
___ Paper in Field 1 (max. 30 pages) Faculty Examiner: _______________
___ Paper in Field 2 (max. 30 pages) Faculty Examiner: _______________
___ Paper in Field 3 (max. 30 pp.) Faculty Examiner: _______________

For All:
___ M.A. Comprehensive Exam Committee Approval Form Completed and submitted to Student Affairs Office.

*If planning to continue to the Ph.D. Program in Islamic Students, students should also consider the following in coursework choices at the M.A. level:*

Advanced-Level Proficiency in Arabic is required for entrance to the Ph.D. program. Students will need intermediate-level proficiency in a second language listed in the fields above for the Ph.D. Students will need reading proficiency in a European language related to the field of interest for the Ph.D.
Other Important Resources

**URSA (University Records System Access)**—http://www.ursa.ucla.edu

University Records System Access (URSA) gives UCLA students real-time access to their University academic records. URSA is accessed by logging on to http://www.ursa.ucla.edu and access is based on a nine-digit UCLA student I.D. and a four-digit security code that is assigned when you are admitted. For most students, URSA provides the easiest way to enroll in classes and to gain real-time access to academic, financial, and personal records. **Students must be enrolled by the end of the second week of classes.**

**UCLA Catalog**—http://www.registrar.ucla.edu/catalog

The UCLA catalog may be purchased at the UCLA store or viewed on-line. The **Schedule of Classes** is available on-line at http://www.registrar.ucla.edu/schedule.

**UCLA Library**—http://www.library.ucla.edu

Students can go to this site to access all of the UCLA libraries and their offerings such as ORION 2, which is a catalog of all holdings at UCLA, article databases, and on-line journals.

**UCLA Bruin Online**— http://www.bol.ucla.edu/

Bruin OnLine (BOL) is a collection of services that provide UCLA students, faculty, and staff with remote dialup and on-campus access to the campus backbone network and the Internet. In order to use Bruin OnLine services, you must have a BOL account which can be established at http://www.bol.ucla.edu/services/accounts/

The collection of services offered by BOL include:

- Dial-up Internet access within the 310 area code
- Email accounts
- Web page space
- Listserv mailing list service
- UCLA Usenet News Service
- Proxy Server
- Software for the above mentioned services

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