

POS2293 Islam and America

Course Description: Islam and the United States offers a survey treatment of the historically charged relationship between America and the Muslim World and the path forward. The course analyzes the intersection of religion, identity politics, geopolitics and economics of Islam-US relations in a historical context. These issue areas will be contextualized in normative, empirical and historical frameworks to equip the student with a sophisticated and multi-dimensional conceptual toolbox to analyze them. (3 hr. lecture)

Course Competency	Learning Outcomes
<p>Competency 1: The student will demonstrate their understanding and analytical appreciation of history, religion, and politics of Islam by:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural / Global Perspective
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identifying the establishment of the religion from a historical perspective. 2. Analyzing the religious variations as they impact political development. 	
<p>Competency 2: The student will demonstrate their understanding and analytical appreciation of domestic identity politics of Islam in the United States by:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Literacy
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrating a profound understanding of federalism and the Constitutional division of power within the American government. 2. Identifying the complexities underlying the Muslim identity within the American system of governance. 	
<p>Competency 3: The student will demonstrate their understanding and analytical appreciation of United States Foreign Policy and the Muslim World After 9/11 by:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethical Issues
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identifying key tenets of American foreign policy and how those have shifted since 9/11. 2. Analyzing how these shifts in policy have affected relations with predominantly Muslim states. 3. Analyzing how shifts in foreign policy have impacted domestic relations among individuals. 	

<p>Competency 4: The student will demonstrate their understanding and analytical appreciation of regional politics and international geopolitics of the Arab Spring by:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural / Global Perspective
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognizing the impact of the Arab Spring on Muslims living in America. 2. Analyzing how the Arab Spring has impacted relations between the US and Middle Eastern states. 	