

Course Description

POS2293 | Islam and America | 3.00 credits

This Islam and the United States course 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.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate their understanding and analytical appreciation of the history, religion, and politics of Islam by:

1. Identifying the establishment of the religion from a historical perspective
2. Analyzing the religious variations as they impact political development

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate their understanding and analytical appreciation of domestic identity politics of Islam in the United States by:

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

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate their understanding and analytical appreciation of the United States Foreign Policy and the Muslim World After 9/11 by:

1. Identifying key tenets of American foreign policy and how those have shifted since 9/11
2. Analyzing how these policy shifts have affected relations with predominantly Muslim states
3. Analyzing how shifts in foreign policy have impacted domestic relations among individuals

Competency 4: The student will demonstrate their understanding and analytical appreciation of regional politics and international geopolitics of the Arab Spring by:

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

Learning Outcomes:

- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures including global and historical perspectives
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society