

Faculty of Theology and Islamic Studies
Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran



Islamic Studies
Master's Degree Program
Non-Degree & Short Courses

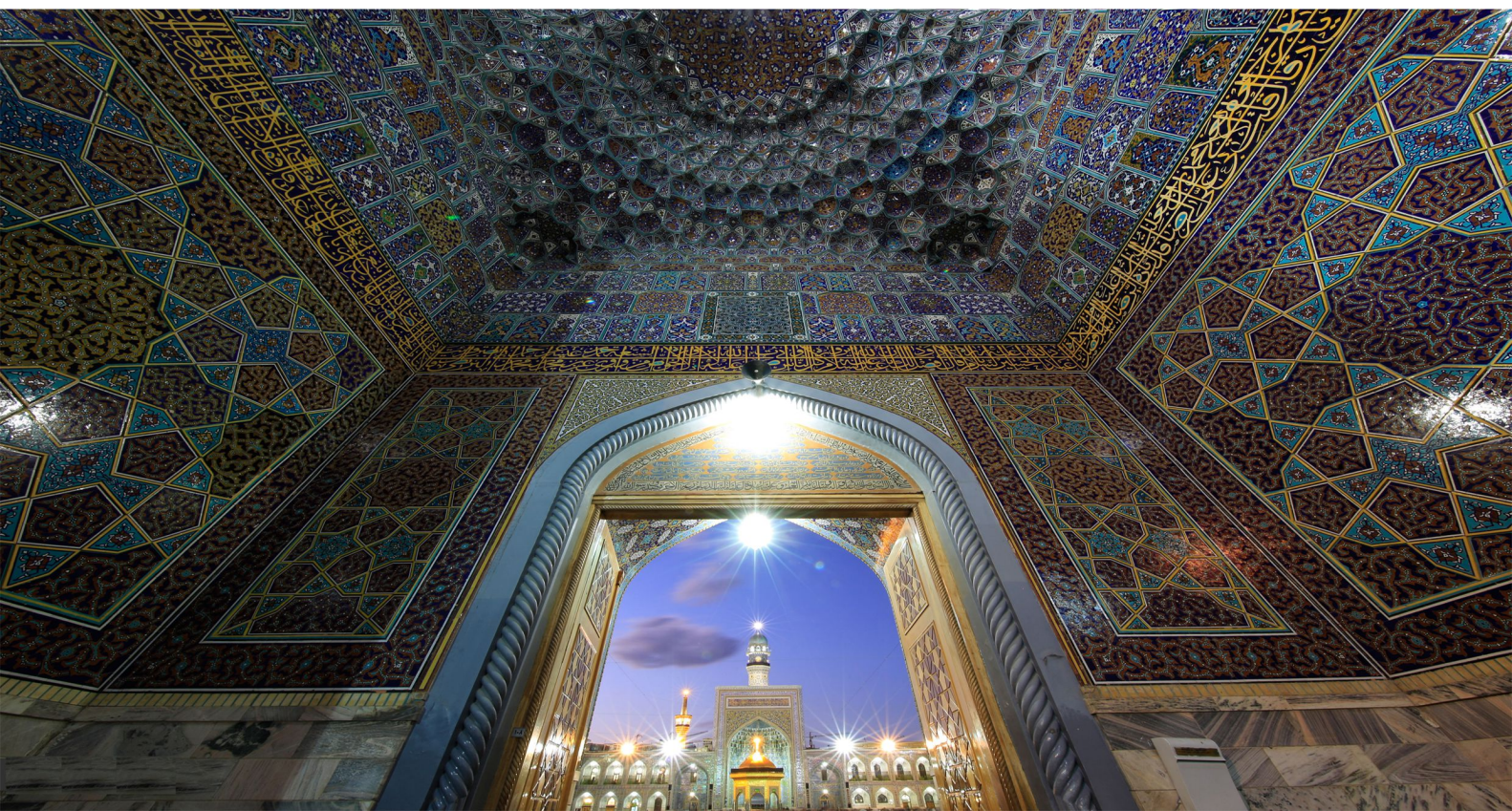
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ENTRY



Master's Degree in Islamic Studies is designed for applicants with appropriate English language proficiency who not only need to study for the specific requirements of a researcher or an educator in the field of Islam, but also for those who wish to develop their understanding of Islam with a special focus on the Shiite heritage. By reviewing relevant literature critically and studying related texts in Islamic tradition, the students are expected to acquire the necessary knowledge on various areas of Islamic sciences for managing international professional interactions and conducting research, education, and practice.

Whether you are seeking to enhance your career or to explore an area of personal interest, the MA Islamic Studies from FUM – located in Mashhad as one heartland on the geocultural map of Islam – is an ideal choice. The program aims at,

- training in the academic study of Islam through a variety of disciplinary themes, cultural contexts and backgrounds;
- equipping students with an advanced level of understanding into disciplinary academic topics and issues regarding Islamic tradition, as well as the place of Islam in modern politics and alongside other comparative religions;
- providing students with the critical and analytical skills that enable them to conduct research on Islam on a solid methodological and disciplinary basis.



Islamic Studies MODULES



FUM

overall 32 credits

SEMESTER I

module title	Master's Degree Program	Non-Degree & Short Courses
Methodology of Islamic Studies	✓	✓
Ethics and Spirituality	✓	✓
Comparative Theology	✓	✓
The Political System of Islam	✓	✓
Mystical Schools	✓	✓

SEMESTER II

module title	Master's Degree Program	Non-Degree & Short Courses
Qur'an and Hadith Sciences	✓	✓
Comparative Studies of Religions	✓	✓
Islamic Studies in the West	✓	✓
Geography of the Islamic World	✓	✓
Contemporary Western Philosophy	✓	✓

SEMESTER III

module title	Master's Degree Program	Non-Degree & Short Courses
New Philosophical and Theological Issues	✓	✓
The Legal System of Islam and Human Rights	✓	✓
The Role of Religion in Human Life	✓	✓
Seminar on Regional Studies	✓	✓

SEMESTER IV

module title	Master's Degree Program
Thesis	✓





Further Program Information

FUM's Islamic Studies is a 32-credit Master's degree program designed for four academic semesters.

The total number of training units includes:
Fourteen courses: 28 units
Master's thesis: 4 units

The working language of the program is English, but the language and style of communication may vary according to individual courses and interests.





Faculty of Theology and Islamic Studies

Founded in 1958, the Faculty of Theology and Islamic Studies has enjoyed a long history at Ferdowsi University of Mashhad providing a wide range of programs, including BA degrees and several specialized MA and PhD programs. More than 60 faculty members have already provided the academic expertise required for not only the study of Islam but also other global religious traditions. Within the study of Islamic tradition, our professors, students and researchers have mainly focused on the Qur'an and Hadith, philosophy and theology, jurisprudence and law, mysticism and Sufism, as well as history and civilization of Islamic nations and cultures. While our faculty maintains its historical strengths in teaching and research through such subfields of Islamic Sciences and Theology, we are now also recognized as a major Iranian center for interdisciplinary approaches to the Qur'an and Hadith, comparative studies of world religions and mysticism, the relation between Western and Islamic philosophy, the interaction between secular law and Islamic jurisprudence, and the place of religion in public life.





Why study with us?

- **Diversity of titles** – the range of modules on offer allows you to study Islamic Studies in historical, theological, philosophical, intellectual, sociocultural, and mystical as well as contemporary contexts, to suit your multiple areas of interest.
- **International networks** – in order to deepen our knowledge and understanding of the religious and theological dynamisms outside Iranian and Islamic contexts, the Faculty of Theology and Islamic Studies has already set up a number of international and interreligious relationships with academic institutions and figures from around the globe. Distinguished scholars from the USA (George Mason University and Hartford Seminary), Germany (Goethe University Frankfurt, University of Paderborn, University of Münster, and Catholic University of Vallendar), Austria (The University of Graz), Switzerland (University of Basel), the Czech Republic (Palacký University Olomouc and Masaryk University), the United Kingdom (University of Birmingham and University of Edinburgh), Norway (University of Bergen), and Iraq (University of Kufa) have visited our faculty, presented academic lectures, run training and research workshops, and participated in joint seminars and conferences. We regularly invite lectures on Islamic Studies and Comparative Religion from such and similar institutions.
- **Persian and Arabic language courses** – based on your optional choice, you will be offered supplementary courses in these two important languages for every scholar of Islam.
- **Extracurricular opportunities** – you will be exposed to a variety of opportunities to enhance your student experience, including regular coffee mornings for staff and students, visiting speakers, lecture series and social events.
- **The city** – Mashhad, the second largest Iranian city and one of the major pilgrimage destinations in the Islamic World is an ideal place to study Islamic Studies. Mashhad is the modern development of a town called Noqān and its village of Sanābād, located in the Greater Khorāsān region on the Silk Road. The city is one of the most culturally diverse communities in Iran and our faculty has excellent relationships with the whole Khorāsān region's faith, mysticism, and spirituality communities.



COVID - 19

Although MA Islamic Studies has been originally defined as an on-campus delivery program, please rest assured that we have already made all reasonable efforts to provide you with the courses, services and facilities in the distance- learning mode in response to the global COVID - 19 pandemic. Throughout 2020 -2021 academic year, our available full-time or part-time online study allows you to develop an advanced body of knowledge in the Islamic Studies disciplinary area.

Further updates on the on-campus delivery mode will strictly be implemented in alignment with global health measures.

Abulqasem Ferdowsi (940 - 1020 AD) was a Persian poet and the author of Shahnameh (Book of Kings), which is one of the world's longest epic poems created by a single poet, and the national epic of Greater Persia. Ferdowsi is celebrated as the most influential figure in Persian literature and one of the greatest in the history of literature.



**Deadline for November 2020 entry:
15 October 2020**



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**To apply, please send the following documents in pdf through
islamicstudies@um.ac.ir**

- Your CV
- One recommendation letter
- A motivation letter
- Your bachelor's degree scan
- Your passport photo page

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