

Shah-I-Hamadan Institute of Islamic Studies
University of Kashmir, Srinagar-190006-India

NAAC ACCREDITED GRADE A+

SYLLABUS FOR
MA Programme in Islamic Studies
Choice Based Credit System
From 2022 onwards



SHAH-I-HAMADAN INSTITUTE OF ISLAMIC STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR – 190006



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Programme Objectives for MA Islamic Studies

✓ **Comprehensive Understanding of Islamic Civilization and History:**

The masters programme in the subject of Islamic Studies aims to provide a broad and deep understanding of the origin, development and contributions of Islamic civilization from its inception to the modern period. This includes exploring key aspects of Islamic culture, art, architecture and the role of significant Muslim dynasties and states with a focus on contributions in regions like South Asia, the Ottoman Empire and Kashmir.

✓ **Mastery of Islamic Religious Sciences:**

It seeks to offer students a thorough grounding in the core Islamic religious sciences such as *Tafsir* (Quranic exegesis), *Hadith* (traditions of the Prophet Muhammad ^(saw)), *Fiqh* (Islamic jurisprudence), *Ilm al-Kalam* (Islamic theology), and *Taşawwuf* (Sufism). Students will explore these sciences from both historical and contemporary perspectives, understanding their evolution, influence and continued relevance in modern Islamic thought and practice.

✓ **Integrating Islamic Thought within Social Sciences: Bridging Tradition and Modernity in Society, Economy and Governance:**

It aims to critically engage students with Islamic perspectives on social, economic and political systems, integrating Islamic thought within the broader framework of social sciences, to analyze and contribute to contemporary societal challenges, governance, and economic development in both historical and modern contexts.

✓ **Engagement with Modern and Contemporary Issues:**

It equips students with the ability to engage critically with contemporary issues, such as the role of Islam in the modern world, Islamic ethics, human rights in Islamic and Western traditions and the Muslim response to modern ideologies like Orientalism, secularism, and globalization. Special attention is given to movements, thinkers and trends shaping Islam in the contemporary world, especially in South Asia and West Asia.

✓ **Proficiency in Arabic Language:**

A key objective is to develop the students' proficiency in Arabic, especially for those who have not studied the language at the undergraduate level. This will enable



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students to engage with primary Islamic texts in their original language and foster a deeper understanding of Islamic sources.

✓ **Islamic Science and Contributions to Knowledge:**

The programme emphasizes the contributions of Muslim scholars in various fields of science, philosophy and social sciences from the 8th to the 14th century CE. Students will learn about the works of renowned Muslim scientists and philosophers and their impact on the global intellectual tradition.

✓ **Critical Analysis of Modern Islamic Thought:**

Students will engage in the study of modern Muslim reformist movements and thought, particularly in South Asia and West Asia. This will help them critically assess the ways in which contemporary Muslim thinkers and reformers have responded to challenges posed by colonialism, modernity and Western ideologies.

✓ **Ethical and Social Dimensions of Islam:**

The programme seeks to instill a deep understanding of Islamic ethics, focusing on its application in social, political and economic spheres. Topics such as Islamic finance, social justice, women's rights, and the Islamic approach to human rights will be examined in depth.

✓ **Interdisciplinary and Comparative Approaches:**

Students will explore the interdisciplinary nature of Islamic studies, examining its relationship with social sciences, philosophy and comparative religion. This will also include a comparative study of major world religions, interfaith dialogue and the Muslim response to Western intellectual traditions.

✓ **Research Skills and Methodology:**

It aims to train students in the methodologies of Islamic studies, including approaches from both traditional and modern perspectives (Muslim and Orientalist). It also emphasizes research skills, guiding students in producing high-quality dissertations based on original research in Islamic studies.

✓ **Focus on *Taşawwuf* (Sufism) and Islamic Spirituality:**

A special focus is given to the study of *Taşawwuf*, exploring its early development and the role of prominent Sufis as spiritual guides and reformers. The programme examines the major Sufi works and *Silsilas* (spiritual orders) that have shaped the spiritual heritage of Islam.



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Program Specific Objectives

- ✓ Build a strong foundation in Islamic knowledge, enabling students to excel in educational, research and cultural roles across both public and private sectors.
- ✓ Develop analytical and research skills in Islamic history, theology and contemporary issues, preparing students for advanced studies or contributions to Islamic scholarship.
- ✓ Equip students with a deep understanding of Islamic Studies, finance, law and ethics, preparing them for academic and competitive exams like SET, NET and Civil Services, while enhancing their employability in academia, government sectors, private sectors and careers in teaching, administration, banking, legal advisory and ethical governance.
- ✓ Foster critical thinking and leadership grounded in Islamic values, empowering students to lead community initiatives, engage in interfaith dialogue and drive social reform for the promotion of peace, love, harmony and mutual respect.
- ✓ Promote spiritual growth and moral integrity through the study of Islamic ethics and Sufism, encouraging ethical conduct and emotional intelligence in both personal and professional life.



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COURSE STRUCTURE

CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS)

Course Structure for

M. A. Islamic Studies Ist Semester Effective from Academic Session 2022 and Onwards

SEMESTER – I					
Course Code	Course Title	Paper Category	Hours per Week		
			L	T	P
IS22101CR	Islamic Civilization: Origin and Development (Upto 750 C.E.)	Core	3	1	0
IS22102CR	Introduction to Islamic Religious Sciences: <i>Tafsīr, Ḥadīth</i> and <i>Fiqh</i>	Core	3	1	0
IS22103CR	<i>Taşawwuf</i> : Origin and Development	Core	3	1	0
IS22104CR	Art and Architecture in Islam	Core	1	1	0
IS22105DCE	Proficiency in Arabic-I (Compulsory for all those students who have not studied Arabic at UG level)	DCE	3	1	0
IS22106DCE	Proficiency in Persian-I	DCE	3	1	0
IS22107DCE	Islam and Women	DCE	3	1	0
IS22108DCE	An Introduction to Islam and Science: Contribution of Some Muslim Scientists and Institutions	DCE	3	1	0
IS22001GE	Introduction to Muslim Theology and Philosophy	GE	1	1	0
IS22002GE	Human Rights: Western and Islamic Traditions	GE	1	1	0
IS22001OE	Islamic <i>Da'wah</i> : An Introduction	OE	1	1	0
IS22002OE	Islamic Ethics: An Introduction	OE	1	1	0

Important Note: GE (Generic Elective) and OE (Open Elective) Courses are for the students of various Departments of University of Kashmir other than the Department of Islamic Studies



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M. A. Islamic Studies 3rd Semester Effective from Academic Session 2022 and Onwards

SEMESTER II						
Course Code	Course Title	Paper Category	Hours per Week			Credits
			L	T	P	
IS22201CR	Islamic Civilization (8 th – 14 th Century CE)	Core	3	1	0	3+1=4
IS22202CR	<i>‘Ilm al-Kalām</i> and Muslim Philosophy	Core	3	1	0	3+1=4
IS22203CR	Islamic Social Sciences: Concepts and Development	Core	3	1	0	3+1=4
IS22204CR	Islamic Jurisprudence and <i>Taşawwuf</i> (Sufism)	Core	1	1	0	1+1=2
IS22205DCE	Proficiency in Arabic-II (Compulsory for all those students who have not studied Arabic at UG level)	DCE	3	1	0	3+1=4
IS22206DCE	Proficiency in Persian-II	DCE	3	1	0	3+1=4
IS22207DCE	Islam and Orientalism	DCE	3	1	0	3+1=4
IS22208DCE	<i>Da ‘wah</i> and its Practices	DCE	3	1	0	3+1=4
IS22003GE	Western Ideologies and the Muslim Response	GE	1	1	0	1+1=2
IS222004GE	Islamic Natural Sciences and Some Prominent Muslim Scientists: An Introduction	GE	1	1	0	1+1=2
IS22003OE	Basics of Islamic Religious Sciences	OE	1	1	0	1+1=2
IS22004OE	History of Islamic Civilization-I	OE	1	1	0	1+1=2

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SEMESTER – III							
Course Code	Course Title	Paper Category	Hours per Week			Credits	Page No.
			L	T	P		
IS22301CR	Islamic Civilization in Medieval India	Core	3	1	0	3+1=4	30
IS22302CR	Islamic Culture and Society under Ottomans	Core	3	1	0	3+1=4	31
IS22303CR	Islam in the Modern World: Thinkers, Trends and Movements in South Asia	Core	3	1	0	3+1=4	32
IS22304CR	Islam and Contemporary World	Core	1	1	0	1+1=2	33
IS22305DCE	Proficiency in Arabic-III (Compulsory for all those students who have not studied Arabic at UG level)	DCE	3	1	0	3+1=4	34
IS22306DCE	Proficiency in Persian-III	DCE	3	1	0	3+1=4	36
IS22307DCE	Islamic Civilization in Iran	DCE	3	1	0	3+1=4	37
IS22308DCE	Ethics in Islam: Basic Concepts and Developments	DCE	3	1	0	3+1=4	38
IS22309DCE	Major World Religions other than Islam	DCE	3	1	0	3+1=4	39
IS22005GE	History of Islamic Civilization-II	GE	1	1	0	1+1=2	40
IS22006GE	Islamic Social Sciences: An Introduction	GE	1	1	0	1+1=2	41
IS22005OE	Muslim Culture in Kashmir	OE	1	1	0	1+1=2	42
IS22008OE	Islam and Women	OE	1	1	0	1+1=2	43

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Course Structure for

M. A. Islamic Studies 4th semester Effective from Academic Session 2022 and onwards

SEMESTER – IV						
Course Code	Course Title	Paper Category	Hours per Week			Credits
			L	T	P	
IS22401CR	Islamic Culture and Society in Kashmir: Origin and Development	Core	3	1	0	3+1=4
IS22402CR	Islam in the Modern World: Thinkers, Trends and Movements in West Asia	Core	3	1	0	3+1=4
IS22403CR	Islamic Economics, Finance and Banking	Core	3	1	0	3+1=4
IS22404CR	Muslim Dynasties and States (A General Survey)	Core	1	1	0	1+1=2
IS22405DCE	Proficiency in Arabic-IV (Compulsory for all those students who have not studied Arabic at UG level)	DCE	3	1	0	3+1=4
IS22406DCE	Proficiency in Persian-IV	DCE	3	1	0	3+1=4
IS22407DCE	Muslim Response to Western Ideologies	DCE	3	1	0	3+1=4
IS22408DCE	Islamic Studies: Approaches and Methodology	DCE	3	1	0	3+1=4
IS22409DCE	Dissertation	DCE	3	1	0	3+1=4
IS22410DCE	Human Rights and International Relations	DCE	3	1	0	3+1=4
IS22007GE	Modern Muslim Reformist Thought and Movements in West Asia	GE	1	1	0	1+1=2
IS22008GE	Comparative Study of Religions	GE	1	1	0	1+1=2
IS22006OE	Taşawwuf and its Early Development	OE	1	1	0	1+1=2
IS22007OE	Modern Muslim Reformist Thought and Movements in South Asia	OE	1	1	0	1+1=2

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