

# The Department of Arab and Islamic Studies

## Arab and Islamic Studies Minor (GIS)

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## About

The Arab and Islamic Studies program offers a major and minor within the Department of Global Interdisciplinary Studies (GIS). The major and minor provide an interdisciplinary and comparative approach to deepen students' understandings of the history, politics, culture, religion, and literature of Arab and Islamic societies. The Arab and Islamic Studies major provides outstanding preparation for careers in government, the military, business, and nonprofits, as well as essential training for graduate education. Villanova's Center for Arab and Islamic Studies, created in 1983, offers not only the AIS major and minor, but a range of programs and events on campus every semester.

**A B.A. in Arab and Islamic Studies is offered through the G.I.S. program. Information on that major may be found at [this location](#).**

## MINOR: Arab & Islamic Studies (15 credits)

A minor is open to all students and requires 5 courses and 15 credits.

### *Program Notes:*

- Courses that fulfill minor requirements may be used to fulfill other requirements (i.e., primary major, core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives).
- The minor requirements can be fulfilled without the need to take Arabic language courses, but Arabic does count toward the minor.
- Courses taken abroad may count toward the minor requirements with pre-approval from the director of the program.
- Certain topics courses listed under departments (ARB, COM, GIS, HIS, HUM, PSC, THL, etc.) with significant content relevant to AIS may qualify as an elective with the permission of the Director of the Arab and Islamic Studies Program

Course	Title	Credits
	AIS Capstone Elective	3
	AIS History, Political Science or Theology Courses	6
	AIS Elective	6

