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Major: Islamic World Studies, BA

The Islamic World Studies major offers an interdisciplinary curriculum focused on the geography, history, politics, culture, and religion of the Islamic world.

What skills do students develop in this program?

Cultural and religious competency, critical thinking, oral and written communication, problem-solving, and research skills. In short, the major focuses on skills that allow graduates to be agile, something particularly valuable in today's shifting market.

What kind of student is a good fit for Islamic World Studies?

Students with global cultural interests and with interests in the interconnectedness of politics, economics, religion, and history. Students ready to read and write are good fits for this major, as are students ready to wrestle with abstract concepts, evaluate arguments, and develop critical thinking skills.

Are there any popular classes in the program that you would suggest or recommended classes for a student who is just starting to explore the major?

- IWS 192: Islamic World Studies
- IWS 266: Islam in the United States

What are examples of internships and/or research opportunities that students in this major are currently working on or have access to as majors in this program?

Chicago is full of organizations that work with the Islamic world in general and with Muslim communities in particular. Formal relationships with these organizations are currently being developed.

What are students doing after graduation?

Students who major in Islamic World Studies tend to go into fields as diverse as law, health care, diplomacy, finance, social services, education, cultural heritage, and the arts.