

Islamic Studies

A Level

AQA Advanced Subsidiary (AS) | Advanced Level (A2)
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You should do this course if.....

you want to know more about Islam for religious, social and cultural reasons. No religious faith is required. You will gain a broad knowledge of Islam and the opportunity to study specific areas in greater depth, such as the five pillars of Islam, the Quran, the doctrine of God, Key Beliefs and the life of Prophet Mohammed

Skills you will develop on this course

This course will not only give you a depth of knowledge about the subject content but also it will give and develop skills in the following:

- Clear & Logical thinking
- Critical evaluation
- Literacy & Expression
- Negotiating
- Organising
- Planning
- Problem solving
- Research

Topics studied

UNIT 1 - (AS)

The Way of Submission

Students are introduced to the different beliefs in Islam such as the importance of Qur'an for Muslims, The Five Pillars and the doctrine of God.

UNIT 2 - (AS)

The life of the Prophet

This unit examines the development of Islam, the life and death of the Prophet and the emergence of the Caliphate and the Sunni/Shi'a divide.

UNIT 3 – (A2)

This unit investigates The Shar'ia and the Muslim way of life, Shi'a Islam and its distinctive beliefs and practices, God and humanity and women and family life in Islam

UNIT 4 – (A2)

Religion and contemporary society

This unit covers the challenges posed by the practice of religion today and issues of freedom of religion, including the wearing of religious dress. You will learn about attitudes towards sexual behaviour, marriage and the family, the structure, nature and role of one faith community within the United Kingdom and interfaith relations and dialogue.

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How will you learn?

Highlighting handouts; taking notes from presentations, textbooks, video or dictation; group research and presentations; using pasts A level stimulus-response and essay questions; library and internet research; discussion; written activities, reading and taking notes from reading lists.

Where does the course lead?

Islamic Studies can lead to Higher Education studies in Theology, Religious Studies or Philosophy. The skills and knowledge acquired at AS and A2 also equip students who wish to study Law, Politics, History, English and related subjects.

Graduates in Islamic Studies and Theology etc have moved on into a variety of fields where the unique type of study undertaken in these fields have given them skills in critical thinking, subtle analysis, and skilled articulation. Graduates have obtained positions in education, business, social work, law, journalism, the arts, politics, travel, the armed forces and law enforcement, and administration of non-profit organizations.

Assessment and Exams.

Unit 1

AS Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes. Students will be required to answer two structured essay questions from a choice of four.

Unit 2

AS Written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes. Students will be required to answer two structured essay questions from a choice of four.

Unit 3

A2 Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes. Students will be required to answer two structured essay questions from a choice of four.

Unit 4

A2 Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes. Students will be required to answer two structured essay questions from a choice of four.

Entry Requirements

5C's at GCSE including a grade C or above in English Language.