

# HUMN 1061 ISLAM: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 102823

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**Description** This is an introductory level subject that forms part of the Islamic Studies major. The subject will contribute to the development of sound disciplinary expertise in the academic study of Islam - historical, anthropological, and sociological. The subject will familiarise students with critical approaches to the study of Islam that touch on its origins and development, formation of traditions, social structures and institutions, and with issues regarding Islam in the Western context. The subject will aid students in developing cross-cultural awareness and interpersonal communication skills.

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** Sociology

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 1 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** HUMN 1047 - Understanding Islam and Muslim Societies HUMN 1048 - Understanding Islam and Muslim Societies (WSTC)

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Describe the basic beliefs and practices that constitute the Islamic faith.
2. Identify Islamic doctrine in relevant historical contexts and distinguish the diversity of Muslim societies and cultures.
3. Interpret key discourses within the academic study of Islam.

## Subject Content

1. The Academic Study of Islam
2. Key Questions
3. The Sources
4. Search of Origins
5. The Revelation
6. The Messenger
7. Witnessing and Reports
8. Women in Islam
9. The Ulama
10. The Sufi
11. Religion and Politics
12. Modernity

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Quiz	500 words equivalent	25	N	Individual	Y
Essay	1,000 words	35	N	Individual	Y
Essay	1,500 words	40	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- K?ng, Hans. Islam: Past, Present and Future, Oxford: Oneworld, 2007

Teaching Periods

## Autumn (2025)

### Bankstown City

#### On-site

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