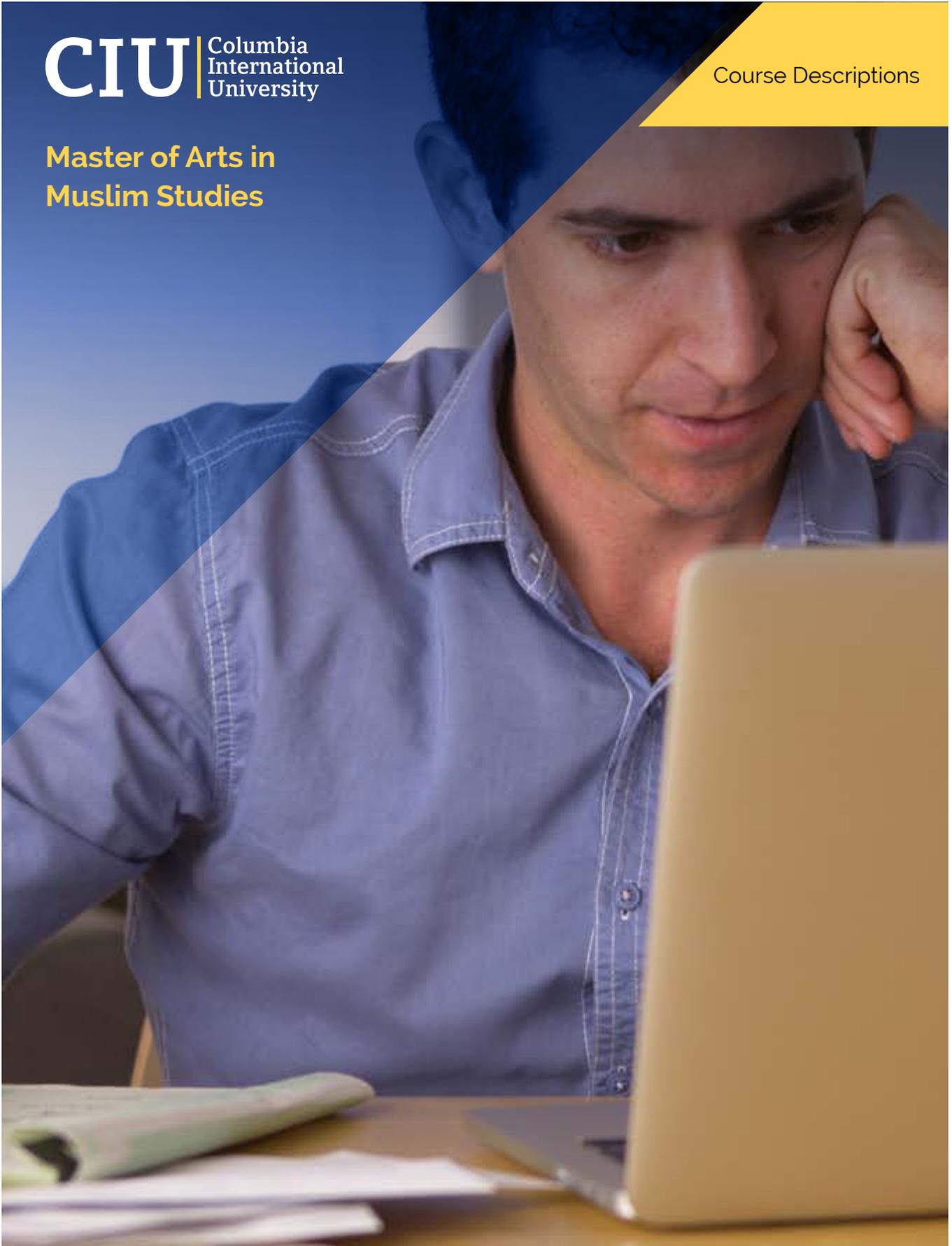


**CIU** | Columbia  
International  
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Course Descriptions

**Master of Arts in  
Muslim Studies**



### Overview

The M.A. in Muslim Studies provides students with a focused knowledge of the tools and techniques needed to analyze the theology, traditions, and worldview of Islam. Students will engage in research and analysis that is informed by that knowledge and contributes to the ministry of those engaged in cross-cultural life and work among Muslims.

This degree is offered in two different formats: Program 1 for college graduates with no previous studies in Bible or theology, and Program 2 for college graduates who have at least 15 semester hours of Bible, theology, or Church history.

The M.A. in Muslim Studies is available fully online. Please contact Admissions at [onlinedegrees@ciu.edu](mailto:onlinedegrees@ciu.edu) for further information.

| PROGRAM 1<br>ONLINE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS   |  |
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| <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 48px; font-weight: bold; background-color: yellow; border-radius: 50%; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">45</div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">TOTAL<br/>CREDIT HOURS</p> | <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 36px; font-weight: bold;">18</div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">BIBLE &amp;<br/>THEOLOGY<br/>CREDIT HOURS</p>                    |
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|    | <p style="font-weight: bold;">SEND IN YOUR TRANSCRIPTS</p> <p>to determine how close you are to a<br/>M.A. in Muslim Studies Degree</p>  |

### PROGRAM 1 COURSE OF STUDY ..... 45

CHL 5001 ..... Chapel I ..... 0  
 CHL 5002 ..... Chapel II ..... 0

### BIBLE AND THEOLOGY ..... 18

BIB 5112 ..... Genesis to Song of Solomon:  
 God's Plan of Creation and Redemption ..... 3  
 BIB 5113 ..... Prophets: God's Message of  
 Redemption and Judgment ..... 3  
 BIB 5132 ..... Gospels: God's Means of  
 Providing Redemption ..... 3  
 BIB 5133 ..... Acts to Revelation: God's People  
 Proclaiming Redemption Globally ..... 3  
 BIB 5410 ..... Hermeneutics: Interpreting and  
 Applying the Bible ..... 3  
*Choose one of the following courses:* ..... 3  
 ICS/BIB 6030.... Biblical Theology of Missions  
 ICS/THE 6039 ..Doing Theology in Context  
 THE 6310 ..... Systematic Theology I  
 THE 6320 ..... Systematic Theology II

### CONCENTRATION ..... 21

GLS 5110..... Mission of God ..... 3  
 GLS 6515 ..... Understanding Cultures and Worldviews ..... 3  
 ICS 5020 ..... Introduction to Islam ..... 3  
 ICS 6071 ..... Approaches to Muslims ..... 3  
 ICS XXXX..... *Choose 3 Muslim Studies courses.\** ..... 9

### CAPSTONE COURSES ..... 6

RES 7962 ..... Intercultural/Muslim Studies  
 Integrative Seminar ..... 3  
*Choose one of the following courses:* ..... 3  
 RES 7972 ..... Intercultural/Muslim Studies Thesis or  
 INT 6920..... Intercultural or Muslim Studies Internship

### PROGRAM 2 COURSE OF STUDY ..... 30

CHL 5001 ..... Chapel I ..... 0

### CONCENTRATION ..... 21

GLS 6515 ..... Understanding Cultures and Worldviews ..... 3  
 ICS 5020 ..... Introduction to Islam ..... 3  
 ICS 6071 ..... Approaches to Muslims ..... 3  
 ICS XXXX..... *Choose 4 Muslim Studies courses.\** ..... 12

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### FREE ELECTIVE ..... 3

\*Please view the full course catalog for more details

### NEW YORK CITY OPTION

In partnership with the New York City International Project, CIU students can complete much or all of the MA in Intercultural or Muslim Studies (Program 2 only) while serving in a church planting internship among Muslims and internationals in New York City. Students may earn six hours of internship credit for this experience while enrolling full- or part-time in CIU's online studies.

### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**CHL 5001 ..... 0**  
**Chapel I**

This course will encourage your participation in the university's chapel program. Chapel provides you with an opportunity for corporate worship with the CIU community, hearing and responding to teaching and preaching from the Word of God, hearing from missionaries and alumni serving around the world, exposure to our core values, and fellowship with one another. You will be encouraged and challenged in your personal walk with the Lord and service for Him.

**CHL 5002 ..... 0**  
**Chapel II**

This course will encourage your participation in the university's chapel program. Chapel provides you with an opportunity for corporate worship with the CIU community, hearing and responding to teaching and preaching from the Word of God, hearing from missionaries and alumni serving around the world, exposure to our core values, and fellowship with one another. You will be encouraged and challenged in your personal walk with the Lord and service for Him.

### BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

**BIB 5112 ..... 3**  
**Genesis to Song of Solomon:  
 God's Plan of Creation and Redemption**

In this course you will focus on the structure and contexts (historical, political, social, and religious) of each book, major theological passages and issues, and the application of these texts to the life of the New Testament believer. God introduces His purpose for creating the world and redeeming human beings and establishes Israel as the nation through which He would bless all the nations in Jesus Christ.

**BIB 5113 ..... 3**  
**Prophets: God's Message of  
 Redemption and Judgment**

In this course you will focus on the structure and contexts (historical, political, social, and religious) of each prophetic book, major theological passages and issues, and the application of these texts to the life of the New Testament believer. The prophets of Israel proclaim God's program for Israel and the nations of the Old Testament period and anticipate the redemptive work of Christ, whose predicted life and death would secure salvation for the world.

**BIB 5132 ..... 3**  
**Gospels: God's Means of Providing Redemption**

This course will guide you through a chronological, synthetic study of the four gospel records, emphasizing the time, place, circumstances, and persons involved in the events of Jesus' ministry. The gospel writers narrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's appointed Redeemer of the world, who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament.

**BIB 5133 ..... 3**  
**Acts to Revelation: God's People Proclaiming Redemption Globally**

In this course you will study the introductory background, structure, and content of the New Testament books, Acts to Revelation, understood within their first-century life setting. The authors of Acts, the letters, and Revelation not only relate the advance of the Early Church in proclaiming redemption globally, they provide the contemporary church with normative missionary documents to guide it in fulfilling Christ's commission.

**BIB 5410 ..... 3**  
**Hermeneutics: Interpreting and Applying the Bible**

This course introduces you to the principles and processes of biblical interpretation and application. Emphasis will be placed on both theory and practice. Within the framework of an exegetical method, you will learn to apply basic principles to selected missiological passages from the Old and New Testaments. Special attention will be given to the principles used in correctly interpreting parables, poetry, and prophecy.

**ICS/BIB 6030 ..... 3**  
**Biblical Theology of Missions**

You will engage in a comprehensive study of the biblical foundation for mission as it relates to the church's missionary obligation before God to the world in both word and deed. Special attention will be given to exposing you to important issues within evangelical missiology today.

**ICS/THE 6039 ..... 3**  
**Doing Theology in Context**

You will engage in a detailed discussion on the interaction between Bible and culture in which epistemological, hermeneutical, theological, and ecclesial dynamics are taken into consideration in order to strengthen the church's witness by remaining both faithful to Scripture and relevant to context.  
*Prerequisites: BIB 5410 and GLS 6515*

**THE 6310 ..... 3**  
**Systematic Theology I**

In this course you will explore the major divisions of theology (Prolegomena), the doctrine of the Bible (Bibliology), the doctrine of God (Theology Proper), the doctrine of Christ (Christology), and the doctrine of last things (Eschatology). You will gain experience in integrating what you learn into real-world situations and in understanding how theological concepts are expressed differently across cultures.

**THE 6320 ..... 3**  
**Systematic Theology II**

In this course you will explore those areas of theology especially relating to and serving as the foundation for the sanctification and Christian growth of the believer. Areas studied will include the doctrine of man (Anthropology), the doctrine of sin (Hamartiology), the doctrine of salvation (Soteriology), the doctrine of the Holy Spirit (Pneumatology), and the doctrine of church (Ecclesiology). The course particularly focuses on God's plan of transforming you into Christ's likeness and helping you experience godly living in today's world.

### CONCENTRATION

**GLS 5110 ..... 3**  
**Mission of God**

You will study the mission of God as it is revealed in the Bible and throughout history. You will compare and evaluate principles, dynamics, philosophies, and practices of cross-cultural missions. You will grow in your ability to share the gospel with individuals from cultures other than your own.

**GLS 6515 ..... 3**  
**Understanding Cultures and Worldviews**

This course will enable you to understand the worldview assumptions that are foundational to a person's belief systems and behavior patterns. You will analyze the culture and worldview of an ethno-linguistic or socio-economic grouping of people from a biblical worldview perspective. You will also consider elements of biblical contextualization. *Prerequisites: BIB 5410, and GLS 5110 or ICS 5050*

**ICS 5020 ..... 3**  
**Introduction to Islam**

This overview of Muslim faith and practice with an emphasis on comparisons with Christianity will help you develop a better understanding of Islam and learn to explain the gospel to Muslims with greater passion and sensitivity.

**ICS 6071 ..... 3**  
**Approaches to Muslims**

In this course you will analyze and evaluate ways Christian witness relates to conversion, discipleship, and church planting among Muslims. Special attention will be given to what message your lifestyle and public behavior communicate to Muslims. You will learn to respond to Muslim concerns and objections, clarify their points of confusion, and help them see Jesus as the supremely attractive Savior.

### CAPSTONE COURSES

**RES 7962 ..... 3**  
**Intercultural/Muslim Studies Integrative Seminar**

This course offers you a guided study in the techniques and tools of bibliographic and field-based research on intercultural or Muslim studies. As the summative exercise for the course, you will plan, research, and write either a 25-30 page research paper or write a proposal for a thesis (see RES 7972 description). You will demonstrate your ability to develop a clear research problem, master related material and research methods, make a clear argument, and show original thought processes.

**RES 7972 ..... 3**  
**Intercultural/Muslim Studies Thesis**

You will research and write on a topic in your field under the guidance of one faculty member who will critique your work as you proceed. You will defend your thesis before a committee composed of at least two faculty members. *Prerequisite: RES 7962 and permission of instructor.*

**INT 6920 ..... 3**  
**Intercultural or Muslim Studies Internship**

As a capstone experience in your degree, you will spend a minimum of 250 hours in a context of intercultural or Muslim ministry under the supervision of a qualified mentor in the field. Your location, plan for ministry, and field mentor must be approved by your advisor before registration. *Prerequisite: GLS 6515*