Rationale and Aims

This course will begin with a brief history of Islam in Ireland. It will subsequently examine the Islamic “other,” and Muslim identities in Europe from historical and modern perspectives. The focus of the course will then shift to the modern era and to debates concerning Muslims living in Europe, including discussions around secularism, human rights and religious freedoms.

Indicative Resources


Learning Outcome

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

· Discuss the role of Islam in Europe from a historical perspective;

· Engage contemporary debates on Islam in Europe;

· Identify and discuss different modern themes in regards to Islam in Europe;

· Recognize the diversity of Islamic traditions and contextualize Islam within European perspectives.

Methods of Teaching and Student Learning

The lectures are mainly participatory. Students are asked to prepare the assigned readings before each class and there are discussion groups assigned during each class. The lectures are delivered using PowerPoint, videos and photos. There are a number of field trips designed to increase student learning and support different learning styles.

Methods of Assessment

This module is assessed by one essay (2,500 -3,000 words). b) 90% attendance at lectures is required to pass the module.