

PIU44191 — Philosophy of Religion: The Islamic Perspective

Module Information	
Module Code	PIU44182
Module Title	Philosophy of Religion: The Islamic Perspective
Department	Philosophy
Year Group	Senior Sophister
Module Personnel	Jamie B. Turner
Academic Year	2026-27
Credit Weighting	10 ECTS
Semester	1
Contact Hours	22 (11 x 2 seminars)

Module Content	
Module Description	Most courses in the philosophy of religion leave out important perspectives from non-western religious traditions. Given that a wide variety of religions are home to rich philosophical traditions, contemporary philosophers are increasingly keen to engage a broader range of perspectives. This module focuses on specifically the Islamic perspective on topics and questions in philosophy of religion. Unlike most explorations of Islamic philosophical thought, this module will focus not on the historic medieval thinkers in the tradition; instead, it will primarily engage the perspective of contemporary Islamic philosophers of religion on the major topics in the discipline, e.g., evidence and religious belief, God's existence, the problem of evil, and religious diversity.
Learning Outcomes	• Explain major issues in contemporary Islamic philosophy of religion concerning the nature of God, religious belief, revelation, faith, and reason. • Explain and critically assess contemporary Islamic philosophical responses to central questions in philosophy of religion, including arguments about the existence of God, divine attributes, the problem of evil, religious diversity, and the relationship between religion and science.

Module Content	
	- Think critically about philosophical problems relating to Islamic conceptions of religion and engage with competing viewpoints from both Islamic and non-Islamic traditions. - Communicate their own philosophical ideas effectively, both orally in discussion and in clear, well-structured written arguments.
Indicative Reading / Resources	An extensive and detailed reading list will be made available at the start of the module. The following are helpful preparatory background reading: - Aijaz, Imran (2018). <i>Islam: A Contemporary Philosophical Investigation</i>. Routledge. - Acar, Rahim, & Kaya, Cuneyt. (2025). <i>Philosophy of Religion in Islam: A Reader of Classical Sources</i>. Bloomsbury.

Assessment	
Assessment Components	Two essays (50%) In-person exam (50%)
Assessment Details	Word-limit for essays: 1,500 words & 2,500 words. Final exam: Two examination questions.

Additional Information	
Prerequisites	None.
Co-requisites	None.