

COURSE DETAIL

SCIENCE, SORCERY AND WONDER IN ISLAM

Country

United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution

University of Edinburgh

Program(s)

University of Edinburgh

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Religious Studies

UCEAP Course Number

129

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SCIENCE, SORCERY AND WONDER IN ISLAM

UCEAP Transcript Title

SCI&SORCERY:ISLAM

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course introduces students to the world of magic in the Islamic world. Dismissed as anti-rational by European colonialism and Islamic reformism, magic and other occult pursuits often played an important role in the religious, political, and intellectual lives of Muslims. Making extensive use of both literary and visual sources, this course examines how past and present scholars have attempted to define the occult and esoteric. It outlines several themes such as the role of sorcery in everyday life, politics, and the investigation of science. Surveyed topics include astrology, geomancy, treasure hunting, demonology, alchemy, and necromancy.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DIVI10108

Host Institution Course Title

SCIENCE, SORCERY AND WONDER IN ISLAM

Host Institution Campus

Edinburgh

Host Institution Faculty

School of Divinity

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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