

# 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

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## Host Institution Course Details

<http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/24-25/dpt/cxdivi10108.htm>

## Host Institution Campus

Edinburgh

## Host Institution Faculty

School of Divinity

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

## Course Last Reviewed

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