

COURSE DETAIL

WOMEN AND GENDER IN MEDIEVAL ISLAM

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University of London, Queen Mary

Program(s)

University of London, Queen Mary

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Women's & Gender Studies Religious Studies History

UCEAP Course Number

110

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

WOMEN AND GENDER IN MEDIEVAL ISLAM

UCEAP Transcript Title

WOMEN/MEDIEVL ISLAM

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course offers an introduction to the history of women in medieval Islamic societies (600 - 1500 AD), through their experiences and representations in art and literature. The course aims at finding the boundaries that divided the worlds of women and men in the economic, legal, and spiritual spheres. It does so by looking at a variety of texts, including the Qur'an, Prophetic traditions, marriage contracts, travelers' accounts, and the tales of the Arabian Nights. By comparing sources from diverse cultural perspectives, students consider the development of a cultural, economic, legal, and spiritual female identity in the Middle Ages, and critically examine medieval and modern discourses on women and Islam.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HST5131

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

School of Society and Environment

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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