



# Grand Asian University Sialkot

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Islamic Studies

## Semester-wise Break-up

Master of Philosophy in Islamic Studies

### PROGRAM STRUCTURE – MPHIL ISLAMIC STUDIES

The MPhil in Islamic Studies is structured in accordance with the provisions of the HEC Graduate Education Policy (GEP) 2023. Standard structure of the program is as under:

Credit Hours	Minimum 32
Course Work	Minimum 24 credit hours ( 8 courses)
Understanding of Holy Quran-I & II	2 credit hours ( 2 courses)
Research Work/ Thesis	Minimum 6 credit hours
Program duration	Minimum 1.5 years (3 regular semesters)
Semester Duration	16-18 weeks for regular semesters (1-2 weeks for examination) 8-9 weeks for summer semesters (1 week for examination)
Course Load (per semester)	09-12 credit hours for regular semesters Up-to 8 credit hours for summer semesters (for remedial/deficiency/failure/repetition courses only)
3 Credit Hours (Theory)	3 classes (1 hour each) OR 2 classes (1.5 hour each) OR 1 class (3 hours)

The standard scheme of studies for MPhil in Islamic Studies is given below:

### Semester 1

Course Code	Course Title	Credit hours	SDGs
ISL-701	Advance Research Methodology	3	SDG 4, SDG 9, SDG 17
ISL-702	Ijtihad: History, Principles and Methods	3	SDG 4, SDG 16
ISL-703	Core Course-1	3	
ISL-704	Core Course-II	3	
UHQ-701	Understanding of Holy Quran-I	1	SDG 4, SDG 16
	Total:	13	

## Semester 2

Course Code	Course Title	Credit hours	
ISL-705	Orientalism: Critical Study (Specialization Specific)	3	SDG 4, SDG 10, SDG 17
ISL-706	Core Course-III	3	
ISL-707	Core Course-1V	3	
ISL-708	Core Course-V/ Elective -v/(Introduction to Artificial Intelligence)	3	SDG 4, SDG 9, SDG 8
UHQ-702	Understanding of Holy Quran-II	1	SDG 4, SDG 16
	Total:	13	

## Semester 3

Course Code	Course Title	Credit hours
	Thesis	03

## Semester 4

Course Code	Course Title	Credit hours
	Thesis	03

Note:

1. Core courses will be taken from the chosen area of specialization. Any student who does not wish to pursue a specialized subject may select any advanced-level course in Islamic Studies.
2. The degree title will reflect the specialization as MPhil Islamic Studies (specialization), while those who have not taken specialized courses will receive a degree titled Islamic Studies.
3. All MPhil degrees in Islamic Studies will be regarded as equivalent, regardless of specialization; however, if an employer requires a specific specialization, the degrees may not be considered equivalent.
4. As per the guidelines of the Higher Education Commission (HEC), one course of "Artificial Intelligence" shall be offered in place of one existing course, as per the prescribed policy and directions of HEC. The exact placement and substitution will be implemented in accordance with HEC guidelines. Additionally, a course on Understanding of the Holy Quran shall be offered as a mandatory requirement in accordance with HEC directives.
5. The curriculum has also been aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and all courses have been mapped accordingly to ensure compliance with HEC policies and to promote quality education, ethical values, social justice, and sustainable development in the light of Islamic teachings.