

RELI 485: Gender and Sexuality in Islam



This course approaches constructions of gender and sexuality in Muslim societies in diverse historical and geographical contexts. It focuses on gender as a category of inquiry and ask how gender discourses are connected to sexuality in discourse and practice. We consider the history of Muslim gender discourses, gender in Islamic law, sexual norms, marriage practices, and masculinity. The course emphasizes negotiations and changing interpretations of norms as well as practices. It is divided into thematic units addressing how gender and sexuality are regulated and negotiated as normative in Islamic law; how sexual practices were and are produced by their temporal and spacial contexts; what non-normative discourses and practices can teach us about norms; how marriage relates to sexuality in contemporary Muslim societies and communities; and how dress codes relate to women's bodies and sexuality.

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12:30PM-1:45PM

**General Education
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