

# RELI 485

## Gender and Sexuality in Islam



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**Tuesdays & Thursdays**  
3:30PM-4:45PM

**General Education  
Requirements:**  
BN, CI

What does Islam have to do with gender and sexuality? This course provides multiple and complex answers to this question by considering the history of Muslim gender discourses, gender in Islamic law, sexual norms, marriage practices, sexual diversity, and masculinity. Readings and discussions emphasize negotiations and changing interpretations of norms and practices, both in premodern and contemporary Muslim contexts. In thematic units that address marriage, divorce, slavery, a controversial Qur'anic passage, Muslim sartorial and bodily practices, and more, students encounter both primary and secondary readings and engage in critical reading as well as individual research projects.

