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ISLAMIC STUDIES IS

"The Study of Islam and Muslims."

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ISLAMIC STUDIES IS

"An academic discipline dedicated to the comprehensive study of Islam as a religion, World view and Civilization, which includes the study of its scriptures, philosophy, jurisprudence and Muslims societies throughout history."

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ISLAMIC STUDIES IS

“A civilizational building discipline which incorporates Spiritual and Scientific knowledge. It is a discipline which has divine ontological base and epistemology serves as justified worldview. It includes subjects having psychological/spiritual, social, economic and political nature.”

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ISLAMIC STUDIES IS

“One of the disciplines by which Islam is studied in an academic manner by both Muslim as well as non-Muslim scholars. It deals with Islam as religion and civilisation from Islamic perspective. It includes all the traditional forms of religious thought such as Tafsir (Quranic exegesis), Hadith (Traditions of the Prophet), Kalaam (Islamic philosophy), Fiqh (Islamic jurisprudence) Tasawwuf (Sufism) Muslim philosophy, history of Islam and Muslims.”

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ISLAMIC STUDIES IS

“A subject to the context it is used for studying, if we take it as a ‘subject of study’ then it can be just defined as the study of Islamic sciences, however Islamic studies is a very wide ‘Field of study’ that is not confined to just academic study of Islam as a religion but encompasses whole umbrella of Islamic sciences from Islamic theology to Islamic jurisprudence, principles of Jurisprudence, Islamic civilization, Islamic people, Islamic countries, Islamic history, Islamic culture, Islamic language literature. It is also a very popular and widely used field of academic research for scholars.”

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"As an academic discipline is a contemporary approach of studying Islam. It is an umbrella term and draws on a variety of fields that include Islamic Civilization and Culture, Islamic History, Islamic Social Sciences, Islamic Scientific Heritage, Islamic Philosophy, Tasawwuf, Comparative Religions, Interfaith Dialogue, Gender Studies, Islamic Economics and Finance and Human Rights. With the tools of interdisciplinarity and comparative approach it sheds light on the multiple expressions of Islam as a spiritual tradition, the role of Islamic civilization in global history and importance of Islamic discourse in the contemporary world.

It examines the thought of the key Muslim intellectuals particularly of modern age and their attempts to come to terms with modernity. The areas for consideration also include renewal and reform, the impact of colonialism and globalization on Muslim discourse, independent judgment (Ijtihad) and issues associated with the civil society."

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ISLAMIC STUDIES IS

“An important academic discipline of Religious Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences. Its main aim is to study knowledge in its integrated way. Primarily focusing on Divine knowledge through basic religious texts (The Qur’an and The Hadith). It studies legacy of Islamic civilization, theological and philosophical developments, tasawwuf, social and legal sciences of Islam, inter-faith dialogue and Muslim contribution to natural and physical sciences. It is never exclusively Orientalism or traditional madrasa system of education or even area studies but an interdisciplinary and modern way of studying Islam, its civilization and sciences to develop a broader understanding of Islam and the Muslims viz-a-viz inter-religious and inter-civilizational harmony. The course structure of the subject is available from higher secondary to PG level approved duly by the respective academic bodies. Major components of it are history of Islamic civilization, religious sciences, tasawwuf, social sciences, theology and philosophy, modern developments in the Muslim world, comparative religions, interfaith dialogue, Islam and women and area studies.”

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