

**Doctor of Philosophy in History**  
**Program code: 033070**

***INTRODUCTION***

The Department of History (College of Arts) at Kuwait University offers a Ph.D. program in History. This program is currently confined to one specialties only: Islamic History. The specialties comply with those already existing in the Master program. This allows the students having Master degree in history either from Kuwait University or any other authorized University to enroll in the Ph.D. program. The objective of the program is to provide researchers in Modern and Islamic History who can work at universities, teaching institutes, and research centers.

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**42 TOTAL COURSE CRESITS**

**9 COMPULSORY COURSES (3 credits each):**

- 0330-601 Historical texts in foreign language
- 0330-602 Philosophy of history and its schools
- 0330-603 Evolution of historical writing

**15 SUBDISCIPLINE ELECTIVE COURSES (3 credits each)**

**Elective Courses in Islamic History:**

- 0330-604 Cases in the history of Islam
- 0330-605 Issues in Umayyad History
- 0330-606 Issues in the Abbasid History
- 0330-607 Panel discussion in the history of the Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula in Islamic times
- 0330-608 Panel discussion in the history of Morocco and Andalusia
- 0330-609 The external invaders of the Islamic world (Crusaders and Mongols)
- 0330-610 Islamic civilization and other civilizations
- 0330-611 History of science among Muslims
- 0330-612 Orientalists and Islamic heritage

**18 COMPULSORY COURSES**

- 0330-697 Dissertation (9)
- 0330-698 Dissertation (9)

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

**0330-601: Historical texts in foreign language**  
**CR:3**

This course aims to provide the students with the necessary skills in how to deal with the texts of the primary sources of history, the proficiency of reading, criticizing and disassembling them, and then how to use them in writing the subjects that are supposed to be studied.

**0330-602: Philosophy of history and its schools:**  
**CR:3**

The aim of this course is to help the student to understand the relationship between philosophy and history, which began with the attempts of group of philosopher to respond to the needs of the evolution of historical approach since nineteenth century in Europe.

**0330-603: Evolution of historical writing**  
**CR:3**

The course focuses on the development of historical writing in different eras. The focus will be on the evolution of historical writing during the nineteenth century, which was in line with the development of various science curricula, including history.

**0330-604: Cases in the history of Islam**  
**CR:3**

This course deals with a number of issues, including: Study the situation and life of the Arabs before Islam, and then study the life of the Prophet Muhammad in the period before the prophecy, with a focus on its role and his relationship with the community of Mecca to the mission of Prophet and migration, and the establishment of the Islamic state in Medina with reference to the Prophet's and state administration, and address the issues that emerged after the death of the Prophet.

**0330-605: Issues in Umayyad History**  
**CR:3**

The course aims to study the political developments in the Islamic state after the death of Othman to the conflict between Ali and Muawiya and the establishment of the Umayyad state. He also focuses on studying the political developments of the Umayyad state with an in-depth study of the revolutions and opposition forces, social structures and circumstances that led to the end of the

Umayyad state by the Abbasid revolution in 132 AH

**0330-606: Issues in the Abbasid History**  
**CR:3**

The course analyzes the circumstances that accompanied the Abbasid da'wa and its success in establishing a state that lasted for centuries. The course also observes the internal developments of the Abbasid state, taking into account the state's relations with external powers. The course examines in depth various aspects of civilization in the Abbasid period.

**0330-607: Panel discussion in the history of the Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula in Islamic times**  
**CR:3**

The course examines population and tribal components in the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula and focuses on the political entities in the region in the Islamic history from the beginning until the end of the Abbasid era.

**0330-608: Panel discussion in the history of Morocco and Andalusia**  
**CR:3**

This course focuses on the study of number of issues such as the Islamic conquest of Maghreb, its causes, difficulties and stages. The Islamic conquest of Andalusia (Spain). The course examines relations between Morocco, Andalusia and the rest of the Islamic world as well as study of society and culture of Islamic Andalusia, rise of Christian kingdoms and social relations and cultural exchange among Christian Muslims and Jews and relations with the Christian world in Europe.

**0330-609: The external invaders of the Islamic world (Crusaders and Mongols)**  
**CR:3**

The purpose of this course is to study the crusades and their causes and consequences since it was an idea to continue in military campaigns against the Muslims, which lasted about 200 years. The course also examines the causes and consequences of the Mongol invasion and discusses the nature of the relationship between the crusaders and the Mongols. The course is concerned with the Islamic reactions towards these two invaders.

**0330-610: Islamic civilization and other civilizations  
CR:3**

This course focuses on the study of Islamic civilization in its various aspects from the birth of Islam to the end of Abbasid state, with an explanation of its impact on other civilizations, such as the influence of Islamic civilization in medieval Europe, and its impact on human civilization development. The course focus on the advantages of this civilization towards the other civilizations through ages.

**0330-611: History of science among Muslims  
CR:3**

This course aims to study in depth the scientific life and its developments in Islamic state through ages, it is also discusses selected examples of Muslim scholars and their achievements.

This course is devoted to studying the influence of Islamic civilization of the civilization of other nations and the impact of Islamic civilization in the world

**0330-612: Orientalists and Islamic Heritage  
CR:3**

This course focuses on the major studies, books, and recent research works that represent improved conceptualization of orientalist and their written works about Islamic history. Besides, the course endeavors to closely examine study cases of orientalist's analysis of Arabic sources emphasizing the methodological and academic developments through which orientalism passed. The expected learning outcome is to enable graduate students to deal with variant scholarly opinions of orientalist about Islamic heritage in order to build a historical argument supported by proper evidence.

**0330-697: Dissertation**

**CR:9**

**0330-698: Dissertation**

**CR:9**