

Bible Institute of South Africa Winter School
In collaboration with SCCMM presents

UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

July 2024



What is Winter School?

Annually in June/July the Bible Institute runs a Winter School programme where degree level, on-campus study courses are offered in an intensive format. In 2024 one of the courses we are offering is 'Understanding Islam'. This course forms part of the Bachelor of Theology programme that runs full time on campus. This FAQ sheet is about the course.

What is the Understanding Islam Course?

This course comprises five days of theory plus practical training that offers you academic answers as well as practical skill for engaging with Muslims- those who make up one fifth of the world's population. A good way to describe the course would be 'Understanding Your Muslim Neighbour'. No prior training is needed to enrol.

What are the times & where is the venue?

The training will run from Monday 8th to Friday 12th July 2024 from 8:00 am to 3 pm. The venue is our campus in Kalk Bay, Cape Town. Gated parking is available on campus. [MAP](#)

What does it cost?

ZAR 910 per person. An early bird special applies – You pay only R800 if you pay before 3rd July.

What about lunch?

We will fellowship over a meal in the dining room: you may book lunch for yourself (R55) or bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee is no charge.

Who does the teaching?

In this course your facilitators will be members of the Study Centre for Christian Ministry to Muslims (SCCMM) together with several qualified and experienced people associated with SIM (Serving in Mission).



What will I study in this course?

This intensive, five-day course has two emphases: to learn about the system of Islam, its history, what Muslims believe & practice and to learn how to engage with Muslims, to see common ground & differences and *give a biblically based opinion on Islam and its arguments.*

Research conducted by UCT students found that the world's most rapid growth in Islam was happening in Soweto and the Cape Flats. In this course special interest is given to the South African context. Subjects covered will include:

- Apologetics: answering Muslim objections to the Bible & Christian Faith
- Beliefs & Practices of Muslims
- Books of Islam
- Chronological Bible Storytelling
- Comparison of Concepts: the Bible Qur'an & Hadith concerning God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Man, Sin and Salvation
- Culture & Nationalism in Islam
- Folk Islam
- Islam in Africa and in South Africa
- Islamic Law
- Life of Muhammad
- Meeting Muslim Background Believers
- Principles of Muslim Engagement such as shared common ground, resources available etc.
- Reformation of Islam
- Sects of Islam
- Spiritual Conflict in Ministry to Muslims
- Sufism
- Women in Islam

**To book: call the registrar at BISA
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Isa 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.