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MA Islamic Studies Entrance Syllabus

JMI AMU CUET PG

University-wise preparation guide for the 2027-28 admission cycle

Programme	JMI	AMU	CUET PG
MA Islamic Studies	University entrance route	Official 20-topic syllabus	No dedicated NTA paper listed

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How to Use This Guide

This guide presents an exam-oriented MA Islamic Studies syllabus for Jamia Millia Islamia, Aligarh Muslim University and the CUET PG route. Build the common undergraduate foundation first, then follow the university-specific notes. Official programme documents remain controlling wherever they specify a paper code, prescribed text, test structure or eligibility condition.

Current route note. AMU publishes a direct 20-topic admission syllabus for MA Islamic Studies. The current NTA CUET PG subject pages do not list a separate Islamic Studies paper, so candidates must verify the exact paper accepted by the chosen university before applying.

University Route Comparison

Programme	Strongest preparation areas	Route check
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Programme	Strongest preparation areas	Route check
Islamic Studies	Islamic history, Quran and Hadith, beliefs and worship, culture, thought, institutions, Sufism and reform movements.	Check JMI test notice, AMU official syllabus and the receiving university CUET mapping.

Detailed MA Islamic Studies Syllabus

The following core syllabus combines the main undergraduate-level areas commonly tested in MA Islamic Studies entrances and preserves AMU's official topic coverage. It is also suitable as a preparation framework for JMI while the candidate checks the current programme-specific entrance document.

01 Pre Islamic Arabia and the Advent of Islam

- Geography, society, economy, tribal organization, religion and culture of Arabia before Islam.
- Life of Prophet Muhammad: early life, revelation, Makkan mission, migration, Madinan period, major treaties and the Farewell Pilgrimage.
- Formation of the early Muslim community, the Constitution of Madina and relations with different communities.

02 The Quran and Quranic Studies

- Revelation, compilation and arrangement of the Quran; Makkan and Madinan revelations.
- Major themes: tawhid, prophethood, hereafter, ethics, justice, human dignity and social responsibility.
- Introduction to tafsir, principles of interpretation and major classical and modern commentators.

03 Hadith and Sunnah

- Meaning, authority and significance of Hadith and Sunnah; components of a report and basic classification.
- Collection and compilation; major canonical collections and prominent traditionists.
- Elementary principles of Hadith criticism and the relationship between Quran and Sunnah.

04 Faith Worship and Islamic Teachings

- Articles of faith, five pillars, ethical conduct, rights and duties, family and social responsibility.
- Prayer, fasting, zakat and pilgrimage: purposes, basic rules and social significance.
- Concepts of justice, equality, fraternity, tolerance, peace, welfare and accountability.

05 The Rightly Guided Caliphs

- Selection, administration and major achievements of Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali.
- Expansion, institutions, social policy, compilation of the Quran and early political developments.
- Major internal conflicts and their historical consequences.

06 Umayyad and Abbasid History

- Establishment, administration, expansion, society and major rulers of the Umayyads.
- Abbasid revolution, governance, economy, intellectual life and major political developments.



- Development of religious, literary, scientific and educational traditions under both dynasties.

07 Islamic Civilization and Regional Cultures

- Islamic culture in Spain, Iran, Central Asia, Ottoman lands, Africa, China and Southeast Asia.
- Political history, cultural exchange, scholarship, architecture and regional contributions.
- A survey of important modern Muslim states and institutions.

08 Islam in India

- Early contacts, the Delhi Sultanate, Mughal period and regional Muslim societies.
- Educational, literary, architectural, administrative and spiritual contributions.
- Major scholars and movements, communal relations and Muslim responses to colonialism and modernity.

09 Islamic Law Theology and Philosophy

- Sources of Islamic law: Quran, Sunnah, ijma and qiyas; introduction to the major schools of jurisprudence.
- Development of kalam; major theological questions and schools.
- Muslim philosophers and thinkers; reason and revelation; selected contributions of al-Kindi, al-Farabi, Ibn Sina, al-Ghazali and Ibn Rushd.

10 Sufism and Islamic Spirituality

- Meaning, origin and development of tasawwuf; spiritual discipline, ethics and key terminology.
- Major Sufi figures and orders; khanqah, sama and social role.
- Sufism in India and its cultural and intellectual influence.

11 Muslim Scientists and Intellectual Traditions

- Translation movement and the development of learning institutions, libraries and observatories.
- Contributions to medicine, mathematics, astronomy, optics, geography, chemistry and historiography.
- Major scientists and scholars and the transmission of knowledge across civilizations.

12 Reform Movements and the Modern Muslim World

- Revival and reform movements in West Asia, South Asia and other Muslim regions.
- Colonialism, nationalism, modern education, constitutionalism and debates on religion and state.
- Modern Muslim thinkers, contemporary institutions, globalization, pluralism and current challenges.

JMI Islamic Studies Preparation Focus

- Revise the entire undergraduate Islamic Studies foundation, particularly Quran, Hadith, Islamic history, civilization, law, philosophy and Sufism.
- Prepare major personalities, dates, dynasties, institutions, books, movements and geographical centres through chronology and matching exercises.
- Study Islam in India and modern reform thought in greater depth, and practise previous JMI entrance papers for topic weight and question style.
- Verify the final JMI 2026-27 programme syllabus and test pattern on the entrance portal before the examination.



AMU Official MA Islamic Studies Syllabus

No	Official topic
1	Pre-Islamic Arabia
2	Prophet Muhammad
3	Khulafa-i-Rashidah
4	Principles and Teachings of Islam
5	State and Society under Umayyads and Abbasids
6	Development of Sciences under the Umayyads and Abbasids
7	Islamic Culture under the Ottomans
8	Islamic Culture in Iran
9	Islamic Culture in Central Asia
10	Islamic Culture in South East Asia
11	Islamic Culture in China
12	Islamic Culture in Africa
13	Islamic Culture in Spain
14	Islamic Culture in India
15	A Survey of Muslim States
16	Islamic Reform Movements
17	Muslim Scientists



No	Official topic
18	Muslim Thinkers
19	Islamic Institutions
20	Sufism

CUET PG Route for Islamic Studies

The current NTA CUET PG subject pages list humanities and language papers but do not identify a dedicated Islamic Studies paper. Admission through CUET PG is university-specific: a university may accept another mapped paper or may not use CUET PG for this programme. Do not select a paper by assumption. Confirm the accepted test-paper code in the participating university's current programme mapping and prospectus.

High Priority Revision

Priority	Topics
Very high	Prophetic biography; Quran and Hadith; Rightly Guided Caliphs; Umayyad and Abbasid history; Islam in India.
High	Regional Islamic cultures; Islamic law, theology and philosophy; Sufism; reform movements; Muslim scientists and thinkers.
Practice	Chronology, personalities, books, institutions, dynasties, geographical centres and timed objective questions.

Ten Week Study Plan

Week	Coverage	Practice
1	Pre-Islamic Arabia and early life of the Prophet	Timeline and map work
2	Makkan and Madinan periods	Events and personality matching



Week	Coverage	Practice
3	Quran, Hadith and Islamic teachings	Terms, books and scholars
4	Rightly Guided Caliphs	Chronology and institutions
5	Umayyad and Abbasid history	Rulers, administration and science
6	Spain, Ottomans, Iran and Central Asia	Region-wise comparison
7	Africa, China, Southeast Asia and Muslim states	Maps and factual MCQs
8	Islam in India	Dynasties, scholars and movements
9	Law, theology, philosophy and Sufism	Thinker-school matching
10	Reform movements and full revision	Mocks and error notebook

Preparation Method

- Create a chronological chart from pre-Islamic Arabia to the modern Muslim world.
- Prepare short profiles of major rulers, scholars, scientists, Sufis, thinkers and reformers.
- Revise one historical topic and one conceptual topic daily, followed by timed MCQs.
- Maintain an error notebook for dates, names, books, dynasties, institutions and geographical regions.
- Practise previous JMI and AMU papers and verify the current examination notice before the test.

Final Preparation Checklist

- I can place major events, dynasties and reform movements in chronological order.
- I can identify major Muslim scholars, scientists, thinkers, Sufis, books and institutions.
- I understand the basic concepts of Quranic studies, Hadith, Islamic law, theology and philosophy.
- I can compare Islamic cultures across India, Spain, Iran, Central Asia, Ottoman lands, Africa, China and Southeast Asia.
- I have checked the latest JMI syllabus, AMU admission notice and the relevant CUET PG university mapping.



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Official Reference Links

JMI entrance syllabus portal: <https://admission.jmi.ac.in/EntranceResults/UniversityEntranceSyllabus>

AMU admission-test syllabus page: <https://results.amucontrollerexams.com/result/syllabus>

AMU MA Islamic Studies syllabus: https://results.amucontrollerexams.com/papers/photos/MA_Islamic_Studies.pdf

CUET PG humanities syllabus page: <https://exams.nta.nic.in/cuet-pg/syllabus/humanities/>

Verification note *Admission routes, paper mappings and test rules may change. Always follow the current official prospectus and programme notice.*