ABOUT HARTFORD SEMINARY

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For more than a century, the Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations has pioneered scholarly research, teaching and publication on Islam and the relationship between Islam and Christianity. A natural and exciting outgrowth of this expertise is the Doctor of Philosophy in Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations.

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OUR ACADEMIC COMMITMENT

The Ph.D. is a full-time, five-year program culminating in the dissertation. Doctoral seminars along with courses in Christian-Muslim Relations in Early Islam, Major Themes in the Bible and the Qur’an, Islamic Theology and Thought, and Islamic History provide a solid foundation in the study of Islam and Christian-Muslim relations. Students choose an additional six courses from our curriculum. The opportunity to teach in our Master’s program is also an integral part of the experience.

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