

# MYSTICS AND SAINTS IN ISLAM

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**TUESDAY & THURSDAY 9:30AM-10:50AM CENTRAL**

"Mystics and Saints in Islam" examines Sufi mysticism - one of the most important aspects of Islamic religious life. Sufis seek to purify their souls and attain intimate knowledge of God. The lives of Muslim mystics and saints have fascinated Westerners and served as spiritual models for Muslims. Sufism touched the lives of most ordinary Muslims for centuries through the Sufi orders, mystical teachings, music, and rituals.

"Mystics and Saints in Islam" is taught by University of Illinois Prof. Valerie Hoffman, an Islamic studies expert with extensive research experience among Sufis in Egypt. It is shared via synchronous videoconferencing with Pennsylvania State University as part of the Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum. Visit [bit.ly/2sqMJs4](https://bit.ly/2sqMJs4) for campus-specific course registration information.

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