Islamic Law and Legal Commentary: Building a Basic Collection in English
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Basic Sources and Their Descriptions

Qur’an and Commentary
- *The Holy Quran Five Volume Commentary* in English: https://www.alislam.org/quran/five-vol/

Hadith
- Sahih Al Bukhari: https://sunnah.com/bukhari
- Sahih Muslim: https://sunnah.com/muslim
- Sunan Abu Dawud: https://sunnah.com/abudawud
- Sunan Ibn Majah: https://sunnah.com/ibnmajah

Introductory and Explanatory Works

Monographic Studies (Books)
• Bearman, P. J. (Peri J.), and Rudolph Peters. The Ashgate Research Companion to Islamic Law. Farnham, Surrey, UK; England: Ashgate, 2014.
• Sharia Councils and Muslim Women in Britain: Rethinking the Role of Power and Authority. Vol. 22. Leiden; Boston; Brill, 2017.
Note: Publisher Brill has a Middle East and Islamic Studies collection, and newsletter available electronically.

Articles and Journals
Journals Covering Islamic Law in General
Presented here is a separate section on journals, as there are several devoted to Islamic law. Searches on Google Scholar using the phrase Islamic law should be filtered by year of publication or addition of narrower terms; for a collection of classic articles on the topical areas of Islamic family law and commercial law, please see the 2009 version of this guide.

- Islamic Law and Society, Leiden, the Netherlands: E.J. Brill, [1994- ].
- Journal of Islamic and comparative law. Zaria, Nigeria: Centre of Islamic Legal Studies, Faculty of Law, Ahmadu Bello University, 1967-. 
- The journal of Islamic law. Takoma Park, Md.: Institute for Intercultural Relations, 2004-. 
- Journal of Islamic law review. New Delhi: Serials Publications, 2005-. 
- UCLA journal of Islamic and Near Eastern Law. Los Angeles, CA: UCLA School of Law, c2002-. 
- Yearbook of Islamic and Middle Eastern law (published for the Centre of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London). London; Boston: Kluwer Law International, 1995-

Selected Articles and Book Chapters
Note: a large volume of articles in scholarly journals address issues in Islamic law from the philosophical to very specific topics tailored to the many schools and jurisdictions. "Islamic law" works well even as a broad search term. Therefore, only a recent sample and book of collected essays is cited below.


Internet Resources and Further Expert Bibliographies
- Center of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law, SOAS, U of London, with reading lists and links for study of Islamic law.
- Harvard Islamic Legal Studies Program - note here the publications section. The program is developing a resource, SHARIASource, a database of texts with commentary, and has a blog up currently with reports of recent scholarship.
• **Al-Islam.org, Ahlul Bayt Digital Islamic Library Project.** Under "Laws and Worship" topic see sub-topic Islamic Laws. Sources place emphasis on the Twelver Shari'ah school.

• **British Academy Portal** (British Academy for the humanities and social sciences) links to portals related to religion and Biblical studies. Search Law topic or Islamic law as a phrase.

• Oxford Bibliographies Online: [Islamic Studies](https://interscience.wiley.com/ipapp/home.htm?j=999999999) (subscription required)

• **List of Islamic countries** on World Legal Information Institute pages

• **Muslim and mixed jurisdictions, World Legal systems**, University of Ottawa


• Islamic Law Guides at Academic Law Libraries:
  - Boston College, [http://lawguides.bc.edu/c.php?g=350903&p=2367258](http://lawguides.bc.edu/c.php?g=350903&p=2367258)
  - Case Western Reserve, [http://lawresearchguides.cwru.edu/c.php?g=819978&p=5851791](http://lawresearchguides.cwru.edu/c.php?g=819978&p=5851791)
  - Harvard, [https://guides.library.harvard.edu/islamiclaw](https://guides.library.harvard.edu/islamiclaw)
  - NYU, [https://guides.nyu.edu/c.php?g=276607&p=1845016](https://guides.nyu.edu/c.php?g=276607&p=1845016)
  - University of Cincinnati, collected guides, [https://guides.libraries.uc.edu/c.php?g=521036&p=3572738](https://guides.libraries.uc.edu/c.php?g=521036&p=3572738)
  - Yale, [https://library.law.yale.edu/guides/foreign/islamic-law-research-guide/bibliographies](https://library.law.yale.edu/guides/foreign/islamic-law-research-guide/bibliographies)