This course introduces the mystical and spiritual beliefs and practices in Islam, commonly known as Sufism.

Often taken as an offshoot of, or an alternative to, “orthodox” representations of Islam, Sufism and its histories provides a unique look into the ways in which Islam was experienced by its adherents on a more popular, often non-scholarly, “unorthodox” basis throughout centuries.

In this class we will examine this fascinating devotional and social element of Muslim life through the literature, arts, music and dance (yes, music and dance!) that it inspired.

Usually offered every second year.

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