



# OKAN DOGAN

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## Education

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Hartford International University | Hartford, CT  
**Ph.D.** in Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations  
2022

- Graduated with Distinction

University of Texas At Austin | Austin, TX  
**Master of Arts** in Middle Eastern Studies  
2015

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary | Austin, TX  
**Master of Arts** in Christian Theology  
2013

Harran University | Turkey  
**Bachelor of Arts** in Islamic Studies

## Teaching Experience

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Guidance College | Houston, TX  
**Adjunct Faculty**  
05/2023 - Current

- Taught Courses on Qur'anic Recitation, Tafsir and Qur'anic Sciences

Hartford International University | Hartford, CT  
**Adjunct Faculty**  
09/2022 - Current

- Taught courses on Qur'anic Recitation

Hartford International University | Hartford, CT  
**Teaching Assistant**  
09/2018 - 12/2021

- TA for online and in-person courses.
- **Courses:**
- Islam: Gender, Ethics and Pluralism
- Islamic Spirituality
- Interfaith Leadership at Times of Crisis
- Mental Health Islamic Perspective

Austin Muslim Community | Austin, TX  
**Religious Education Instructor**  
10/2009 - 08/2017

- Taught courses on Qur'anic recitation and Arabic language for minors and adults
- Teamed up with the University Interfaith Council to organize events for college students at the University of Texas at Austin
- Organized and presented lectures series on various Islamic and interfaith subjects like Common Figures in the Bible and the Qur'an
- Organized Ramadan iftar dinners with non-Muslim faith communities
- Regularly led worship services, including Friday prayers, Eid prayers, and daily prayers.

## Activities and Honors

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- 2017-2022 Hartford Seminary Ph.D. Scholarship. Full scholarship for Ph.D. tuition, based on academic achievement.
- 2017-2022 IIIT (International Institute of Islamic Thought) Scholarship. Scholarship for stipend and other research expenses, based on academic achievement.
- 2014-2015 University of Texas, College of Liberal Arts Fellowship and Non-resident tuition exemption, based on academic achievement.
- 2014 Zekiye and Hilmi Sevilı Memorial Scholarship. Scholarship for Turkish students with outstanding academic credentials at University of Texas.

## Research Languages

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- Turkish - Native
- Arabic - Proficient in reading, writing and speaking  
Completed the four-year Arabic program at UT Austin as well as studied classical texts on the Arabic language in Turkey
- Ottoman Paleography - Advanced  
Completed two advanced Divani script courses focused on Ottoman archives at Kubbealtı Akademisi in Turkey
- French - Intermediate in reading
- Classical Hebrew - Elementary