

## Society for Islamic Awareness

*In the name of Allah, the most Beneficent, the most merciful*

Welcome to the Society for Islamic Awareness (SIA), a vibrant Muslim organization at the University of Texas at Austin. Being a part of the general student body and having a Muslim American identity and background, we felt that there was a growing concern about Islam and Muslims and their role in society and future. This could be obviously noticed in the media, newspapers, and regular conversations among common people; but what was often missing from these public spheres was the voice and perspectives of Muslims themselves.

SIA is founded with the concern that we as Muslims need to speak for ourselves. We believe that the true face and teachings of [Islam](#) can be best presented by promoting the combined teachings of [Quran](#) and the [Ahlul Bayt](#) (may peace be upon them), as instructed by the Holy Prophet (may peace be upon him and his pious family). Our approach is academic and we facilitate exchange of ideas and dialogue on social, political, and historical issues surrounding Islam and the Muslims today.

SIA members come from a variety of backgrounds but share similar concerns and all believe in respecting people's beliefs and views. Our organization provides a platform for constructive discourse to promote understanding and bring people closer. Take a look at our [regular activities](#) and major [events](#) sections on this site for more information.

SIA also publishes the annual [Muslim Voices](#), a literary magazine focused on the contemporary issues related to Islam and the Muslim experience in the West. We invite writings that are creative, original, investigative, and independent of bias and prejudice. *Muslims Voices* intends to create a better awareness of Islam and Muslims among the general students and connects the Muslim students at the University of Texas at Austin.

We invite you to explore the contents of this website. See the different [resources](#) and information about our activities. We encourage you to join this spirited community of Muslim students in discussions, spiritual gatherings, and social get-togethers held on a regular basis. Those wishing to further their intellectual and spiritual selves will find themselves right at home with the rest of us.

Feel free to drop us a line at [sia@www.utexas.edu](mailto:sia@www.utexas.edu) with any feedback and questions that you might have. We wish you the best!

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