

MSc ARAB WORLD STUDIES (T6K109)

1. Programme offered at: Universities of Durham and Edinburgh
2. Mode of study: full-time (24 months)
3. A total of 320 credits are required for the award of the MSc Arab World Studies.
4. Programme of Study: for the award of MSc Arab World Studies, candidates must study and be assessed as follows:
 - a. During Year 1: the following modules are all offered at the University of Edinburgh:

Module	Code	Credits	Core (C) or Optional (O)	Level
Intensive Arabic A	ARAB10140	40	C	1
Intensive Arabic B	ARAB20140	40	C	2
Research Skills in the Social Sciences: Data Collection	SGIA40120	20	C	4
Core Quantitative Data Analysis for Social Research	SGIA40220	20	C	4
Advanced Issues in the Study of the Arab Speaking World	SGIA40320	20	C	4

In addition, during their first year candidates will be required to undertake a period of study at the Arab Academy, Cairo. On their return from the Arab Academy in Cairo, students will be required to undertake a diagnostic test in Arabic.

- b. During Year 2: the following modules are all offered at Durham.

Module	Code	Credits	Core (C) or Optional (O)	Level
Intensive Arabic D/E	ARAB30160	60	C	3
Research Methods and Dissertation Production	SGIA44615	15	C	4
EITHER Dissertation (Arab World Studies with Arabic)	SGIA40160	60	C	4
OR Dissertation (Arab World Studies)	ARAB40360	60	C	4
Modules to the value of 45 credits from the following:			O	4
International Relations and Security In the Middle East	SGIA41115	15	O	4
Politics, Government and Civil Society in the Middle East	SGIA45315	15	O	4
The Political Economy of Development in the Middle East	SGIA45615	15	O	4
Islamic Political Economy and Shariah Compliant Finance	SGIA45815	15	O	4
Islam and Politics: Issues in Contemporary Muslim Thought	SGIA41215	15	O	4

5. Modes of assessment will include written examinations, coursework, project work, on-line practical exercises, and dissertation.
6. Candidates will be required to pass all first year modules before proceeding to year two.
7. Candidates who fail a module taught at Durham will be allowed to re-sit the module according to the core regulations. Those who at the first attempt fail a module taught by the University of Edinburgh will not be allowed to re-sit such a module, but will be allowed one opportunity for reassessment for the award of a postgraduate certificate in accordance with paragraph 8 below.
8. Candidates who do not meet the requirements for progression to year two, will be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate Arab World Studies subject to accordance with the core regulations.
9. To be eligible for the award of MSc Arab World Studies with distinction, candidates shall:
 - a. achieve an overall average of 65% or greater across all Level 4 modules taken in years one and two;
 - b. obtain a mark of 70% or greater in modules to the value of at least 90 credits at level 4 including the dissertation;
 - c. and achieve an overall average of 65% or greater in the Arabic language modules taken in Year 2;
 - d. and obtain a mark of 70% or greater in Arabic language modules taken in Year 2 to the value of at least 30 credits.
10. Candidates who having completed year 2 have not met the requirements for award of the MSc Arab World Studies shall be eligible for the awards Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate Arab World Studies in accordance with the core regulations.

11. Candidates for the MSc programme who fail to satisfy the requirements for the award of MSc but who have achieved 180 credits at Masters level, including a Masters level pass in the Dissertation, shall be awarded the degree of Master of Arts in International Affairs (The Arab World) (T6KD07).
12. Candidates must submit by no later than 11 September 2009, a dissertation ([SGIA40160](#) or [ARAB40360](#)) of not more than 12,000 words (excluding all footnotes and bibliography).