

**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	<a href="#">ARAB10140</a>	40	C	1
Intensive Arabic B	<a href="#">ARAB20140</a>	40	C	2
Research Skills in the Social Sciences: Data Collection	<a href="#">SGIA40120</a>	20	C	4
Core Quantitative Data Analysis for Social Research	<a href="#">SGIA40220</a>	20	C	4
Advanced Issues in the Study of the Arab Speaking World	<a href="#">SGIA40320</a>	20	C	4

In addition, during their first year candidates will be required to undertake a period of study at a placement in the Middle East. On their return from the placement, 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	<a href="#">ARAB30160</a>	60	C	3
Research Methods and Dissertation Production	<a href="#">SGIA44615</a>	15	C	4
EITHER Dissertation (Arab World Studies with Arabic)	<a href="#">ARAB40360</a>	60	C	4
OR Dissertation (Arab World Studies)	<a href="#">SGIA40160</a>	60	C	4
Modules to the value of 45 credits from the following:			O	4
International Relations and Security in the Middle East	<a href="#">SGIA41115</a>	15	O	4
Politics, Government and Civil Society in the Middle East	<a href="#">SGIA45315</a>	15	O	4
The Political Economy of Development in the Middle East	<a href="#">SGIA45615</a>	15	O	4
Islamic Political Economy and Shariah Compliant Finance	<a href="#">SGIA45815</a>	15	O	4
Islam and Politics: Issues in Contemporary Muslim Thought	<a href="#">SGIA41215</a>	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 10 September 2010, a dissertation ([SGIA40160](#) or [ARAB40360](#)) of not more than 12,000 words.