

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for postgraduate programmes](#).

### **MSc Arab World Studies (T6K109)**

1. This programme is available at Durham City in a full-time (24 months) mode of study.

#### **Admissions**

2. Candidates whose first language is not English will normally be required to possess a recent English language test score of 7.0 in IELTS with no component lower than 6.5, or a score of 102 in the TOEFL IBT with no component lower than 25.

#### **Programme Structure (candidates entering in October 2013 and after)**

##### **Year One**

3. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Approaches to the Study of Modern Muslim Societies~	<a href="#">SGIA43915</a>	15
Arabic Language 1B~	<a href="#">ARAB1012</a>	40
Perspectives on Social Research~	<a href="#">SOCI59515</a>	15

4. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 30 credits from List A **OR** List B.

##### **List A:**

		<b>Credit value</b>
Statistical Exploration and Reasoning~	<a href="#">SOCI59215</a>	15
Quantitative Methods in Social Science~	<a href="#">SOCI57815</a>	15

##### **List B:**

		<b>Credit value</b>
Applied Statistics~	<a href="#">PSYC40130</a>	30

5. Candidates shall also be required to undertake a period of language study in a placement to be arranged by the School. This will require a number of language based tasks to be completed and passed. On return from the placement students will be required to undertake a diagnostic test in Arabic.

##### **Year Two**

6. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Arabic Language 2B~	<a href="#">ARAB2002</a>	40
Dissertation~	<a href="#">SGIA40160</a>	60

7. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 15 credits from List C.

##### **List C:**

		<b>Credit value</b>
Qualitative Methods in Social Science	<a href="#">SOCI58815</a>	15
Fieldwork and Interpretation	<a href="#">ANTH43415</a>	15

8. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List D.

##### **List D:**

		<b>Credit value</b>
America and the World: The Making of US Foreign Policy	<a href="#">SGIA41415</a>	15
Contemporary Socio-Political Issues in Muslim Religious Thought *	<a href="#">SGIA44015</a>	15
Democracy in the Developing World	<a href="#">SGIA46415</a>	15

International Relations and Security in the Middle East	<a href="#">SGIA41115</a>	15
Islamic Banking and Finance	<a href="#">SGIA40415</a>	15
Islamic Law and Financial Transactions	<a href="#">SGIA41615</a>	15
Islamic Political Economy	<a href="#">SGIA41915</a>	15
Islamic Management	<a href="#">SGIA47215</a>	15
Politics, Government and Civil Society in the Middle East	<a href="#">SGIA45315</a>	15
Studying Hamas *	<a href="#">SGIA45915</a>	15
The Political Economy of Development in the Middle East	<a href="#">SGIA45615</a>	15
Modules to the value of 15 credits at level 4 from another Board of Studies		15

### Programme Structure (candidates who entered in October 2012)

#### Year One

3. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Arabic Language 1B~	<a href="#">ARAB1012</a>	40
Perspectives on Social Research~	<a href="#">SOC159515</a>	15

4. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 30 credits from List A **OR** List B.

<b>List A:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Statistical Exploration and Reasoning~	<a href="#">SOC159215</a>	15
Quantitative Methods in Social Science~	<a href="#">SOC157815</a>	15

<b>List B:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Applied Statistics~	<a href="#">PSYC40130</a>	30

5. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 15 credits from List C:

<b>List C:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Qualitative Methods in Social Science	<a href="#">SOC158815</a>	15
Fieldwork and Interpretation	<a href="#">ANTH43415</a>	15

6. Candidates shall also be required to undertake a period of language study in a placement to be arranged by the School. This will require a number of language based tasks to be completed and passed. On return from the placement students will be required to undertake a diagnostic test in Arabic.

#### Year Two

7. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Arabic Language 2B~	<a href="#">ARAB2002</a>	40
Approaches to the Study of Modern Muslim Societies~	<a href="#">SGIA43915</a>	15
Dissertation~	<a href="#">SGIA40160</a>	60

8. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List D

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9. Modules marked with a ~ must be passed at 50% or above; a mark of 40-49% cannot be compensated.

10. Modules marked with a \* are not available during the 2013–14 academic year.

11. The requirements for the award of MSc Arab World Studies with distinction shall be as follows:

- a. the achievement of an overall average mark of at least 70% or more across all Level 4 modules taken in years one and two;
- b. the achievement of a mark of 70% or more in the dissertation and an overall average of 70% or more in the Arabic language modules.