

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:

| | | Credit value |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Arabic Language 1B ~ | ARAB1012 | 40 |
| Perspectives on Social Research ~ | SOC159515 | 15 |
| Politics, Government and Civil Society in the Middle East ~ | SGIA45315 | 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: | | Credit value |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Statistical Exploration and Reasoning ~ | SOC159215 | 15 |
| Quantitative Methods in Social Science ~ | SOC157815 | 15 |

| List B: | | Credit value |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Applied Statistics ~ | PSYC40130 | 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:

| | | Credit value |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Arabic Language 2B (Intensive Arabic) ~ | ARAB20240 | 40 |
| Dissertation ~ | SGIA40160 | 60 |

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

| List C: | | Credit value |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Qualitative Methods in Social Science | SOC158815 | 15 |
| Fieldwork and Interpretation | ANTH43415 | 15 |

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

| List D: | | Credit value |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|
| America and the World: The Making of US Foreign Policy | SGIA41415 | 15 |
| Approaches to the Study of Modern Muslim Societies * | SGIA43915 | 15 |
| Contemporary Socio-Political Issues in Muslim Religious Thought * | SGIA44015 | 15 |

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| Democracy in the Developing World * | SGIA46415 | 15 |
| International Relations and Security in the Middle East | SGIA41115 | 15 |
| Studying Hamas * | SGIA45915 | 15 |
| The Political Economy of Development in the Middle East | SGIA45615 | 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

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

| | | Credit value |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Arabic Language 1B~ | ARAB1012 | 40 |
| Perspectives on Social Research~ | SOC159515 | 15 |

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

| List A: | | Credit value |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Statistical Exploration and Reasoning~ | SOC159215 | 15 |
| Quantitative Methods in Social Science~ | SOC157815 | 15 |

| List B: | | Credit value |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Applied Statistics~ | PSYC40130 | 30 |

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

| List C: | | Credit value |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Qualitative Methods in Social Science | SOC158815 | 15 |
| Fieldwork and Interpretation | ANTH43415 | 15 |

4. 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

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

| | | Credit value |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Arabic Language 2B (Intensive Arabic) ~ | ARAB20240 | 40 |
| Approaches to the Study of Modern Muslim Societies~ | SGIA43915 | 15 |
| Research Methods and Dissertation Production | SGIA44615 | 15 |
| Dissertation~ | SGIA40160 | 60 |

6. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 45 credits from List D

| List D: | | Credit value |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|
| America and the World: The Making of US Foreign Policy | SGIA41415 | 15 |
| Contemporary Socio-Political Issues in Muslim Religious Thought * | SGIA44015 | 15 |
| Democracy in the Developing World * | SGIA46415 | 15 |
| International Relations and Security in the Middle East | SGIA41115 | 15 |
| Politics, Government and Civil Society in the Middle East | SGIA45315 | 15 |
| Studying Hamas * | SGIA45915 | 15 |
| The Political Economy of Development in the Middle East | SGIA45615 | 15 |
| Modules to the value of 15 credits at level 4 from another Board of Studies | | 15 |

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

8. Modules marked with a * are not available during the 2015–16 academic year.

9. 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.
10. Candidates for the MSc programme who fail to satisfy the requirements for the award of MSc but who have achieved a minimum of 180 credits at Masters level, including a Masters level pass in the Dissertation, shall be eligible for the degree of Master of Arts in International Affairs (The Arab World) (T6KD07)
11. Candidates who have completed year 2 and have not met the requirements for the award of the MSc in Arab World Studies or the award of Master of Arts in International Affairs (The Arab World) shall be eligible for the awards of Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate in Arab World Studies.