

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for postgraduate programmes](#), and the [marking and classification conventions 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

Year One

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

		Credit value
Arabic Language 1 ~	ARAB1012	40
Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Practices across Social Science Research ~	SOCI59515	15
International Politics of the Middle East ~	SGIA49530	30
Empirical Research in Politics, International Relations and Security	SGIA40A30	30
†Quantitative Methods and Analysis ~	SGIA49915	15
†Qualitative Methods and Analysis	SOCI58815	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 2 ~	ARAB2002	40
Dissertation ~	SGIA40160	60

6. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 15 credits from List A (or 30 credits if meeting criteria † in point 3 above):

List A		Credit value
Advanced Ethnographic Research	ANTH47115	15
Multilevel Modelling	MATH43515	15
Simulating Data in R *	ANTH47315	15
Systematic Review	EDUC46715	15
Advanced Statistics for Psychology and the Behavioural Sciences	PSYC42315	15
Computational Social Science	SOCI44115	15
Participatory Action Research	SOCI43715	15

7. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 30 credits from List B:

List B:		Credit value
Contemporary Political Philosophy	SGIA49830	30
Core Concepts	SGIA48030	30
The Politics of the European Union	SGIA49030	30
Designing Political Inquiry *	SGIA48930	30
Global Governance	SGIA49130	30
Global Political Theory	SGIA49230	30
International Organisations	SGIA49430	30
Ideologies and Political Thought	SGIA49330	30
International Relations Theory	SGIA49630	30

Assessment, progression and award

8. Modules marked with a ~ must be passed at 50% or above; a mark of 40-49% cannot be compensated.
9. Modules marked with a * are not available during the 2021–22 academic year.
10. SGIA 40160 Dissertation must be a Middle East related topic.
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.
12. 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).
13. Candidates who have completed Year 2 and have not met the requirements for the award of the MSc 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.
14. †Candidates with prior knowledge and understanding at the appropriate level may take an alternative 15 credit module from List A instead of EITHER (not both) modules marked†. If students do not take SGIA 49915 Quantitative Methods and Analysis, the alternative 15 credit module MUST be quantitative; if students do not take SOCI 58815 Qualitative Methods and Analysis, the alternative 15 credit module MUST be qualitative.