

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.
2. The last intake of students for this programme was October 2024.

### **Programme Structure**

#### **Year One**

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

|   |                           | <b>Credit value</b> |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Arabic Language 1 ~   | <a href="#">ARAB1012</a>  | 40                  |
| Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Practices across Social Science Research ~ | <a href="#">SOCI59515</a> | 15                  |
| International Politics of the Middle East ~                                   | <a href="#">SGIA49530</a> | 30                  |
| Causal Inference  | <a href="#">SGIA40F15</a> | 15                  |
| Researching the Global South  | <a href="#">SGIA40S15</a> | 15                  |
| †Quantitative Methods and Analysis ~  | <a href="#">SGIA49915</a> | 15                  |
| †Qualitative Methods and Analysis   | <a href="#">SOCI58815</a> | 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:

|                     |                           | <b>Credit value</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Arabic Language 2 ~ | <a href="#">ARAB2002</a>  | 40                  |
| Dissertation ~      | <a href="#">SGIA40160</a> | 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):

| <b>List A</b>   |                           | <b>Credit value</b> |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Advanced Ethnographic Research                                  | <a href="#">ANTH47115</a> | 15                  |
| Multilevel Modelling  | <a href="#">MATH43515</a> | 15                  |
| Simulating Data in R  | <a href="#">ANTH47315</a> | 15                  |
| Systematic Review   | <a href="#">EDUC46715</a> | 15                  |
| Advanced Statistics for Psychology and the Behavioural Sciences | <a href="#">PSYC42315</a> | 15                  |
| Computational Social Science                                    | <a href="#">SOCI44115</a> | 15                  |
| Participatory Action Research                                   | <a href="#">SOCI43715</a> | 15                  |

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

| <b>List B:</b>                    |                           | <b>Credit value</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Contemporary Political Philosophy | <a href="#">SGIA49830</a> | 30                  |
| The Politics of Global Europe     | <a href="#">SGIA49030</a> | 30                  |
| Designing Political Inquiry *     | <a href="#">SGIA48930</a> | 30                  |
| Global Political Theory *         | <a href="#">SGIA49230</a> | 30                  |
| International Organisations       | <a href="#">SGIA49430</a> | 30                  |
| Ideologies and Political Thought  | <a href="#">SGIA49330</a> | 30                  |
| International Relations Theory    | <a href="#">SGIA49630</a> | 30                  |

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Global Political Economy

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**Assessment, progression and award**

8. Modules marked with ~ must be passed at 50% or above; a mark of 40-49% cannot be compensated.
9. Optional modules are subject to timetable compatibility. Not all optional modules will run every year.
10. Modules marked with \* are not available during the 2025–26 academic year.
11. SGIA40160 Dissertation must be a Middle East related topic.
12. 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.
13. 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).
14. 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.
15. †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.