

Programme Specification

I. Programme Details

Programme title	History of Art & Architecture of the Islamic Middle East History of Art & Architecture of the Islamic Middle East and Intensive Language (Arabic)			
Final award (<i>exit awards will be made as outlined in the Taught Degree Regulations</i>)	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>	MA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	BSc	<input type="checkbox"/>	MSc	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	LLM	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mode of delivery	Distance-learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	On-campus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Professional body accreditation (<i>if applicable</i>)	n/a			
Academic year this specification was created	2016/17			
Dates of any subsequent amendments				

II. Programme Aims: What will the programme allow you to achieve?

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To offer in-depth and research-based teaching on the art and architecture of Islam 2. To instruct in visual analysis and in modes of writing about visual material 3. To offer the opportunity to conduct individual research and writing in a chosen aspect of the Art and/or Architecture of Islam 4. To hone critical and writing skills

III. Programme Learning Outcomes: What will you learn on the programme?

There are four key areas in which you will develop:

Learning Outcomes: Knowledge	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broad knowledge of the history and art and architecture of Islam 2. Specialist knowledge of the art and archaeology of at least two areas (via course selection) 3. Profound knowledge of one area, based on independent research and writing (via the Dissertation) 4. General knowledge via class discussion and access to Departmental seminars (non-compulsory) 	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures and seminars which present and critique materials • Demonstration of visual materials via projection in class, and/or book • On-site discussion, using the Brunei Gallery or other appropriate venues • Class discussion and mutual instruction by students 	

Learning Outcomes: Intellectual (thinking) skills	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To analyse visual materials and learn a terminology to express opinions and assessments of them 2. To write critically about visual, and also historical materials relating to Islamic art, with its various specificities and differences 3. To read critically in a wide range of sources, and to synthesise views 4. To discuss and debate in seminar contexts, and to present materials to peer groups 	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and essay writing and feed-back on it • Unseen visual text ('slide test') conducted in class time • Listening to lectures and discussing their content • Discussion and debate in seminars 	

Learning Outcomes: Subject-based practical skills	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To communicate about the history of art and archaeology of non-Western cultures in cogent English 2. To learn to discuss visual materials and in analyse them 3. To read and critique the writing of prior researchers 4. To discuss and communicate, including the ability to use AV technology and make presentations 	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading pertinent work of art historians relating to the topic, and critiquing them • Ability to discuss and analyse visual materials, including those from non-Western cultures • Ability to explain and present in class discussions and seminars presentations • Ability to write critical and cogent essays of set topics 	

Learning Outcomes: Transferrable skills	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To write clearly and lucidly 2. To understand and critique the mechanics of visual representation 3. No address non-Western cultures with knowledge and openness 4. To function effectively as a researcher and presenter of visual and other materials 	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical discussion and analysis of visual materials • Sophisticated and knowledge-driven awareness of non-Western cultures • Essay writing • Non-restricted presentation (oral and written) of visual materials 	

General statement on contact hours – postgraduate programmes

Masters programmes (with the exception of two-year full-time MAs) consist of 180 credits, made up of taught modules of 30 or 15 credits, taught over 10 or 20 weeks, and a dissertation of 60 credits. The programme structure shows which modules are compulsory and which optional.

As a rough guide, 1 credit equals approximately 10 hours of work. Most of this will be independent study (see <https://www.soas.ac.uk/admissions/ug/teaching/>) such as reading and research, preparing coursework, revising for examinations and so on. Also included is class time, for example lectures, seminars and other classes. Some subjects may have more class time than others – a typical example of this are language acquisition modules.

At SOAS, most postgraduate modules have a one-hour lecture and a one-hour seminar every week, but this does vary.

More information can be found on individual module pages.

MA History of Art & Architecture of the Islamic Middle East

Dissertation	
credits	60
module code	15PARC997
module title	Dissertation in History of Art & Archaeology: History of Art & Archaeology of Islamic Middle East
status	compulsory module

Taught Component		Taught Component		Taught Component	
credits	60	+	15	+	45
module code					
module title	from list of modules in the department relating to Islamic Middle East		from modules in the department - not limited to Islamic Middle East		from list of recommended options on website or from open options list if approved by programme convenor
status	guided option*		guided option*		open option

List of modules (subject to availability)

Code	Title	Credits
Options in History of Art and Architecture of the Islamic Middle East		
15PARC004	Approaches to Critical Interpretation & Aesthetic Theories	30
15PARH054	Arab Painting	15
15PARH063	Architectural Boundaries and the Body	15
15PARC032	Art and Archaeology of the Silk Road	30
15PARH035	Art and Architecture of the Fatimids	15
15PARH068	Art and Architecture of the Early Ottomans and the Beyliks (13-15th centuries)	15
15PARH043	Asia and Africa On Display: Objects, Exhibitions and Transculturism	15
15PARH096	Discourses on Modern and Contemporary Art of the Middle East	15
15PARH034	Islam and the West: Artistic and Cultural Contacts	15
15PARH080	Islamic Art and Architecture of Eastern Mediterranean of the Period of the Crusades (11th-14th centuries)	15
15PARH070	Islamic Art & Architecture of Medieval Anatolia and the South Caucasus (11-13th centuries)	15

15PARH081	Islamic Archaeology	15
15PARH073	Illustrated Manuscript Cultures of Southeast Asia	15
15PARH083	Issues in Contemporary Southeast Asian Art	15
15PARH065	Visuality and Islamic Art	15
15PARH053	Persian Painting	15
Other Options in the History of Art and Archaeology		
15PARH063	Architectural Boundaries and the Body	15
15PARH059	Arts of Koryo and Chosen Korea	15
15PARH055	Arts of Modern and Contemporary China (since 1800)	15
15PARH057	Buddhist and Hindu Art of the Maritime Silk Route	15
15PARH046	Ceramics in Chinese Culture: 10th - 18th Centuries	15
15PARH064	Chinese Porcelain: Trade, Transfer and Reception	15
15PARH069	Collecting and Curating Buddhist Art in the Museum	15
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15PARH058	Understanding Art East and West: from Asmat Shields to Tate Modern	15
15PARH051	Visual Arts of Dynastic China (to 1800) (Cohort A)	15
Options in Other Departments		
Anthropology		
15PANH067	Culture and Society of Near and Middle East	15
History		
15PHIH037	Encountering the Other: the Middle East during the Crusading Period	15

15PHIH006	Outsiders in Medieval Middle Eastern Societies: Minorities, Social Outcasts and Foreigners	15
Media Studies		
15PMSC005	Communication, Culture and Politics in the Middle East: Theoretical and Analytical Approaches	30
15PMSH003	Mediated Culture in the Middle East: Politics and Communications	15
Study of Religions		
15PSRC033	Avestan I	30
15PSRC055	Eastern and Orthodox Christianity	30
15PSRH051	Imag(in)ing Buddhahood in South Asia (2)	15
15PSRC034	Pahlavi Language	30
15PSRC052	Zoroastrianism: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives	30
Music		
15PMUH022	Music, Nation and Conflict in Jerusalem	15
Near & Middle East		
15PNMC382	Arabic 2 (PG)	30
15PNMC391	Arabic 4 (PG)	30
15PNMC048	Arabic Poetry and Criticism	30
15PNMC411	Arabic Women's Writing: Theories and Practices	30
15PNMH006	Critical Perspectives on Palestine Studies I: History and Politics	15
15PNMH007	Critical Perspectives on Palestine Studies II: Culture and Society	15
15PNMC384	Elementary Persian Texts (PG)	30
15PNMC387	Elementary Written Persian	30
15PNMC386	Elementary Written Turkish	30
15PNMC230	Film and Society in the Middle East	30
15PNMC395	Intensive Turkish Language (PG)	30
15PNMC383	Intermediate Modern Turkish Language (PG)	30
15PNMC407	Intermediate Standard Modern Arabic	30
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15PNMC405	Iran: History, Culture, Politics	30
15PNMC038	Israel and the Palestinians	30
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