

## Programme Specification

### I. Programme Details

<b>Programme title</b>	Middle Eastern Studies			
<b>Final award</b> ( <i>exit awards will be made as outlined in the <a href="#">Taught Degree Regulations</a></i> )	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MA	<input type="checkbox"/>
	BSc	<input type="checkbox"/>	MSc	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other ...	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Mode of delivery</b>	Distance-learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	On-campus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Professional body accreditation</b> ( <i>if applicable</i> )	n/a			
<b>Academic year this specification was created</b>	2016/17			
<b>Dates of any subsequent amendments</b>				

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

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. broad knowledge of the Middle East and the region's diversity</li> <li>2. a basic grounding in one or more of its main languages that gives a firm foundation for further language study</li> <li>3. familiarity with the cultures of the region through the study of language, literature, history, cinema, art, music, politics and economics</li> </ol>
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### 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"> <li>1. Appreciation of a range of cultural aspects of the region (to include literature, history and Islam) and at least one of its languages</li> <li>2. Knowledge of the basic categories relating to learning one Middle Eastern Language</li> </ol>	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lectures and seminars</li> <li>• directed reading of articles from secondary literature</li> <li>• directed reading of primary texts</li> <li>• reading in another language</li> <li>• writing in another language</li> <li>• instruction in grammar and repetitive exercises to practise such</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• end of year exams</li> </ul>

Learning Outcomes: Intellectual (thinking) skills	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ability to understand and manipulate ideas relating to the non-language</li> <li>2. Ability to conduct research on a chosen theme.</li> <li>3. Ability to think critically</li> </ol>	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• writing essays for deadlines</li> <li>• writing reaction papers and reports</li> <li>• instruction in reading strategies</li> <li>• group work in seminars and projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• end of year exams</li> </ul>

<b>Learning Outcomes: Subject-based practical skills</b>	
<p>The programme aims to help students with the following practical skills:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improvement on writing-skills and the ability to express ideas in well- constructed prose.</li> <li>2. Ability to construct and comprehend arguments.</li> <li>3. Ability to understand a Middle Eastern language.</li> </ol>	
<b>Typical Teaching Methods</b>	<b>Typical Assessment Methods</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• coaching in construction of arguments through essay marking, tutorials, seminars</li> <li>• coaching in comprehension of arguments through instruction in reading strategy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in-class language testing</li> </ul>

<b>Learning Outcomes: Transferrable skills</b>	
<p>The programme will encourage students to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Think critically.</li> <li>2. Absorb and synthesize material written from a variety of standpoints.</li> <li>3. Evaluate arguments.</li> <li>4. Conduct some research and present their findings/arguments in (sustained) written format.</li> </ol>	
<b>Typical Teaching Methods</b>	<b>Typical Assessment Methods</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• class discussion, comments on essays</li> <li>• essay writing, directed reading</li> <li>• essay writing, seminars, group work</li> <li>• language tuition</li> <li>• essay Writing, with option of Independent Study Project</li> </ul>	

**BA Middle Eastern Studies**

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>credits</b>	30	+	30	+	30	+	30
	<b>module code</b>	155900991		155901205		from list of language options		from list of optional modules below
	<b>module title</b>	Literatures of the Near and Middle East		Introduction to Arabic Culture				
	<b>FHEQ status</b>	level 4 core module		level 4 compulsory module		compulsory module		guided option*
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>credits</b>	30	+	30	+	30	+	30
	<b>module code</b>	155901380		155901258		from list of language options		from list of optional modules below
	<b>module title</b>	Nation and Nationalism in Middle Eastern Fiction		The Muslim World: Unity in Diversity				
	<b>FHEQ status</b>	level 5 core module		level 5 compulsory module		guided option*		OR from list of optional modules guided option*
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>credits</b>	15	+	15	+	30	+	30
	<b>module code</b>	155905000		155905001		from list of language options		from list of optional modules below
	<b>module title</b>	Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa 1		Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa 2				
	<b>FHEQ status</b>	level 6 compulsory module		level 6 compulsory module		OR open option		OR open option

**List of language modules**

FHEQ level	Code	Title	Credits
5	155906050	Arabic 100 A	15
5	155906051	Arabic 100 B	15
5	155901203	Arabic 200	30
6	155901204	Arabic 300	30
5	155900897	Arabic 2	30
6	155900898	Arabic 500	30
6	155900899	Arabic 4	30
6	155901400	Qur'anic Arabic	30
5	155906052	Modern Hebrew Language: Elementary A	15
5	155906053	Modern Hebrew Language: Elementary B	15
5	155900713	Modern Hebrew Language: Intermediate	30
6	155900714	Modern Hebrew Language: Advanced	30
5	155906048	Elementary Written Persian A	15
5	155906049	Elementary Written Persian B	15
5	155901155	Elementary Persian Texts	30
5	155900801	Persian Language 2	30
6	155900802	Persian Language 3	30
5	155906046	Elementary Written Turkish A	15
5	155906047	Elementary Written Turkish B	15
5	155900547	Intermediate Modern Turkish Language	30
6	155900548	Advanced Modern Turkish Language	30
6	155901176	Structure of Abkhaz	30

**List of optional modules related to the Middle East**

Before selecting a module, student's must first check that the module is at the correct level. They must also ensure that they meet any pre-requisites.

FHEQ level	Code	Title	Credits
4	154800230	H130 Introduction to the History of the Near and Middle East	30
4	158000148	R150 Introduction to Judaism	15
4	158000189	R130 Introduction to Islam	15
5	155901277	Persian Poetry in Translation	30
4	158000183	Middle Persian	30
5	155900549	Ottoman Turkish Language	30
5	155901375	Introduction to Sufism	30
5	155901168	History of Zionism	30
5	155901167	Israeli History and the Israel-Palestine Conflict	30
4	154900101	Introduction to the Art and Archaeology of the Near and Middle East	15
5	154900138	Art and Material Culture of the Islamic World: 7th to 14th Centuries	30
5	154900134	Mosaics, Manuscripts, and Wall Painting in Islamic Art	30
6	155200037	Islamic law	30
5	158000147	Shi'a Islam: Religious Authority and Community Identity	30
5	154800227	H248 The Making of the Modern Middle East	30
5	158000188	Developments in Muslim Religious Thought	15
5	158000149	Messianic Movements in Muslim History	15
5	158000095	Zoroastrian Literature in Translation	30
5	158000029	Zoroastrianism in the Ancient and Modern Worlds	30
6	153400031	Economic development of the modern Middle East	30
5	153400060	Government and politics of the Middle East	30
5	158000132	Eastern Christianity	15
5	158000131	Orthodox Christianity	15
5	158000130	Martyrs & Monks in Eastern Christian Writings	30
4	158000034	Syriac Texts on Christians and Muslims	30
5	158000151	Second Temple and Rabbinic Judaism	30
5	158000155	Daily Life of Jews in Antiquity	15
5	158000160	The Bible and its Interpretation in Ancient Judaism	15
5	158000154	The Role and Representation of Women in Judaism	15
6	155901411	Identity and Language in Hebrew literature	30

**Additional Optional Courses Only Available in Year 3.**

FHEQ level	Code	Title	Credits
6	155901386	Independent Study Project in Middle Eastern Studies	30
6	155901184	Independent Study Project in Persian Studies	30
6	155900738	Independent Study Project in Hebrew/Israeli Studies	30
6	155901052	Independent Study Project (Turkish Literature)	30
6	155900733	Independent Study Project in Arabic Studies	30