

Programme Specification

I. Programme Details

Programme title	Turkish Studies Turkish Studies & Intensive Language (Arabic or Persian or Turkish)
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"/>
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. The programme is intended to be either an end qualification in its own right or to prepare the student for more advanced graduate work (MPhil/PhD) through developing skills in research. The programme allows students to study key aspects Turkish Studies (including Ottoman Studies) through a variety of disciplines. The combination of modules enables students to deepen their knowledge in the areas of Ottoman and Turkish literature and culture (including film studies), history (including art history), politics and anthropology. 2. Given the importance of the Ottoman Empire and Turkey for the whole of the Middle East, and the importance of Islam (and therefore Persian and Arabic) for the Ottoman Empire and Turkey, the programme allows and indeed encourages comparative study of the Middle Eastern context in the different fields mentioned above. 3. Likewise, the programme allows students to begin or further their study of Turkish and Ottoman, as well as any of the languages of the former provinces of the Ottoman empire and current neighbours of Turkey. 4. This two year intensive programme provides students with an opportunity for intensive language training starting at beginner level within a Masters programme at the same time as receiving training in a discipline 5. Students will master transferable language and analytical skills in order to prepare for a variety of potential future professional or research careers.
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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"> 1. To assess data and evidence critically from printed, manuscript and digital sources, solve problems of conflicting sources and conflicting interpretations; locate materials, use research sources (particularly research library catalogues) and other relevant traditional sources.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. To obtain a solid knowledge of texts and contexts of Ottoman and modern Turkish literature. 3. To interpret literature as a product of historical and political development through a critical analysis of relevant texts. 4. To obtain a thorough grounding in the political and historical development of Turkey from the early 19th century to the contemporary period. 5. To evaluate Turkey's connections with the Middle East and Central Asia. 6. To situate the study of Turkish history, politics, culture and literature within the wider context of the Middle East. 7. To begin or further the study of Ottoman and Turkish or any of the neighbouring languages with which they came into close contact. 8. In the intensive language pathway for Turkish: to acquire/develop skills in Turkish language up to the equivalent of CEF "independent" user. For any language, to develop language skills according to the entry level. 	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of 1 through seminars and classes. Students are required to attend all classes, study extensively on their own and prepare non-assessed work regularly. • Acquisition of 2-7 through attending the relevant modules (which include lectures and discussion sessions), and through a close reading of set texts and both guided and independent reading of primary and secondary sources. • Discipline-based factual knowledge, familiarity with scholarly literature. • Ability to engage in spoken and written communication, including reading of scholarly texts in modern Turkish to CEF "Independent user" level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment through unseen examinations, long essays, course work and a dissertation.

Learning Outcomes: Intellectual (thinking) skills	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students should become precise and cautious in their assessment of evidence, and learn to understand through practice what documents can and cannot tell us. 2. Students should question interpretations, however authoritative, and reassess evidence for themselves. 3. Students should broaden their intellectual perspective on literature, culture, history, and politics and learn to assess and analyse Turkish developments from a non-eurocentric perspective as well as acquire sensitivity towards differing interpretations. 4. In the intensive language pathway: To demonstrate awareness of the conceptual and communicative underpinnings of Turkish or another language of the NME and through this interlinguistic and intercultural understanding. 	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of 1 and 2 is fostered in all modules offered in the programme, in that all modules will introduce information that will need to be assessed critically and will demonstrate that how conflicting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment through unseen examinations, course work, long essays and a dissertation, together with the incorporation of Turkish-language materials in coursework

<p>interpretations arise from the same information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of 3 is fostered through classroom discussions. • Acquisition through intensive Turkish language study and study abroad, to include critical reflection on language study, styles and registers of language in texts; 	<p>and exams on the student's concurrent MA</p>
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Learning Outcomes: Subject-based practical skills	
<p>The programme aims to help students with the following practical skills:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communicating effectively in writing 2. Retrieving, sifting and selecting information from a variety of sources. 3. Listening and discussing ideas introduced during classes and seminars. 4. Ability to plan and execute set tasks efficiently. 5. Practice research techniques in a variety of specialized research libraries and institutes. 6. In the intensive language pathway: Communicate in written and spoken medium in contemporary Turkish, or any other language of the Near and Middle East. 	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of 1 through the writing of long essays and dissertations. Acquisition of 2 through preparation for written work. • Acquisition of 3 through discussion in class, at seminars and other fora as arranged. • Acquisition of 4 through the setting of clear deadlines for the submission of written work. • Acquisition of 5 through tutorial advice and guidance during preparation. • Acquisition of spoken and written modern Turkish through intensive language study. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unseen examination and course work.

Learning Outcomes: Transferrable skills	
<p>The programme will encourage students to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write good essays and dissertations. 2. Structure and communicate ideas effectively both orally and in writing. 3. Understand unconventional ideas. 4. Study a variety of written and digital materials, in libraries and research institutes of a kind they will not have used as undergraduates. 5. Present (non-assessed) material orally. 6. Engage with people from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds, understand the role of different frames of reference. 	
Typical Teaching Methods	Typical Assessment Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of 1 through long essays, other coursework and dissertation. Acquisition of 2 through seminar presentations, discussion in class and essays. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unseen examinations, dissertation, long essays and coursework.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition of 3 through discussion in class. Acquisition of 4 through provision of detailed reading lists, including references to online materials, and by reading assignments familiarizing students with secondary sources related to the subject. • Acquisition of 5 through student seminar presentations and additional seminars. 	
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<p>General statement on contact hours – postgraduate programmes</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>At SOAS, most postgraduate modules have a one-hour lecture and a one-hour seminar every week, but this does vary.</p> <p>More information can be found on individual module pages.</p>

MA Turkish Studies & Intensive Language (two years full-time)

The MA Turkish Studies is available with Arabic, Persian and Turkish.

Year 1	credits	Taught Component SOAS 60	+	Taught Component SOAS 30	+	Taught Component SOAS 30	+	Taught Component Abroad 45
	module title	Language Component		major - see list Discipline Component		minor - see list Discipline Component		Study Abroad
Year 2	credits	Taught Component 30	+	Taught Component 30	+	Taught Component 30	+	Dissertation 60
	module code module title	Language Component		minor - see list Discipline Component		from lists below or from open options list Discipline Component		15PNMC993 Dissertation in Turkish Studies Discipline Component

NB: In Area Studies degrees:
 1) a maximum of 60 credits can be taken in any one discipline.
 2) a minimum of three disciplines must be covered.

*List of modules (subject to availability)

Code	Title	Credits
Modules that can be selected as a Major		
List A1		
Turkish Studies		
15PNMC374	Selected Topics in 20th Century Turkish Literature	30
15PNMC385	Classical Ottoman Literature (Masters)	30
15PNMC377	Turkey: Continuity and Change	30
History		
15PHIH048	The End of Empire in the Middle East and the Balkans I	15
15PHIH049	The End of Empire in the Middle East and the Balkans II	15
Modules that can be selected as a Minor		
List A2		
History of Art and Archaeology		
15PARH070	Islamic Art & Architecture of Medieval Anatolia and the South Caucasus (11-13th centuries)	15
15PARH068	Art and Architecture of the Early Ottomans and the Beyliks (13-15th centuries)	15
15PARH080	Islamic Art and Architecture of Eastern Mediterranean of the Period of the Crusades (11th-14th centuries)	15
15PARH081	Islamic Archaeology	15
List B		
Anthropology and Sociology		
15PANH022	Issues in Anthropology and Film	15
15PANH067	Culture and Society of Near and Middle East	15
15PANH009	African and Asian Cultures in Britain	15
15PANH024	Issues in the Anthropology of Gender	15
Centre for Cultural, Literary and Postcolonial Studies		
15PCSC002	Theory and techniques of Comparative Literature	30
Development Studies		
15PDSH019	Problems of Development in the Middle East and North Africa	15
Gender Studies		
15PGNH001	Gender in the Middle East	15
History		
15PHIH006	Outsiders in Medieval Middle Eastern Societies: Minorities, Social Outcasts and Foreigners	15
15PHIH031	Modernity and the Transformation of the Middle East I	15
15PHIH032	Modernity and the Transformation of the Middle East II	15
History of Art and Archaeology		
15PARC032	Art and Archaeology of the Silk Road	30
15PARH053	Persian Painting	15
15PARH065	Visuality and Islamic Art	15
15PARJ034	Islam and the West: Artistic and Cultural Contacts	15
Law		
15PLAC130	Law and Society in The Middle East and North Africa	30
Music		
15PARH094	Music on the Silk Road: travel and circulation (PG)	15
Politics and International Studies		
15PPOC027	International politics of the Middle East	30
15PPOC026	Comparative politics of the Middle East	15
15PPOH008	Political society in the Middle East	15
15PPOH009	Political violence	15
15PPOH010	Politics of resistance in the Middle East	15
15PPOH011	State and transformation in the Middle East	15
15PPOH007	Islam and political ideologies	15
15PPOH019	Violence, justice and the politics of memory	15
15PPOH006	Islam and politics	15
15PPOH022	State and Society in Central Asia and the Caucasus	15
15PPOH023	Geopolitics and Security in Central Asia and the Caucasus	15
15PPOH034	The Law & Politics of State Violence: An Interdisciplinary Perspective	15
Religions & Philosophies		
15PSRC175	Christians and Muslims in Syriac Texts	30
15PSRC055	Eastern and Orthodox Christianity	30

MA Turkish Studies & Intensive Language four years part-time)

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	module title	Language Component		Study Abroad

Year 2	credits	Taught Component 30	+	Taught Component SOAS 30
	module title	Language Component		major - see list Discipline Component

Year 3	credits	Taught Component SOAS 60
	module title	minor - see list Discipline Component

Year 4	credits	Taught Component 30	+	Dissertation 60
	module code	from lists below or from open options list		15PNMC993
	module title	Discipline Component		Dissertation in Turkish Studies Discipline Component

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15PHIH031	Modernity and the Transformation of the Middle East I	15
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