

MA IN ARAB AND ISLAMIC STUDIES*

FOCUSING ON ISLAM AS A TRANSNATIONAL REALITY

GLOBALISED AND TRANSNATIONAL ISLAM

Islam is Denmark's – and indeed Western Europe's – second-largest religion. The days are gone when it made sense to study the Arab and Islamic worlds as a distant 'other.' Arab communities are to be found within Europe as well as in the Arab world, and Islam is now a Western religion as well as an Arab one. The MA in Arab and Islamic Studies therefore focuses on today's globalised and transnational realities and on Islam and Muslims in Europe as well as in the Arab world.

A TRANSDISCIPLINARY, RESEARCH-BASED TEACHING ENVIRONMENT

The MA in Arab and Islamic Studies is taught by faculty members from the Islamic Cultures and Societies Research Unit (ICSRU). The ICSRU is a transdisciplinary research unit for all Aarhus University scholars who are interested in Islamic cultures and societies, both within the Islamic world and transregionally. The central mission of the ICSRU is to provide a stimulating research milieu for both senior and junior researchers by promoting discussion and exchange as well as arranging events.

The programme has two lines, A and B, both of which require students to complete courses with a total value of 120 ECTS credits. Line B, which is designed for students who wish to take an additional subject as a qualification for teaching in the Danish high-school system, will not normally be of interest to international students.

The Arab and Islamic Studies programme is small and the study environment is informal, with close contact between students and teachers. There are also opportunities to attend research seminars and guest lectures, including those organised by the student-run Arab Studies Society.

During the third semester, the student may choose between a profile course, an international elective subject or an internship/field study. Many students spend this semester at one of the universities in the Arab world with which Aarhus has an exchange agreement, such as the American University of Beirut.

CAREERS

All Western organisations that work with the Arab world or with Arab or Muslim communities in the West – from travel agencies to security services – need people with expertise in Arab and Islamic studies. There are opportunities to work within local government or in aid organisations within the public sector, and some private-sector opportunities in the Western firms that operate within the Arab world. Previous graduates from the programme have also gone on to pursue careers in journalism, academia, and politics.



◀ The MA in Arab and Islamic Studies at Aarhus University has definitely been a positive transition in my career. Here I found what I was searching for: authentic availability of numerous and qualified professors, a faculty actively connected to the rest of the academic world, a new method based on personal production and research. Even if the MA does not provide professional linguistic skills to work as a translator or a mediator, its multi-disciplinary theoretical approach provides the perfect toolbox for conducting research and writing about contemporary Middle East issues.

CLAUDIO ACETO

Student, MA in Arab and Islamic Studies, from Italy



PLACE OF STUDY

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masters.au.dk/arabandislamicstudies

ANNUAL TUITION FEE

EU/EEA/Swiss citizens: FREE

Others: EUR 8,000

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Master's degree programme in Arab and Islamic Studies requires a bachelor's degree with Arab and Islamic studies as its central subject, or a bachelor's degree with another central subject in the humanities or social sciences and Arab and Islamic studies as a supplementary subject or minor.

Admission to all programme lines is possible upon approval by the Board of Studies in individual cases where a student's bachelor degree does not meet the requirements mentioned, provided that it contains significant qualifications and skills in Arabic language, Middle Eastern studies and/or Islamic studies.

SELECTION CRITERIA

As the MA programme has a limited number of places each year, meeting the admission requirements does not in itself guarantee admission to the programme. The admissions committee will assess applicants on the basis of the average mark or GPA of their bachelor's degree at the time of application; marks or grades obtained after the application deadline will not be included in the GPA. The admissions committee will assess each applicant's marks on the basis of information provided by diplomas and transcripts.

1 ST SEMESTER	2 ND SEMESTER	3 RD SEMESTER	4 TH SEMESTER
Theory of Knowledge	Theme within Arab and Islamic Studies	Profile	THESIS
Arabic Text Reading	Arabic for Research Purposes		
Elective Seminar	Elective Seminar		
30 ECTS	30 ECTS	30 ECTS	30 ECTS

The academic regulations for the Master's programmes at the Faculty of Arts are currently being revised, which means that some of the courses or course titles are subject to change. Please check online for the latest programme structure.



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