



Universiteit Leiden

Course and Examination Regulations

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Programme-specific section

Master's Programme: Middle Eastern Studies

These course and examination regulations have been drawn up in accordance with Section 7.13 of the Higher Education and Research Act [*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*] (WHW) (henceforth the Act) and additional quality marks as set out in the framework document Leiden University Register of Study Programmes [*Leids universitair register opleidingen*].

Pursuant to Section 7.14 of the Act the Faculty Board regularly evaluates the course and examination regulations and assesses, for the purpose of monitoring and, if necessary, adjusting the study load, the time it takes students to comply with the regulations. In conformity with Section 9.18 of the Act, the department teaching committee is assigned the task of annually assessing how the course and examination regulations are implemented.

These course and examination regulations consist of two sections: a general section that is the same for all programmes and a section that contains information that is specific to a particular programme. This programme-specific section forms a whole with the general section, and only contains the articles with content that is specific to a particular programme.

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Appendix D – Curriculum

Article 2.1 Objectives of the Programme

The programme has the following objectives:

1. to enable students to acquire academic knowledge, understanding and skills, and train them in the use of scientific methods in the field of Middle Eastern Studies;
2. to enable students to develop the following academic skills:
 - independent academic reasoning and conduct,
 - the ability to analyse complex problems,
 - academic reporting;
3. to prepare students for an academic career and further education;
4. to prepare students for a career outside academia.

Article 2.2 Specialisations

Arabic Studies

Islamic Studies

Modern Middle East Studies

Persian Studies

Turkish Studies

Article 2.3 Achievement Levels

Graduates of the programme have attained the following achievement levels:

a1. Knowledge and understanding

- a) possesses comprehensive knowledge of and skills in the area of history, literature, culture or religion of the Middle-East
- b) possesses the ability to use the relevant primary and secondary literature.
- c) has acquired various skills including independent academic thinking and acting, analyzing complex issues; and is able to report academically sound.
- d) has acquired academic knowledge, insight, and skills in theories and methods used in various fields such as social sciences, literary studies, and anthropology, and is able to apply this knowledge to the field of Middle Eastern Studies.

a2. Applying knowledge and understanding

- a) has the ability to make use of knowledge acquired at different courses in their specific field in their theses, but also in his/her further career with tasks such as teaching, supervising, consulting, writing, translating and editing.
- b) had the to use his/her knowledge in policy making and public relations, as the majority of graduates of a non-European language and culture in their professional career deal with foreign people.
- c) has acquired knowledge and understanding, geared towards problem-solving in new or unfamiliar environments within a broader scholarly and applied context.

a3. Judgment

- a) is able to identify and formulate an original research question, to analyze primary and secondary sources, and to draw conclusions.

- b) has the ability to gauge scholarly publications in the field critically.
- c) is able to write and present orally clarifications and explanations of implicit issues related to the state of the art of the field of research: concepts, ideas, theses and hypotheses.
- d) is able to integrate the knowledge and understanding s/he has acquired during the study for handling complexity, and formulating judgments.
- e) the ability to reflect on the academic, social and ethical responsibilities that arise from the field of Middle Eastern Studies.

a4. Communication

- a) is able to present the result of independent research not only in writing but also through oral presentations both for a general and professional public.
- b) is able to contribute to a public debate communicating the conclusions of his/her scholarly research, their knowledge and understanding of the Middle East to an audience beyond traditional academia.
- c) has learned to academically contribute to the field of research.

a5. Learning skills

has developed abilities to follow post-master's professional training or a PhD training of a largely self-determined or autonomous nature.

In addition to the achievement levels above, the following achievement levels per specialization apply (in alphabetical order):

b1. Arabic Studies

Knowledge and understanding of the history of Arab peoples and culture, contemporary developments in the Arab world, Arabic literature and rich manuscript traditions. This also includes a thorough understanding of Islam.

b2. Islamic Studies

Knowledge and understanding of Islamic law and anthropology of the Muslim world from the perspective of the social sciences combined with philology.

b3. Modern Middle East Studies

- General knowledge and understanding of the cultures, literatures and religions of the strategically important Middle Eastern regions with a focus on the modern period.
- In-depth knowledge and understanding of the Islamic Revolution (1979) in Iran, revolts and revolutions in Arab countries, and political developments in Turkey, Central Asia and Afghanistan.

b4. Persian Studies

Knowledge and understanding of the history, literature, politics, religion and Persian visual arts of the Persian cultural realm from the advent of Islam to the present day.

b5. Turkish Studies

Knowledge and understanding of Turkish history and Turkey's relation to Europe, viewed against its transition from the multi-ethnic Ottoman state to a nation state.

Article 2.5 Study Load

The programme has a study load of 60 ECTS credits.

Article 2.8 Language of instruction

In compliance with the Code of Conduct regarding Foreign Languages [*Gedragcode voertaal*], the language of instruction and examination of the programme is English.¹ Students are expected to have a sufficient command of the language of instruction of the programme.

Article 3.1 Compulsory Components

3.1.1 The programme includes compulsory components totalling a study load of 60 ECTS credits. These compulsory components are listed in Appendix C. The study load (in credits) and the level is listed per course.

Article 3.4 Participation in courses

Not applicable.

Article 4.2 Obligatory Order

Not applicable.

Article 5.1 Direct Admission

Direct admission to the following specialisations of the Master's Programme in Middle Eastern Studies is reserved for persons who are in possession of the following Bachelor's degree and specialisation from Leiden University:

<i>Master's specialisation</i>	<i>Bachelor's degree (specialisation)</i>
Arabic Studies	Middle Eastern Studies (specialisation: Arabic Language and Culture)
Islamic Studies	Middle Eastern Studies (all specialisations)
Modern Middle East Studies	Middle Eastern Studies (specialisation: Modern Middle Eastern Studies)
Persian Studies	Middle Eastern Studies (specialisation: Persian Language and Culture)
Turkish Studies	Middle Eastern Studies (specialisation: Turkish Language and Culture)

Article 5.3 Entry Requirements

Without prejudice to the provision in paragraph 5 regarding the capacity, those will be admitted to the programme who:

- have earned the degree of Bachelor at a university not being a university of professional education, or demonstrate to meet the requirements for such a degree, including the General Academic Skills listed in Appendix C;
- are sufficiently proficient in English (TOEFL 570/230/88-90 or IELTS 6.5), to be assessed by the board of admissions.

In addition to the admission requirements above, the following requirements per specialization apply:

Arabic Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BA in the field of Arabic, Islamic studies, Middle Eastern Studies or an equivalent degree and a good working knowledge of Modern Standard Arabic (Common European Framework of
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1. The Code of Conduct regarding Foreign Languages [*Gedragcode voertaal*] was adopted by the Executive Board on 11 July 2002 and can be found at on the following website: [media.leidenuniv.nl/legacy/language of instruction.pdf](http://media.leidenuniv.nl/legacy/language%20of%20instruction.pdf).

	Reference for Languages: listening B1; reading B2; spoken interaction B1; spoken production B1; writing B1).
Islamic Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA degree in Islamic Studies, Islamic Law, Islamic History, Islamic Theology; a BA degree in one of the Islamic languages with at least 30 EC of Islam-related subjects in the curriculum; a BA degree in World Religions with a specialisation in Islam; or an equivalent degree from a recognised university with a relevant disciplinary specialisation or minor (Islamic Studies, Islamic Law, Islamic History, Islamic Theology) of at least 30 EC. • Knowledge of one of the major Islamic languages, preferably Arabic (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: reading B2).
Modern Middle Eastern Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a BA degree or its equivalent from a recognised academic institute, with a relevant regional or disciplinary specialisation or minor of at least 30 EC.
Persian Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA in the field of Persian Studies, Islamic studies, Middle Eastern Studies or another equivalent study and a good working knowledge of Persian Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: listening B1; reading B2; spoken interaction B1; spoken production B1; writing B1).
Turkish Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA degree (or equivalent) in Turkish Studies, or another relevant discipline with good results at a recognised university, and have acquired an adequate proficiency in reading Turkish (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: reading B2).

Article 5.5 Bridging Programme

Students who have obtained a bachelor's degree or an equivalent degree, but who still have a deficiency, may be admitted to the programme after a careful study of their dossier and after following a pre-master programme. The board of admissions will compile a bridging programme for these students.

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Afstudeerrichting:
Arabic Studies

Studiejaar	Semester	Cursustitel	Studieidsnummer	Werkvorm	Niveau	EC	Status	Aantal deeltaoetsen	Toetsvormen	Eindtermen
MA 1	I	From manuscript to modern media: transmission of texts and knowledge in the Islamic world.	5854KMMM	wc	500	10	V			
MA 1	I	Arabic Dialectology	5854KAD	wc	500	10	V			
MA 1	I	Common Core Courses:								
MA 1	I	Theories and Methods of Middle East and Islamic Studies	5854OSMME	hc	400	10	V			
MA 1	I	Bi-weekly staff seminar in Middle East and Islamic Studies	5854VBWS	wc/ zs	500	0	V			
						30				
MA 1	II	MA Thesis, Middle Eastern Studies	5854VMATH	zs	500	20	V			
MA 1	II	Common Core Course:								
MA 1	II	Bi-weekly staff seminar in Middle East and Islamic Studies	5854VBWS	wc/ zs	500	0	V			
MA 1	II	Choose one of the following two courses:				10	V			
MA 1	II	Culture and Society in the Medieval Muslim World	5854KMMW	wc	400	10	K			
MA 1	II	Themes in Modern Arabic Literature	5854KTMAL	wc	500	10	K			
						30				

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Afstudeerrichting:
Islamic Studies

<i>Studiejaar</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Cursustitel</i>	<i>Studiegidsnummer</i>	<i>Werkvorm</i>	<i>Niveau</i>	<i>EC</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Aantal deeltaoetsen</i>	<i>Toetsvormen</i>	<i>Eindtermen</i>
MA 1	I	Theories and Methods of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies	5854OSMME	wc	400	10	V			
MA 1	I	Bi-weekly Staff Seminar in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies	nw aanmaken: 5854VBWS	wc		0*	V			
MA 1	I	From manuscript to modern media: transmission of texts and knowledge in the Islamic world.	nw aanmaken: 5854KMMM	wc	500	10	V			
MA 1	I	Anthropology of Muslim Societies		wc	500	10	V			
						30				
MA 1	II	MA Thesis, Middle Eastern Studies	nw aanmaken: 5854VMATH	zs	500	20	V			
MA 1	II	Bi-weekly Staff Seminar in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies	nw aanmaken: 5854VBWS	wc	400	0*	V			
MA 1	II	Ulama in the Modern Muslim World	5854IUMM	wc	500	10	V			
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Modern Middle Eastern Studies

<i>Studiejaar</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Cursustitel</i>	<i>Studiegedsnummer</i>	<i>Werkvorm</i>	<i>Niveau</i>	<i>EC</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Aantal deeltaoetsen</i>	<i>Toetsvormen</i>	<i>Eindtermen</i>
		Common Core Courses:								
MA 1	I	Theories and Methods of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies	5854OSMME	hc	400	10	V			
MA 1	I	Bi-weekly staff seminar in Middle East and Islamic Studies (Sem 1)	nw aanmaken: 5854VBWS	wc/zs	500	0	V			
		Choose two of the following courses:				20	V			
MA 1	I	The Ottoman Empire and Europe	veranderde code 5854KOOE	wc	500	10	K			
MA 1	I	Literature and Politics in the Persian-speaking World	veranderde code 5854KLPPW	wc	500	10	K			
MA 1	I	From manuscript to modern media: transmission of texts and knowledge in the Islamic world.	nw aanmaken: 5854KMMM	wc	500	10	K			
MA 1	I	Anthropology of Muslim Societies	veranderde code 5854KAMS	wc	500	10	K			
MA 1	I	Global Christianity: the Middle East (1800-present)	50722240 (gecorrigeerde code)	wc	500	5	K			
						30				
MA 1	II	MA Thesis, Middle Eastern Studies	nw aanmaken: 5854VMATH	zs	500	20	V			
MA 1	II	Developments in the Modern Middle East	5854IDMME		500	10	V			
MA 1	II	Bi-weekly staff seminar in Middle East and Islamic Studies	nw aanmaken: 5854VBWS	wc/ zs	500	0	V			
						30				

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Afstudeerrichting:
Persian Studies

Studiejaar	Semester	Cursustitel	Studiegidsnummer	Werkvorm	Niveau	EC	Status	Aantal deeltroetsen	Toetsvormen	Eindtermen
		Common Core Courses:								
MA 1	I	Theories and Methods of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies	5854OSMME	wc	400	10	V			
MA 1	I	Bi-weekly staff seminar in Middle East and Islamic Studies (Sem 1)	nw aanmaken: 5854VBWS	wc/zs	500	0	V			
MA 1	I	Persian manuscripts: from author to text	Nw aanmaken 5854KPMAT	wc	500	10	V			
MA 1	I	Literature and Politics in the Persian-speaking World	veranderde code 5854KLPPW	wc	500	10	V			
						30				
MA 1	II	Bi-weekly staff seminar in Middle East and Islamic Studies (Sem 2)	nw aanmaken: 5854VBWS	wc/ zs	500	0	V			
MA 1	II	Persian Literature outside Iran: A Literary History	veranderde code 5854KPLOI	wc	500	10	V			
MA 1	II	MA Thesis, Middle Eastern Studies	nw aanmaken: 5854VMATH	zs	500	20	V			
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Studiejaar	Semester	Cursustitel	Studiegidsnummer	Werkvorm	Niveau	EC	Status	Aantal deeltaoetsen	Toetsvormen	Eindtermen
		Common Core Courses:								
MA 1	I	Theories and Methods of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies	5854OSMME	hc	400	10	V			
MA 1	I	Bi-weekly staff seminar in Middle East and Islamic Studies (Sem 1)	nw aanmaken: 5854VBWS	wc/zs	500	0	V			
MA 1	I	Choose two or three of the following courses with a minimum total load of 20 EC (Courses with a course load of 5 EC may be extended to 10 EC by writing an extra paper. Please, contact the convenor at the start of the course if you need or want 10 EC):				20	V			
MA 1	I	From Ottoman Empire to Turkish Republic	veranderde code 5854KOETR	wc	500	10	K			
MA 1	I	The Ottoman Empire and Europe	veranderde code 5854KOE	wc	500	10	K			
MA 1	I	Global Christianity: the Middle East (1800-present)	50722240 (gecorrigeerde code)	wc	500	5	K			
						30				

<i>Studiejaar</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Cursustitel</i>	<i>Studiegidsnummer</i>	<i>Werkvorm</i>	<i>Niveau</i>	<i>EC</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Aantal deoltoetsen</i>	<i>Toetsvormen</i>	<i>Eindtermen</i>
MA 1	II	A) Semester in Turkey (MA)				10	K			
MA 1	II	B) Students spending the Spring semester in Leiden choose one of the following three courses:								
MA 1	II	Continuity and Change in Turkish Culture	veranderde code 5854KCCTC	wc	500	10	K			
MA 1	II	Practicing Modernity in Central Asia and the Caucasus	veranderde code 5854KMCAC	wc	500	10	K			
MA 1	II	Turkey since World War II	veranderde code 5854KTWW2	wc	500	10	K			
MA 1	II	Bi-weekly Staff Seminar in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies	nw aanmaken: 5854VBWS	wc/ zs	500	0	V			
MA 1	II	MA Thesis, Middle Eastern Studies	nw aanmaken: 5854VMATH	zs	500	20	V			
						30				