ARAB AND ISLAMIC STUDIES
UNDERGRADUATE STUDY 2014 ENTRY
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For further details on all our entry requirements, please see our Arab and Islamic Studies pages at [www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/arabislamic](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/arabislamic)

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Our undergraduate programmes in Arabic, Middle East and Islamic studies are taught at the University's Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, one of Europe’s most renowned centres for research and teaching on the Arab and Muslim world.

We offer Arabic and Middle East languages as well as comprehensive education in the literatures and cultures of the Arab world and Middle East, the history, politics, economies, societies, and anthropology of the region and almost every aspect of Islamic studies from medieval to modern Islam. A number of dedicated research centres and links with other subject areas provide you with an opportunity to branch out into other disciplines and areas of study, as well as reinforcing the teaching you receive through cutting-edge research and engagement with current issues.

The Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies has an outstanding international reputation, renowned especially for our focus on the Gulf, Arabian Peninsula and Islamic studies, and a high national ranking for academic excellence. The Institute's atmosphere is cosmopolitan and international with staff and students from a wide range of cultural, religious and linguistic backgrounds contributing to a lively, friendly community.

Our impressive building is the largest purpose-built Middle East centre in the UK, and is constructed in an architectural style evocative of the region. It is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, including a computerised language lab, lecture theatres, seminar rooms, lounge, satellite TV for viewing Middle Eastern channels and a gallery for Middle Eastern art exhibitions.

Based in the main Library, the Arab World Documentation Unit is a valuable research resource housing numerous collections of academic textbooks, press cuttings, government papers and reports, periodicals, pamphlets, business yearbooks, and much more, with material in English, Arabic and Hebrew.

Arabic is one of the six official languages of the United Nations, and there is an ever-growing need for Arabic speakers in governmental, political, diplomatic, and business circles. You’ll graduate from Exeter with an intimate understanding of Arab and Islamic cultures and politics which will provide you with excellent career opportunities in international, regional and domestic organisations across the private, public and third sectors.

We offer a range of Single and Combined Honours degree programmes that cover a wide variety of subjects, and many include a year's study in the Arab world. Our programmes fall into three overlapping areas of study: Middle East studies (including history and social sciences), Islamic studies, and Arabic and Middle East languages, literatures and material culture. Within these areas we offer a range of modules, including history, politics, economics, Islamic studies, language, literature and social anthropology. All our modules relate directly to the research interests of our academic staff so you’ll be taught by experts who’ll keep you up-to-date with the latest knowledge and contemporary issues. For details of our staff research interests, please follow the links to Research on the Institute staff pages of our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/iais.
Degree programmes

Our range of three- and four-year degree programmes gives you plenty of scope for choice, with modules covering a wide range of topics, including history, politics, economics, Islamic studies, language and literature and social anthropology.

How your degree is structured

For all programmes, the first year is spent full time in Exeter. Language students on four-year programmes, including those studying Combined Honours, then spend their second year in an Arab country. The degrees are divided into modules, some core and some optional, which gives you the maximum flexibility to structure your degree according to your specific areas of interest. Individual modules are worth 15 or 30 credits each. Full-time undergraduates need to take 120 credits in each year. Within Arab and Islamic Studies, in addition to the core modules, you can choose from an extensive range of options in all years, a few examples of which are shown at the back of this brochure.

For up-to-date details of all our programmes and modules, please check www.exeter.ac.uk/iais

Single Honours

BA Arabic

No previous knowledge of Arabic is required. This is a language-based degree that will provide you with a thorough understanding of the culture and literature of the Arab peoples. Compulsory language modules are followed over the four years of the degree, including the year abroad, and there are also compulsory modules on Arab literature and on Islam and Arab history. You can expect to achieve high standards of competency in all aspects of the Arabic language (reading, writing, listening and speaking).

BA Arabic and Islamic Studies

No previous knowledge of Arabic is required. A strong language base is combined with an emphasis on understanding Islam as a religion, culture, civilisation and way of life. Compulsory language modules are studied over the four years of the degree, including the year abroad. Modules cover a range of subjects including an introduction to Islam, the Islamic humanities, classical Islamic history and anthropological approaches to Islam. You can expect to achieve a high level of competency in all aspects of the Arabic language, together with a thorough grounding in Islamic studies.

BA Arabic and Middle East Studies

No previous knowledge of Arabic is required. You can expect to become proficient in reading, speaking a dialect of, and writing Arabic to a high level of competency. You’ll gain an understanding of a variety of political, social, cultural and ideological dimensions of the major forces that contend power and influence and that shape economic, social and cultural life in the Middle East. You’ll also gain an insight into the historical origins and the development of these forces and of the social, economic and institutional structures of the contemporary Middle East.

The above degrees are all structured in a similar way across four years, including a Year Abroad in the second year.

Year 1 You will take intensive Arabic language training to prepare you for your Year Abroad in the second year. You will also study the history, politics, religions, culture and economics of the Middle East. Depending on your degree you will also study the basic principles of Islam.

Year 2 You will spend a year in the Arab world studying Arabic at a partner institution.

Year 3 You will continue your language studies at an intermediate level. Depending on your degree you will also study modules covering the history, politics, society, religions, literature, economics and languages of the Middle East or the philosophy, theology, practices, traditions, poetry, and law of Islam, and be introduced to Qur’anic Arabic.

Year 4 You will continue your language studies at an advanced level, and write your dissertation of 10,000 words on a topic of personal interest. You will also study a choice of modules based on the specific research interests of your lecturers, and read a range of Islamic texts (BA Arabic and Islamic Studies).

BA Islamic Studies

No previous knowledge of Arabic is required. You will focus on Islam as a religion and as a civilisation. The language element will train you to read classical Arabic. The religion and civilisation element includes compulsory modules on Islam as a religion and way of life, the Islamic humanities, anthropological approaches to Islam, Islamic spirituality and Islam in the modern world. You can expect to achieve a high level of understanding of the many diverse dimensions of Islam and an ability to read classical and modern texts.

Year 1 You will take introductory Arabic language training, study the basic principles of Islam and learn about the history of the Middle East. You will also have a list of other modules on the Middle East from which to choose.

Year 2 You will continue your Arabic language studies at an introductory level and be introduced to Qur’anic Arabic. You will also choose from a range of modules covering the philosophy, theology, practices, traditions, poetry and law of Islam. There may also be the opportunity to study other languages such as Persian, if you wish.

Year 3 You will continue your Arabic language studies at an intermediate level, have a list of modules in Islamic studies from which to choose, and write your dissertation of 10,000 words on a topic of personal interest. There may also be the opportunity to study other languages such as Persian, if you wish.

BA Middle East Studies

No previous knowledge of Arabic is required. You can expect to achieve a high level of social scientific understanding of the Middle East. No language study is required, although you are free to study Arabic, if you wish. If you have no prior knowledge of Arabic you may take elementary modules, and if you have some knowledge of the language you’ll be assessed to find your level. Compulsory and optional modules cover Middle Eastern ethnography, economy and economic development, gender and identity, politics, culture and arts, and religion and society.

Year 1 You will study the history, politics, society and economics of the Middle East, as well as the basic principles of Islam. You will also choose from a list of modules in history, politics and sociology.
Year 2 You will continue your study of the history, politics, society and economics of the Middle East, as well as the philosophy, theology, practices, traditions, poetry and law of Islam.

Year 3 You will continue at an advanced level your study of the history, politics, society and economics of the Middle East, as well as the philosophy, theology, practices, traditions, poetry and law of Islam. You will also write your dissertation of 10,000 words on a topic of personal interest.

**BA Middle East Studies with Arabic**

*No previous knowledge of Arabic is required.*

The expertise of the Institute’s staff in the social sciences and modern history provides a balanced multidisciplinary study of the area. Compulsory modules include Islam as a religion and way of life, history and society of the Middle East, and contemporary Middle Eastern politics and economy. You will receive some intensive training in the Arabic language, to help you gain a better understanding of the region’s societies and cultures. You can expect to gain a thorough knowledge of the dynamics of the contemporary Middle East, and to be able to use Arabic effectively.

**Year 1**

You will take introductory Arabic language training, learn about the history of the Middle East and study the basic principles of Islam. You will also choose from a list of other modules on the Middle East.

**Year 2**

You will continue your Arabic language studies at an introductory level and continue your study of Middle Eastern history, politics, society and economics, as well as Islamic philosophy, theology, practices, traditions, poetry and law.

**Year 3**

You will continue your Arabic language studies at an intermediate level, and will choose from a range of modules in Islamic studies and Middle Eastern studies. You’ll also write your dissertation of 10,000 words on a topic of personal interest.

**Combined Honours Degrees**

**BA Arabic and Modern Languages** *(French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish)*

These exciting programmes allow you to explore two rich languages and cultures. Arabic is studied primarily as a modern language and you won’t need any prior knowledge. For programmes studied with Arabic, currently the second year is spent as a study year abroad in an approved institution in an Arab country. For students taking Combined Honours programmes with another language, you’ll also spend periods of study or work placement in the appropriate European country.

Full details can be found at [www.exeter.ac.uk/iais/undergraduate/degrees](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/iais/undergraduate/degrees)

**BA Arabic/Arabic Studies and Politics**

Students often wish to combine a number of interests in their degree programmes and these Combined Honours degrees allow you to do just that: studying Arabic or Arabic Studies with politics.

In these programmes, the Arabic language component follows the pattern of the BA in Arabic (see above). Your work in your first, third and final years is divided between the two subjects. For programmes studied with Arabic, currently the second year is spent as a study year abroad in an approved institution in an Arab country.

Combined Honours programmes with Arabic Studies are three-year programmes that do not include a study abroad year.

Full details can be found at [www.exeter.ac.uk/iais/undergraduate/degrees](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/iais/undergraduate/degrees)

**Flexible Combined Honours**

This innovative Combined Honours scheme enables you to combine modules from a number of different fields of study not otherwise available through an existing Combined Honours programme. Throughout your degree you will be given regular support to help you choose the most appropriate pathway for you. Further information and the full list of available subjects can be found at [www.exeter.ac.uk/fch](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/fch)
Our teaching methods make full use of seminars, study groups and web-based learning. Language modules take place in small interactive classes of about 15-20 students, using the language laboratory, satellite TV, the internet and computer-assisted language learning. Non-language modules are delivered through small group lectures, seminars and textual study, tutorials and discussion.

You will receive on average 12-14 contact hours per week with tutors (teaching time) in language-based programmes. You are also expected to invest a lot of time in independent study outside of these contact hours; this involves individual study, contact with your study-group (for example, in preparation for seminars), and contact with your personal tutor. The exact amount of time spent working independently varies from module to module, but you should expect your total workload to average 40 hours per week during term time.

A flexible system of module choice allows you to tailor your programme to your particular interests as you progress. We’ll teach you to work independently, to research, analyse and synthesise new and unfamiliar material and to communicate clearly using both the written and spoken word. In seminar presentations you’ll acquire the skill of confidently delivering coherent and precise arguments to an audience, as well as learning how to receive comments and criticism and develop the ability to lead in a team/group situation.

We’re actively engaged in introducing new methods of learning and teaching, including increasing use of interactive computer-based approaches to learning through our virtual learning environment, where the details of all modules are stored in an easily navigable website. You can access detailed information about modules and learning outcomes and interact through activities such as the discussion forums.

Research-inspired teaching
Our teaching is inspired by our academics’ research, ensuring lectures are up-to-date and relevant so that you will benefit from access to the latest thinking and resources. Staff teach third year options which are linked to their own interests which include the study of history, politics, sociology and culture in the Middle East and Muslim world, Islamic studies, and language and literature.

The nature of Middle Eastern and North African politics and society means that our teaching is particularly dynamic and topical, as academics seek to react to current events as they arise. This has seen lectures and seminars address contemporary topics related to changes in foreign policies and global political relations. Many of our lecturers have worked as political advisers in the region, influencing policy on military interventions, state-building initiatives, resource management and much more besides.

The Institute’s research, and therefore its teaching, is clustered around a number of high profile research centres. These research centres are integral to the academic character of the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies:

• Centre for Gulf Studies
• Centre for Kurdish Studies
• European Centre for Palestine Studies
• Centre for Persian and Iranian Studies
• Centre for the Study of Islam

The Centre for Gulf Studies has the largest concentration of Gulf Studies experts in the world, with a focus encompassing the Arabian Peninsula, Iraq and Iran. Exeter is the only British university with a strong
research focus in the field of Kurdish Studies, and as such the Centre for Kurdish Studies is the leading UK centre of research in the field and a global centre of excellence. The European Centre for Palestine Studies functions as a hub for intellectual engagement with the Palestine question, facilitating scholarly research and helping to refine public discussion. Its advisory board includes Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Noam Chomsky.

Academic support
All students have a Personal Tutor who is available for advice and support throughout their studies. There are also a number of services on campus where you can get advice and information, including the Students’ Guild Advice Unit. You can find further information about all the services in the University’s undergraduate prospectus or online at www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate

Study abroad
All undergraduate Arabic language students on a four-year programme spend their second year at one of our accredited Arabic language study centres.

The year abroad is an integral part of the study of Arabic, advancing your knowledge of grammar and syntax as well as reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. It provides an excellent opportunity for students of Arabic to become immersed in Arabic society and culture, and to gain fluency in a spoken dialect of the Arabic Language.

Year abroad destinations can obviously vary from year to year dependent on current events in the Middle East and North Africa. Recent destinations have included:

- Language Centre, University of Jordan
- International Language Institute (ILI), Cairo, Egypt
- The Arabic Language Institute, Fez, Morocco

During your year abroad you will follow a course of study at your host institution, focusing on Standard Arabic, Media Arabic and the Colloquial Arabic of the place you choose to study in. Typically there is a great deal of opportunity for travel and many institutions organise study trips for you; for example the ILI in Cairo organises trips to the Oases and to the Red Sea.

Many students take the opportunity to travel further within the region, often visiting Lebanon and Turkey, and some are reluctant to come back to Exeter when the year is over! On returning, you’ll be encouraged to enter any photographs you’ve taken during time away in the Year Abroad Photography Competition, the winner of which receives a cash prize.

Information about the study abroad year can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/iais/undergraduate/studyabroad

Scholarships, bursaries and prizes
Students at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies are lucky enough to benefit from a number of sponsored scholarships and prizes related directly to the research and relationships cultivated by the Institute. For instance, the HRH Prince Alwaleed Al Saud Scholarship for short study courses abroad allows many students to apply for a grant to support them in visiting Arab countries in pursuit of their studies. Time spent abroad under one of these grants may be spent in further language study or in gathering research material for your dissertation or other projects.

There are also a number of prizes presented to students for a variety of achievements, including best poetry reading, best final year dissertation, and best essay in history or politics.

For more information about available scholarships, bursaries and prizes, please visit our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/iais/undergraduate/scholarships

Assessment
You will be assessed by exam and coursework, including essay writing and a dissertation (in the last year of study). An informal element of continuous assessment is also in place so you can gain on-going feedback on your progress. You must pass your first year assessment in order to progress to the second year, but the results do not count towards your degree classification. For three-year programmes, the assessments in the second and third years contribute to your final degree classification. For four-year programmes the assessments in the second, third and fourth years all contribute to your final degree classification. For full details of the assessment criteria for each module, check the Undergraduate Modules section of our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/iais
A degree in Arab and Islamic Studies gives you an appreciation and understanding of the culture, history and language of the Middle East. You will develop analytical and research skills as well as an awareness of different interpretations of issues and events, develop opinions and use effective communication skills to put forward your ideas and conclusions. You will also develop your time-management skills.

All these skills are valued by employers from many different fields and can open up career paths in a wide variety of areas from academic research and government work to more commercially based careers in law and business.

Many students from the department take part in the Exeter Award and the Exeter Leaders Award. These schemes encourage you to participate in employability related workshops, skills events, volunteering and employment which will contribute to your career decision-making skills and success in the employment market.

Exeter has an excellent reputation with graduate recruiters and our students and graduates compete very successfully in the employment market. Many employers target the University when recruiting new graduates.

For further information about what the Employability Service offers at Exeter visit www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/employability

Careers

Examples of the destinations of our recent graduates:

**Occupations**

- Teacher // Officer Cadet // Intern: Parliamentary Assistant for an MP // Research Associate // Graduate Management Trainee // Marketing Assistant // Charity Worker

**Employers**

- HM Government // BME Global Ltd // Jeppesen // Anglo-Continental School of English // Queen Elizabeth Hospital // Coexist Foundation

Examples of further study followed by our graduates:

- MA Near and Middle Eastern Studies, SOAS University of London
- MA Modern Middle Eastern Politics, University of Durham
- MA International Studies with Diplomacy, SOAS University of London
- MPhil Middle Eastern Studies, University of Oxford
- Arabic and Islamic Studies, Cairo University
- MA Translation, University of Leeds
- PhD Arabic Literature, University of Edinburgh
- PhD Semitic Studies, Harvard University
- PhD Islamic Studies, University of Chicago

Entry requirements and applying

You can find a summary of our typical entry requirements on the inside front cover of this brochure.

The full and most up-to-date information about Arab and Islamic Studies is on the undergraduate website at www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/arabislamic and we strongly advise that you check this before attending an open day or making your application. Some programmes require prior study of specific subjects and may also have minimum grade requirements at GCSE or equivalent, particularly in English Language.

We make every effort to ensure that the entry requirements are as up-to-date as possible in our printed literature. However, since this is printed well in advance of the start of the admissions cycle, in some cases our entry requirements and offers will change.

If you are an international student you should consult our general and subject-specific entry requirements information for A levels and the International Baccalaureate, but the University also recognises a wide range of international qualifications. You can find further information about academic and English language entry requirements at www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/international

For information on the application, decision, offer and confirmation process, please visit www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/applications
Module details

For up-to-date details of all our programmes and modules, please check [www.exeter.ac.uk/iais](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/iais)

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Selected Arab and Islamic Studies modules

Please note that the availability of all modules is subject to timetabling constraints and that not all modules are available every year. For an up-to-date list and details of all our programmes and modules please check the undergraduate section of our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/iais

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<td>This module introduces the history of the Middle East, from the rise of Islam in 610 to the 1980s.</td>
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<td>Introduction to Islam</td>
<td>This module introduces the basic sources and historical contexts for the origins of Islam (Qur’an, sira, hadith) and some of the basic spiritual principles expressed in those sources as well as the contexts and practices that exemplify the spiritual principles.</td>
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<td>Introduction to Persian History and Culture</td>
<td>This module introduces the history and culture of Iran from the Achaemenids to the present time.</td>
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<td>Politics and Economy of the Contemporary Middle East</td>
<td>This module provides a general introductory survey of the politics and political economy of the Middle East, including the Arab-Israeli conflict, the political dynamics of key states, the politics of Islam, the political economy of oil and major wars.</td>
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<td>Conflict and Peacemaking Palestine/Israel</td>
<td>This module provides a thorough knowledge of the dynamics of the Palestine/Israel conflict, the proposals which have been put forward to resolve the problem, the conduct of negotiations intended to achieve peaceful settlement, and the practical record of implementation of such measures as have been agreed.</td>
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<td>Gender, Identity and Modernity in the Middle East</td>
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<td>Islamic Theological Traditions</td>
<td>This module provides an in-depth understanding of the main scholastic disciplines of Islam relating to theology, namely usul al-din, usul al-fiqh and systematic theology (kalam).</td>
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<td>Muslims in Britain</td>
<td>This module provides an understanding of the history, present and future of Muslim communities in Britain today. It involves an examination of the debate around integration, integration strategies, assimilation and multiculturalism.</td>
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<td>Political Economy of Development in the Middle East</td>
<td>This module introduces the main themes and dynamics in the political economy of the Middle East, at domestic, regional and global levels.</td>
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<td>Reading Qur’anic Arabic</td>
<td>This Arabic language reading module is designed to provide a review and completion of your knowledge of the principles of Arabic grammar, together with development and practice in related reading, vocabulary and dictionary skills. This is based on close reading of short, representative selections from the Qur’an and some classical hadith, primarily through W. Thackston’s Qur’anic Arabic textbook.</td>
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### Year 3/4 Optional Modules

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<td>EU Democracy Promotion in the Middle East and North Africa</td>
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<td>Folklore and Identity in the Middle East</td>
<td>This module explores the co-existence of classical and popular traditions in the Middle East and the continuing role of ‘folklore’ in ‘modern’ contexts.</td>
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<td>Foundational Islamic Texts: Qur’an and Hadith</td>
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<td>Politics of Semi-Democratic and Authoritarian Countries</td>
<td>This module will introduce you to, and familiarise you with, the neglected field of the politics of semi-democratic or authoritarian countries. The module gives an overview of the different types of authoritarian regimes and then discusses their internal politics such as the politics of redistribution and patronage, the role of civil society, and the presence of informal institutions.</td>
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<td>Nationalisms in the Middle East</td>
<td>This module will provide an understanding of a variety of political, cultural and ideological dimensions associated with the historical development of nationalist movements in the Middle East. You will be able to appreciate the development of nationalism by evaluating the links between historical change and the transformation of Middle Eastern identities.</td>
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<td>Islamic Art and Architecture</td>
<td>This module provides students with a thorough grounding in the Islamic tradition by means of studying its great artistic and architectural achievements, and its cultural articulation in major and minor art forms, as exemplified, for example, by the Mosque on the one hand and Persian miniatures on the other.</td>
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