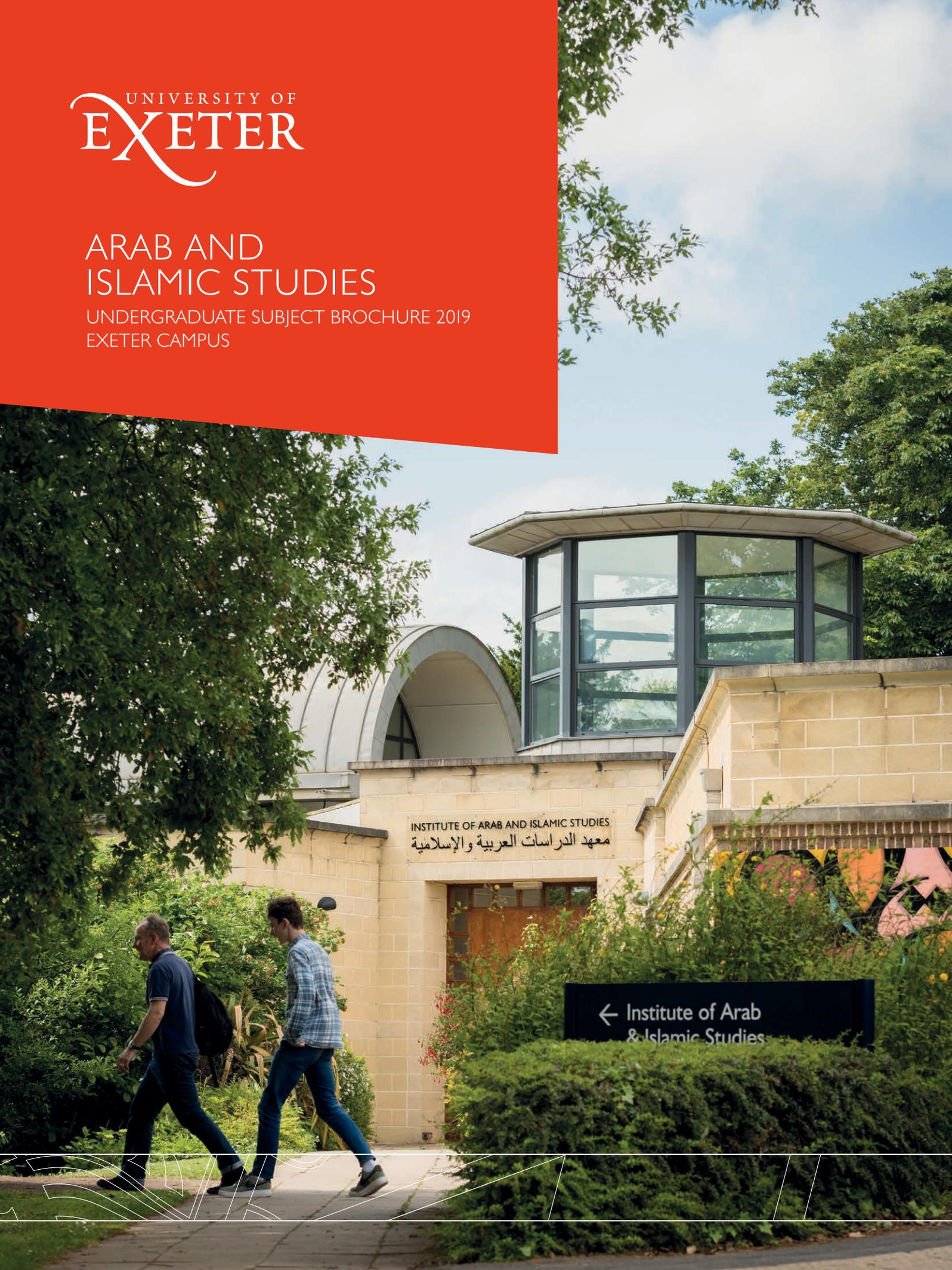


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## ARAB AND ISLAMIC STUDIES

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 The University of Exeter is deemed one of the best places to study Islamic and Middle Eastern studies in the UK, not least because it holds the largest number of Islamic Studies-related literature in the UK. My modules surrounding the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine are probably my favourite topics and I consider myself an active participant in many forms of awareness-raising, ranging from Islamophobia to domestic violence to human trafficking and beyond. The staff are amazing; extremely supportive, approachable and helpful. Our lecturers come from various backgrounds and bring with them a diverse range of expertise and experience. 

Neomi, studying Middle East Studies



THE INSTITUTE OF ARAB AND ISLAMIC STUDIES BUILDING

# ARAB AND ISLAMIC STUDIES

5th in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2017*

2nd in the UK for world-leading research<sup>1</sup>

Sharjah Scholarships of up to £1,500 a year available to MArabic students

Work placements overseas to support your career development

Our undergraduate programmes in Arabic and Islamic Studies and Middle East 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 Eastern languages as well as modules in the literature, culture, history, politics, economy, society and anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa. We also cover 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, especially for our focus on the Gulf, the 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 high-specification, computerised language lab, lecture theatres, seminar rooms, lounge, satellite TV for viewing Middle Eastern channels and a gallery for Middle Eastern art exhibitions. Additionally, the Arab World Documentation Unit based in the Research Commons 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. As well as Arabic, within the Institute you will have the opportunity to learn Persian and, subject to availability, Indonesian, Kurdish and Turkish languages. 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.

[www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/arabislamic](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/arabislamic)

<sup>1</sup> Research Excellence Framework 2014 based on the percentage of research categorised as 4\*. Arab and Islamic Studies is returned to the Area Studies Unit of Assessment.

# DEGREE PROGRAMMES

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 (or more) in the Arab world.

Our programmes combine elements of our three overlapping areas of study: Middle East Social Sciences; Islamic Studies; and Middle East Humanities. Within these areas we offer a range of modules, including history, politics, economics, 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](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/iais)

## 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. This can put students significantly ahead with their language skills early on, and ahead of those studying language degrees who spend their third or final year abroad.

Our degrees are divided into modules, some core and some optional, which give you the flexibility to structure your degree according to your specific areas of interest. Individual modules are usually worth 15 or 30 credits each (with the exception of Arabic language modules and a 60 credit advanced dissertation in the final year of the MArabic). Full-time undergraduates take 120 credits in each year (although this varies slightly within the intensively taught MArabic). Within the programmes at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, in addition to the core modules, you can choose from an extensive range of options, 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/ug/arabislamic](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/arabislamic)

## UNDERGRADUATE MASTERS

### MArabic (Master of Arabic and Islamic Studies) (EXETER)

T605 4 yrs

AAA-ABB | IB: 36-32 | BTEC: DDD-DDM

- For students with no previous knowledge of Arabic. Students with proficiency in Arabic will be better suited to our BA Middle East Studies
- Four-year undergraduate Masters programme, which includes two periods of study and work in the Middle East
- Achieve high levels of proficiency in Arabic and gain a thorough understanding of the politics, society and culture of the Middle East

**Year 1** Your first year involves an immersive introduction to the study of Arabic. This will include dialect training to prepare you for living and working overseas. You will also have the opportunity to take modules in Islam and the history, society, politics and economics of the region.

**Year 2** Your second year will enable you to experience what it is like to live and work in the Arab World. You will enhance your language training at a prestigious overseas institution and undertake a work placement. Destinations are carefully chosen by the Institute and we remain in contact with you throughout your time abroad. Financial, academic and pastoral support will be available to enable you to make the most of your time in the Middle East.

**Year 3** You'll receive enhanced language training and choose from modules on topics such as the effects of the Arab Spring, international relations of the Middle East, and love, sexuality and spirituality in Islam.

**Year 4** The first term will be primarily spent in the Middle East enabling you to explore a particular career-path through bespoke work experience and specialist language training. On return to Exeter you will complete your dissertation and choose from a range of Masters modules, providing advanced study in specialisms of particular interest to you.

## SINGLE HONOURS

### BA Middle East Studies (EXETER)

T604 3 yrs  
AAB-BBB | IB: 34-30 | BTEC: DDD-DDM

- No language study required. Three-year degree programme
- Expertise of the Institute's staff in social sciences and modern history provides a balanced multidisciplinary study of the area
- Gain a thorough knowledge of the dynamics of the contemporary Middle East including Middle Eastern ethnography, economy and economic development, gender and identity, politics, culture and arts, and religion and society

**Year 1** Compulsory modules examine 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 optional modules.

**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, studying 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 on a topic of personal interest.

## COMBINED HONOURS DEGREES

We offer four-year Combined Honours programmes, which include a study year in an Arab country. The Arabic language component in these programmes is taught at a prestigious language centre in the Middle East, but does not include a compulsory work placement component.

### Arabic and Modern Languages (French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish)\* (EXETER)

RT60 4 yrs  
AAB-ABB | IB: 34-32 | BTEC: DDD-DDM

Required subjects: dependent on your chosen language; see [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/languages](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/languages)

Please see Selecting your chosen language table on page 13.

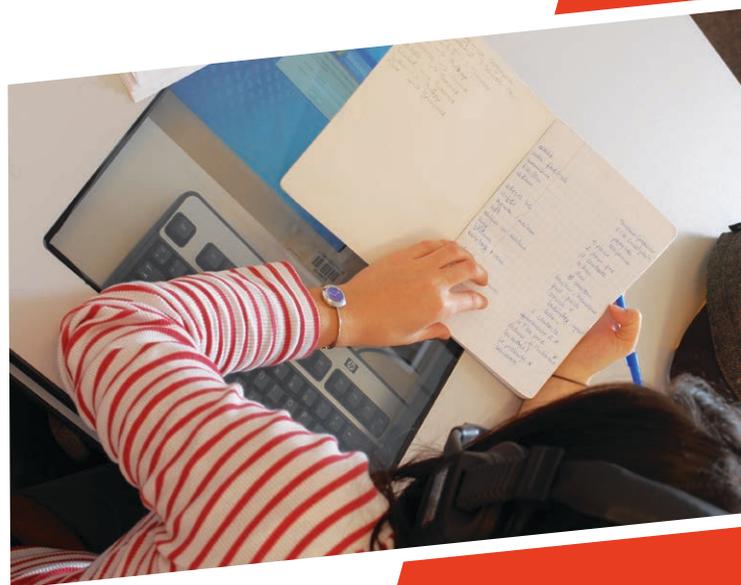
- Explore the cinema, history, literature philosophy and politics relating to your modern language
- Gain a thorough understanding of the culture of the Arab peoples whilst learning their language
- Study modules on Arab literature, Islam and Arab History
- Spend your second year abroad in an Arabic-speaking country

## FLEXIBLE COMBINED HONOURS

Arabic may also be studied under our innovative Flexible Combined Honours scheme.

- Combine two subjects where there is currently no existing Combined Honours degree at the University. These subjects can fall across departments, creating a cross-college degree
- Study three subject areas if compulsory modules allow
- Take modules from a variety of departments by studying one of our thematic pathways

Further information and the full list of available subjects can be found at [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/flexible](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/flexible)



\* Please note that Arabic can only be taken at Beginners' level and you must have an A level or equivalent in your modern language choice.

# LEARNING AND TEACHING

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The nature of university learning, especially in the social sciences, involves significant self-directed study and research. As well as traditional lectures, seminars, and tutorials, led by internationally respected academics at the forefront of research, you'll be encouraged to take the initiative by organising study groups, taking advantage of online and traditional learning resources, and managing your own workload and time.

We integrate the latest approaches along with lectures to give you a varied and challenging programme. In core modules, you will learn through analysis, discussion and debate, practical work, problem-solving, research projects and teamwork, all of which are designed to help you develop key skills for success in your degree, and future career.

Our teaching methods also 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.

## CONTACT TIME

You will receive on average 12-15 contact hours per week with tutors (teaching time) in language-based programmes. You are also expected to invest significant 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.

## ONLINE AND VIRTUAL LEARNING

We are 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 and easily navigable. You can access detailed information about modules and learning outcomes and interact through activities such as discussion forums.

## RESEARCH-INSPIRED TEACHING

The University of Exeter is a research-intensive university. This means that our academic staff do not just teach, but also conduct high quality, ground-breaking research in their specialist subject areas. Staff teach options which are linked to their own interests, including the history, politics, sociology and culture of the Middle East and North Africa, Islamic studies, 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 on 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 and support its interdisciplinary focus:

- **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.
- **Centre for Kurdish Studies** – is the leading UK centre of research in the field and a global centre of excellence. Exeter is the only British university with a strong research focus in the field of Kurdish Studies.
- **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.
- **Centre for Persian and Iranian Studies** – is recognised internationally for leading research into the Sufi poet Rumi, the contemporary history of Iran, and of Iran in the 18th century, and teaches Persian language to students.
- **Centre for the Study of Islam** – brings together one of the largest and most diverse concentrations of expertise in Islamic studies in the UK and serves as an international research hub for all aspects of the field.
- **Centre for Islamic Archaeology** – is the only globally-focused research centre for all aspects of Islamic archaeology, including maritime archaeology, and those areas often wrongly regarded as peripheral (sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia, and South East Asia).

## 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](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate)

## STUDY ABROAD

All undergraduate Arabic language students on a four-year programme spend their second year at a prestigious Arabic language study centre.

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. Students taking the MArabic will also undertake a work placement while overseas. They will have an additional opportunity to study and work abroad in their final (fourth) year.

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:

- Jordan Language Academy (JLA) and Qasid Arabic Institute, Amman, Jordan
- International Language Institute (ILI), Cairo, Egypt
- Arabic Language Institute (ALIF), 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. 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 and the institutions in Amman organise trips to Petra and the Dead 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 your time away in the Year Abroad Photography Competition.

Information about the study abroad year can be found at [www.exeter.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/outbound](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/international/studyabroad/outbound)

## 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. Students on the MArabic have the opportunity to apply for competitive scholarships of up to £1,500 per annum from the Sharjah Scholarship fund.

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

For more information about available scholarships, bursaries and prizes, please visit our website at [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/arabislamic/funding](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/arabislamic/funding)

## 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. Your first year doesn't count towards your final degree classification, but you do have to pass it in order to progress. If you study a three-year programme, assessments in the final two years both count towards your classification, and if you study a four-year programme, then the final three years all contribute. For MArabic students, your progression to Masters study will be dependent on meeting a minimum level of academic attainment in years one to three.

For full details of the assessment criteria for each module, check the Undergraduate Modules section of our website at [www.exeter.ac.uk/iais/undergraduate/modules](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/iais/undergraduate/modules) (for the final year of the MArabic check the Postgraduate Modules section).



# YOUR SUCCESSFUL CAREER

## RECENT GRADUATES ARE NOW WORKING FOR<sup>▲</sup>:

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

## RECENT GRADUATES ARE NOW WORKING AS<sup>▲</sup>:

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

<sup>▲</sup> This information has been taken from the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) Surveys 2014/15. Please note that, due to data protection, the job titles and organisations are listed independently and do not necessarily correspond.

## CAREERS SERVICES

We have a dedicated, award-winning Careers Service, with offices at our Exeter and Penryn campuses, ensuring you have access to careers advisors, mentors and the tools you need to succeed in finding employment in your chosen field on graduation. We offer the Exeter Award and the Exeter Leaders Award which include employability-related workshops, skills events, volunteering and employment which will contribute to your career decision-making skills and success in the employment market. Our graduates compete very successfully in the employment market, with many employers targeting the University when recruiting new graduates. For further information about our Careers Service please visit: [www.exeter.ac.uk/careers](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/careers)

## TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

With the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies you will develop analytical skills to research different interpretations of the issues and events in one of the most high-profile regions of the world. If you spend a year in an Arabic speaking country as part of your degree, you'll leave with a high level proficiency that will be considered invaluable to many employers.

# MODULES

KEY C = Core  
● = Optional

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

## Year 1 Modules

Module Name	MArabic	BA Middle East Studies
Elementary Arabic	C	
Histories of the Middle East, 600-1800 CE	C	C
Introduction to Islam	C	C*
Politics and Economy of the Contemporary Middle East	C	C
Introduction to Persian History and Culture		C*

## Year 2 Modules

Module Name	MArabic	BA Middle East Studies
Living and Communicating in the Arab World	C	
Year Abroad with Work Placement	C	
Conflict and Peacemaking Palestine/Israel		●
Revolution, Reform or Status Quo		●
Islamic Law and Society		●
Muslims in Britain		●
Political Economy of Development in the Middle East		●
Islamist Movements: From the Muslim Brothers to Al-Qa'ida		●
Gender-Identity and Modernity		●

## Year 3 Modules\*

Module Name	MArabic	BA Middle East Studies
Intermediate Arabic Language	C	
Dissertation		C
War, Violence and Revolution in the Middle East, 1800-2013	●	●
Identities in the Modern Middle East	●	●
Governing the Middle East and North Africa: The Effects of the Arab Spring	●	●
International Relations of the Middle East	●	●
Love, Sexuality and Spirituality in Islam	●	●
Islam Contested: Faith, Thought and Politics in the Contemporary World	●	●
Independent Research	C	
Armed Islamist Movements: Jihadism and Beyond		●
EU Democracy Promotion in the Middle East and North Africa		●
Folklore and Identity in the Middle East		●
Politics of Semi-democratic and Authoritarian Countries		●
Nationalisms in the Middle East		●
Islamic Art and Architecture		●
Gender-Identity and Modernity		●

## Year 4 Modules

Module Name	MArabic
Advanced Arabic Language	C
Dissertation	C
State and Society in the Middle East	●
The Kurds: History and Politics	●
The Revolution of 1978/79, the Islamic Republic and the Politics of Contemporary Iran	●
Islamic Culture and Civilisation	●
Studying the Contemporary Middle East	●
Islam in Practice	●
The Middle East Since 1945	●

\* Middle East Studies students must choose Introduction to Islam and/or Introduction to Persian History and Culture as core modules.

\* MArabic students take two core content modules from the range available and also the Intermediate Arabic Language and Independent Research modules.



# MODULES CONTINUED

Please note that availability of all modules is subject to timetabling constraints and that not all modules are available every year. For up-to-date details of all our programmes and modules, please check the undergraduate section of our website at [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/arabislamic](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/arabislamic)

## YEAR 1

### Elementary Arabic Language

This is a core module for first year MArabic and Combined Honours language students. The module introduces the basics of Modern Arabic morphology and syntax as well as the four skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening in Modern Standard Arabic, and prepares you for your year abroad and more advanced Arabic language studies.

### Histories of the Middle East, 600-1800 C.E.

Few other regions of the world have provoked more interest and controversy than the Middle East. This module introduces the historical, political, economic and strategic factors that have shaped the region.

### Introduction to Islam

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.

### Introduction to Persian History and Culture

The study of Iranian civilisation and culture is the most neglected aspect of Islamic Studies today. This module introduces you to one of the world's greatest empires, its classical Islamic civilisation, its contemporary body-politic and its vibrant national culture.

### Politics and Economy of the Contemporary Middle East

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.

## YEAR 2

### Living and Communicating in the Arab World

This module will prepare you for living in the Middle East on both a linguistic and a practical level. You will practise practical linguistic scenarios reflecting situations you are likely to encounter while living in the Arab world. You will also consider the practical aspects of living in the region, from bureaucratic, social, cultural, travel, political, security, health and wellbeing perspectives.

### Conflict and Peacemaking Palestine/Israel

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.

### Revolution, Reform or Status Quo

This module aims to provide you with an understanding of the current situation in a number of North African countries, namely Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia. You will consider how political systems appear to have changed in the wake of the Arab Spring, and what direction the changes seem to be taking in these countries.

### Islamic Law and Society

This module examines the history and modern development of Islamic law. You will examine a wide range of different types of Shari'a regulations including the position of women, human rights, criminal law and marriage and divorce.

### Muslims in Britain

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.

### Political Economy of Development in the Middle East

This module introduces the main themes and dynamics in the political economy of the Middle East, at domestic, regional and global levels.

### Islamist Movements: From the Muslim Brothers to Al-Qa'ida

You will study the major Islamist movements in the Middle East and Central Asia, their behaviour and ideologies. Topics will include Jihad (holy war), Shiite Islam and Secular Islam. Your studies will address the causes and the political consequences of the rise of Islamist movements in Muslim-majority states.

### Gender-Identity and Modernity

This module will explore the interrelationships between gender, identity and modernity in the contemporary Middle East. You will learn to critically analyse the various debates, tensions and transformations that are linked to changing gender relations in the region, including modernisation, nationalism, feminism and Islamism.

## YEAR 3

### Intermediate Arabic Language

Having spent a year in an Arabic-speaking country, you will have a deeper knowledge of Arabic language and culture and different Arabic dialects. This module will build on this experience and develop your language abilities using a wide range of written and audio-visual materials.

### War, Violence and Revolution in the Middle East, 1800-2013

This module explores ways in which dramatic and traumatic experiences of war, revolution and violence have shaped states, institutions and attitudes in the modern Middle East and considers the approaches taken by historians and others to understand these phenomena.

### Identities in the Modern Middle East

Adopting a multidisciplinary approach, this module offers you basic training in cultural and anthropological approaches to the study of the Near and Middle East and is structured around the themes of Orientalism, the nation, space and selfhood.

### International Relations of the Middle East

This module explores the historical underpinnings for modern actions between states in the region before considering some major international issues such as the Arab-Israeli conflict, oil and its influence on the political economy, and the consequences of globalisation. Growing anti-Americanism and the spread of extremist Islamist networks are also investigated.

<b>Governing the Middle East and North Africa: The Effects of the Arab Spring</b>	You will learn about the people, institutions, and processes that shape political life in the region, with particular emphasis on the Arab Spring. You will consider democracy and authoritarianism; the role of political parties, party systems, the constitution and the judiciary; and the importance of civil society.	<b>Islamic Art and Architecture</b>	This module provides 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.
<b>Love, Sexuality and Spirituality in Islam</b>	This module takes you beyond the superficial portrayal of Islam in the media as an exclusively legalistic religion dictated by strict, uncompromising laws, to give you a deeper insight into the many doctrines of love in Islam, its generous views about sexuality and male-female relations, its poetic romanticism and fascinating spirituality.	<b>YEAR 4</b>	
<b>Islam Contested: Faith, Thought and Politics in the Contemporary World</b>	An understanding of contemporary Islam is indispensable to making sense of current affairs and the world around us. This module will introduce you to the world of Islamic faith, thought and politics today, paying particular attention to the crucial theme of contestation over Islam and its application.	<b>Advanced Arabic Language</b>	You will spend the first term studying and working in the Middle East and continue to develop your language skills when you return to Exeter. You will become familiar with a range of text types for writing and translation including media sources, literature and religious texts.
<b>Independent Research</b>	The aim of this module is to equip you with the necessary skills for conducting research at Masters-level and to prepare you for dissertation planning.	<b>State and Society in the Middle East</b>	This module explores concepts, themes and cases which are crucial to an understanding of modern Middle Eastern politics. By focusing on forces such as ethnicity, religion and nationalism, it seeks to explain Middle East politics with reference to its underlying social dynamics.
<b>Armed Islamist Movements: Jihadism and Beyond</b>	This module provides an understanding of the complex relationships between Islamism and various types of political violence including insurgency and terrorism. It covers the major Jihadist groups as well as other versions of armed Islamist movements in the Middle East, the Caucasus and Central Asia.	<b>The Kurds: History and Politics</b>	The module will encourage you to critically examine the history of the Kurds and their politics, considering issues of social organisation, nationalism, political party formation, identity, political economy, regional relations and international relations.
<b>EU Democracy Promotion in the Middle East and North Africa</b>	This module provides a level of knowledge that allows you to discuss the topic of EU democracy promotion and the state of democracy across the Middle East and North Africa.	<b>The Revolution of 1978/79, the Islamic Republic and the Politics of Contemporary Iran</b>	This module focuses on the history of Iran since 1970, explaining the revolution of 1979 and the history of the Islamic Republic, providing an important background to current events and problems of pressing international importance.
<b>Folklore and Identity in the Middle East</b>	This module explores the co-existence of classical and popular traditions in the Middle East and the continuing role of 'folklore' in 'modern' contexts.	<b>Islamic Culture and Civilisation</b>	This module provides a critical and advanced introduction to studying the world of Islam and headlines the major issues, debates and discussions within the study of Islam from the earliest period to the present day.
<b>Foundational Islamic Texts: Qur'an and Hadith</b>	This module provides you with the opportunity to develop your skills in reading the foundational texts of the Qur'an and hadith, as well as related Tafsir (Qur'an commentary) literature.	<b>Studying the Contemporary Middle East</b>	The aim of the module is to expose you to a wide variety of approaches to the study of the contemporary Middle East, with a particular emphasis on topics such as art and architecture, gender, language and literature, and colonialism.
<b>Politics of Semi-Democratic and Authoritarian Countries</b>	This module will introduce you to, and familiarise you with, the neglected field of the politics of semi-democratic or authoritarian countries. It 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.	<b>Islam in Practice</b>	This module analyses a variety of topics relating to the contemporary and classical practice of Islam, including the pillars and rites of Islam, musical devotional practices, the philosophy and practice of prayer, charity and almsgiving.
<b>Nationalisms in the Middle East</b>	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.	<b>The Middle East since 1945</b>	This module deals with the history, culture and politics of the Arab World, Turkey and Iran after the Second World War. Middle Eastern societies are studied in the context of European rivalries, the Cold War and the onset of globalisation as defining characteristics of a new world order.



# KEY INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

	UCAS CODE	TYPICAL OFFER
<b>MArabic</b> Arabic and Islamic Studies	T605	AAA-ABB; IB: 36-32; BTEC: DDD-DDM
<b>BA Single Honours</b> Middle East Studies	T604	AAB-BBB; IB: 34-30; BTEC: DDD-DDM
<b>BA Combined Honours</b> Arabic and Modern Languages	RT60	AAB-BBB; IB: 34-32; BTEC: DDD-DDM
<b>Flexible Combined Honours/</b> with Study Abroad/ with UK Work Experience/ with Work Abroad/ with Study and Work Abroad	Y004/ Y006/ Y007/ Y008/ Y014	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34; BTEC: D*DD-DDD

We make every effort to ensure that entry requirements are up-to-date in our printed literature. However, because brochures are produced well in advance, our entry requirements and offers may be subject to change.

For up to date details regarding entry requirements and programme specifics, please see our Arab and Islamic Studies pages at [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/arabislamic](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/arabislamic)

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 and/or Mathematics.

## Applying to study Combined Honours with Modern Languages

When applying to a Combined Honours degree with a modern language you will need to indicate, under 'further details' in the 'choices' section of the application, the language you wish to study using the codes in the table. Please note you may choose only one language. For further information on completing your UCAS form, please visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) and for more information on language requirements for our Combined Honours degrees go to [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/languages](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/languages)

SELECTING YOUR CHOSEN LANGUAGE		
CODE	SUBJECT	REQUIRED SUBJECT
<i>Fren</i>	French	<b>For the Beginners' route:</b> GCSE in a modern foreign language grade B or 5.
<i>Chin</i>	Chinese (Mandarin)	<b>For the Advanced route:</b> GCE AL in a modern foreign language (French, German, Italian, Russian or Spanish) grade B; IB modern foreign language (French, German, Italian, Russian or Spanish) HL5
<i>Germ</i>	German	
<i>Ital</i>	Italian	
<i>Port</i>	Portuguese	
<i>Russ</i>	Russian	
<i>Span</i>	Spanish	

## Language requirements for Combined Honours with Modern Languages

- Grade B or 5 at GCSE in any modern foreign language is all that is required to study any of our seven languages on the Beginners' route as part of a Combined Honours degree
- Grade B at A level is required in any language you intend to study from A level
- You may only choose one language
- Students pursuing language study on the basis of a GCSE are normally classed as Beginners
- French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish can be studied from A level or Beginners level, with both cohorts reaching degree level in the final year
- Chinese and Portuguese can normally only be studied from Beginners level with students reaching degree level in the final year

## International students

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/ug/international](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/international)

For information on the application, decision, offer and confirmation process, please visit [www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/applications](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/applications)

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### Accuracy of subject brochure information

The information in this subject brochure forms part of the undergraduate prospectus 2019 and is aimed at prospective undergraduate students wishing to apply for a place at the University of Exeter (the University) and start a course with us in autumn 2019. The prospectus and subject brochures describe in outline the courses and services offered by the University and we make every effort to ensure that the information provided is accurate and up-to-date at the time of going to print (undergraduate prospectus is printed January 2018 and subject brochures are printed in May 2018).

However, it may be necessary for the University to make some changes to the information presented in the prospectus following publication – for example, where it is necessary to reflect changes in practice or theory in an academic subject as a result of emerging research; or if an accrediting body requires certain course content to be added or removed. More information about our terms and conditions can be found at: [www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/applications/terms](http://www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate/applications/terms)

<sup>1</sup> 98% of our research was rated as 2\*,3\* or 4\* in the Research Assessment Exercise 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Between 2006/07 – 2015/16, the University of Exeter saw the greatest rise in research income, compared to all other Russell Group universities.

