

## Masters in Middle Eastern History

### Also Postgraduate Diploma and MPhil

Programme Coordinator: Prof Ali Ansari

#### **Taught Element:**

40 credits: MH5101

80 credits: from MH5301, MH5302, MH5002, IR5212

OR 50 credits: MH5002, MH5201, IR5212 + 40 credits: (AR1001 + AR1002), or (AR2001 + AR2002) or (PR1001 + PR1002)

#### **MLitt:**

120 credits as for the Taught Element plus one of AP5099, HI5099, ME5099 or MO5099

#### **MPhil:**

120 credits as for the Taught Element plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

### Compulsory modules:

MH5101 Themes in Middle Eastern History and Politics				
<b>SCOTCAT Credits:</b>	40	SCQF Level 11	<b>Semester:</b>	1
<b>Planned timetable:</b>	To be arranged.			
This module is intended to introduce students to themes and debates in Middle Eastern history and politics. It looks at a variety of theoretical and disciplinary approaches, including Orientalism, as well as exploring questions of nationalism, statehood and identity. Themes include religion, state and society and Iranian relations with the West. It also exposes students to a wide range of historical writing from late antiquity to the twentieth century.				
<b>Programme module type:</b>	Compulsory for the Iranian Studies and Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programmes. Optional for Transnational, Global and Spacial History Postgraduate Programme.			
<b>Learning and teaching methods and delivery:</b>	<b>Weekly contact:</b> 2-hour seminar.			
<b>Assessment pattern:</b>	Coursework = 100%			
<b>Module Co-ordinator:</b>	Prof A Ansari			

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HI5099 Dissertation for MLitt Programme/s				
<b>SCOTCAT Credits:</b>	60	SCQF Level 11	<b>Semester:</b>	Whole Year
<b>Planned timetable:</b>	At times to be arranged with the supervisor.			
Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by the end of August.				
<b>Programme module type:</b>	Compulsory for Iranian Studies MLitt Postgraduate Programme. One of HI5099, AP5099, ME5099 or MO5099 compulsory for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme.			
<b>Learning and teaching methods and delivery:</b>	<b>Weekly contact:</b> Individual supervision.			
<b>Assessment pattern:</b>	Coursework (Dissertation) = 100%			
<b>Module Co-ordinator:</b>	Team Taught			

### Optional modules:

MH5301 Directed Reading in Middle Eastern History 1				
<b>SCOTCAT Credits:</b>	20	SCQF Level 11	<b>Semester:</b>	1
<b>Planned timetable:</b>	To be arranged.			
A directed reading project designed to encourage the development of skills of historical analysis through concentrated study of a topic chosen by the student in consultation with a supervisor. The project offers the student the opportunity to develop skills of research, analysis and presentation prior to the dissertation. As such, it will serve as a useful transition between the more structured teaching of undergraduate work and the independence of postgraduate dissertations.				
<b>Programme module type:</b>	Optional for the Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme			
<b>Learning and teaching methods and delivery:</b>	<b>Weekly contact:</b> 2-hour one-to-one tutorials (x 6)			
<b>Assessment pattern:</b>	Coursework (2 essays) = 100%			
<b>Module Co-ordinator:</b>	TBC			

MH5302 Directed Reading in Middle Eastern History 2				
<b>SCOTCAT Credits:</b>	20	SCQF Level 11	<b>Semester:</b>	2
<b>Planned timetable:</b>	To be arranged.			
A directed reading project designed to encourage the development of skills of historical analysis through concentrated study of a topic chosen by the student in consultation with a supervisor. The project offers the student the opportunity to develop skills of research, analysis and presentation prior to the dissertation. As such, it will serve as a useful transition between the more structured teaching of undergraduate work and the independence of postgraduate dissertations.				
<b>Programme module type:</b>	Optional for the Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme			
<b>Learning and teaching methods and delivery:</b>	<b>Weekly contact:</b> 2-hour one-to-one tutorials (x 6)			
<b>Assessment pattern:</b>	Coursework (2 essays) = 100%			
<b>Module Co-ordinator:</b>	TBC			

<b>MH5201 Middle Eastern Historical Translation</b>				
<b>SCOTCAT Credits:</b>	10	SCQF Level 11	<b>Semester:</b>	2
<b>Availability restrictions:</b>	Available only to students on Iranian Studies or Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programmes.			
<b>Planned timetable:</b>	To be arranged.			
This module is intended to complement and supplement Persian language modules and to serve as a bridge between the language modules and history modules which constitute the majority of the MLitt in Iranian Studies programme, and is assessed through the submission of an annotated translation from Persian into English. The specific text will be agreed with the course tutor and will be relevant both to the student's specific research interests and their proficiency in Persian.				
<b>Programme module type:</b>	Optional for Iranian Studies and Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programmes.			
<b>Pre-requisite(s):</b>	(AR1001 or AR2001 or AR3401 or AR4401 or (PR1001 or PR2001 or PR3001)			
<b>Learning and teaching methods and delivery:</b>	<b>Weekly contact:</b>			
<b>Assessment pattern:</b>	<b>Coursework = 100%</b>			
<b>Module Co-ordinator:</b>	Prof A Ansari			
<b>Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):</b>	Prof A Ansari			

**MH5201 Plus language modules:**

<b>AR1001 Arabic for Beginners 1</b>				
<b>SCOTCAT Credits:</b>	20	SCQF Level 7	<b>Semester:</b>	1
<b>Planned timetable:</b>	11.00 am or, if timetable clash, 12.00 noon on Mon; 11.00 am or, if timetable clash, 12.00 noon Tue - Fri, or 4.00 pm, Tue, Thu, Fri and 9.00 am Wed, or 2.00 pm, Tue, Thu, Fri and 9 am Wed			
This module, together with AR1002, will enable students to read, write and converse in simple Modern Standard Arabic. It will cover the Arabic alphabet and writing system, and begin the study of Arabic grammar. A selection of non-literary modern Arabic texts will be read in class as the basis of language teaching, classroom drills, tests and written assignments and oral class work.				
<b>Programme module type:</b>	Optional for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme.			
<b>Anti-requisite(s):</b>	Native Speaker of Arabic who is fluent in Modern Standard Arabic, a pass at Higher, A-Level or equivalent.	<b>Required for:</b>	AR1002	
<b>Learning and teaching methods and delivery:</b>	<b>Weekly contact:</b> 5 language classes and 1 surgery hour.			
<b>Assessment pattern:</b>	2-hour Written Examination = 40%, approximately 15-minute Practical Examination = 20%, Coursework = 40%			
<b>Module Co-ordinator:</b>	Dr F Caiani			
<b>Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):</b>	Dr F Caiani, TBC, Mr M Whitehouse			

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AR1002 Arabic for Beginners 2				
<b>SCOTCAT Credits:</b>	20	SCQF Level 7	<b>Semester:</b>	2
<b>Planned timetable:</b>	11.00 am or, if timetable clash, 12.00 noon on Mon; 11.00 am or, if timetable clash, 12.00 noon Tue - Fri, or 3.00 pm Tue - Fri, or 4.00 pm, Tue, Thu, Fri and 9.00 am Wed			
This module will complete the work of AR1001 and prepare students for AR2001. It will cover the remaining points of Arabic grammar, using a selection of representative non-literary texts. Please note that this module is not designed for native or heritage speakers of Arabic.				
<b>Programme module type:</b>	Optional for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme.			
<b>Anti-requisite(s):</b>	Native Speaker of Arabic who is fluent in Modern Standard Arabic.	<b>Required for:</b>	AR2001	
<b>Learning and teaching methods and delivery:</b>	<b>Weekly contact:</b> 5 language classes and 1 surgery hour.			
<b>Assessment pattern:</b>	2-hour Written Examination = 40%, approximately 15-minute Practical Examination = 20%, Coursework = 40%			
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AR2001 Intermediate Arabic 1				
<b>SCOTCAT Credits:</b>	20	SCQF Level 8	<b>Semester:</b>	1
<b>Planned timetable:</b>	10.00 am. If timetable clash, 2.00 pm Wed, Thu and Fri, or 4.00 pm Wed, Thu and Fri			
This module, together with AR2002, will enable students to read and write Modern Standard Arabic to intermediate level with the aid of a dictionary, and to speak in standard Arabic on appropriate topics with a limited vocabulary. Oral work and written class work will be based on a series of texts selected for their relevance to the understanding of contemporary issues and culture.				
<b>Programme module type:</b>	Optional for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme.			
<b>Required for:</b>	AR2002			
<b>Learning and teaching methods and delivery:</b>	<b>Weekly contact:</b> 5 language classes and 1 surgery hour.			
<b>Assessment pattern:</b>	2-hour Written Examination = 40%, approximately 15-minute Practical Examination = 20%, Coursework = 40%			
<b>Module Co-ordinator:</b>	Dr F Caiani			
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AR2002 Intermediate Arabic 2				
<b>SCOTCAT Credits:</b>	20	SCQF Level 8	<b>Semester:</b>	2
<b>Planned timetable:</b>	10.00 am. If timetable clash, 10.00 am Wed, 2.00 pm Thu and Fri, or 4.00 pm Wed, Thu and Fri			
This module continues the work of AR2001 and prepares students for Honours modules in Arabic. In tutorials, applied language work uses passages from contemporary and modern writings, selected for their relevance to the understanding of contemporary issues, language and thought. In classes/lectures, representative literary texts provide an introduction to key themes in Arabic culture.				
<b>Programme module type:</b>	Optional for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme.			
<b>Learning and teaching methods and delivery:</b>	<b>Weekly contact:</b> 5 language/text classes and 1 surgery hour.			
<b>Assessment pattern:</b>	2-hour Written Examination = 40%, approximately 15-minute Practical Examination = 20%, Coursework = 40%			
<b>Module Co-ordinator:</b>	Dr F Caiani			
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PR1001 Persian for Beginners 1				
<b>SCOTCAT Credits:</b>	20	SCQF Level 7	<b>Semester:</b>	1
<b>Planned timetable:</b>	2.00 pm Mon to Fri			
This is a beginner's level language module, which teaches the skills of reception (reading and listening) and production (speaking and writing) in Persian. The aim is to familiarise students with the spoken and written forms of Persian, to enable them to express themselves in writing, role-play and basic dialogues, and to begin to read basic authentic texts. Please note that this module is not designed for native or heritage speakers of Persian.				
<b>Programme module type:</b>	Optional for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme.			
<b>Anti-requisite(s):</b>	Native speaker of Persian, a pass at Higher, A-Level or equivalent.	<b>Required for:</b>	PR1002	
<b>Learning and teaching methods and delivery:</b>	<b>Weekly contact:</b> 5 language classes and 1 surgery hour.			
<b>Assessment pattern:</b>	2-hour Written Examination = 40%, approximately 15-minute Oral Examination = 20%, Coursework = 40%			
<b>Module Co-ordinator:</b>	Dr M Ghorbankarimi			
<b>Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):</b>	Dr M Ghorbankarimi			

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PR1002 Persian for Beginners 2				
<b>SCOTCAT Credits:</b>	20	SCQF Level 7	<b>Semester:</b>	2
<b>Planned timetable:</b>	2.00 pm Mon to Fri			
This module is a continuation of PR1001, developing reception skills (reading and listening), and language production (speaking and writing) in Persian. It also provides an introduction to elementary translation between Persian and English. Please note that this module is not designed for native or heritage speakers of Persian.				
<b>Programme module type:</b>	Optional for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme.			
<b>Required for:</b>	PR2001			
<b>Learning and teaching methods and delivery:</b>	<b>Weekly contact:</b> 5 language classes and 1 surgery hour.			
<b>Assessment pattern:</b>	2-hour Written Examination = 40%, approximately 15-minute Oral Examination = 20%, Coursework = 40%			
<b>Module Co-ordinator:</b>	Dr M Ghorbankarimi			
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