Masters in Middle Eastern History

Programme Requirements

Middle Eastern History - MLitt

MH5101 (40 credits) and
(80 credits from Module List: MH5301, MH5302, MH5113, MS5024 or
((50 credits from Module List: MH5201, MH5113, MH5301 - MH5302 and
40 credits from Module List: (AR1001 and AR1002) or (AR2001 and AR2002) or
(PR1001 and PR1002)))
60 credits from Module List: AP5099, HI5099, ME5099 or MO5099

Further requirements
Choose 180 credits in academic year
If chosen 40 credits must be taken from pairs of language modules (AR1001 and AR1002) or (AR2001 and AR2002) or (PR1001 and PR1002).

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

Compulsory module:

MH5101 Themes in Middle Eastern History

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This module is intended to introduce students to themes and debates in Middle Eastern history. The module will look at methodological problems, questions of historiography, including source analysis, the construction of narratives and contemporary debates. There will also be opportunities to address key concepts and ideas including but not limited to the idea of the state, state-society relations, religion, identity, and ideologies/nationalism. Coursework will reflect the particular interests of the students and case studies will be drawn from their regional and historical concentrations.

Programme module type: Compulsory for the Iranian Studies and Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programmes.
Optional for Transnational, Global and Spatial History Postgraduate Programme.

Learning and teaching methods and delivery: Weekly contact: 2-hour seminar.

Assessment pattern: Coursework = 100%

Module coordinator: Prof A Ansari
### One of:

#### AP5099 Dissertation for MLitt Programme/s

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**Planned timetable:** At times arranged with the supervisor(s).

Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff in Arabic and Persian 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.

**Programme module type:** Compulsory for Middle Eastern Literary and Cultural Studies MLitt Postgraduate Programme.
One of HI5099, AP5099, ME5099 or MO5099 compulsory for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme.

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: At times arranged with the supervisor(s)

**Assessment pattern:** Dissertation = 100%

**Module coordinator:** TBC

**Module teaching staff:** Team taught/various

#### HI5099 Dissertation for MLitt Programme/s

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**Planned timetable:** 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.

**Programme module type:** Compulsory for Iranian Studies MLitt Postgraduate Programme.
One of HI5099, AP5099, ME5099 or MO5099 compulsory for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme.

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: Individual supervision.

**Assessment pattern:** Coursework (Dissertation) = 100%

**Module coordinator:** Dr J Clark

#### ME5099 Dissertation for MLitt Programme/s

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**Planned timetable:** 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 a specified date late in August.

**Programme module type:** Compulsory for Mediaeval History MLitt Postgraduate Programme.
One of HI5099, AP5099, ME5099 or MO5099 compulsory for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme.
One of ME5099, MOS099 or IR5099 is compulsory for Strategic Studies.

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: Individual supervision according to School guidelines.

**Assessment pattern:** Coursework (Dissertation) = 100%

**Module coordinator:** Prof J Hudson
MO5099 Dissertation for MLitt Programme/s

**SCOTCAT Credits:** 60  
**SCQF Level 11**  
**Semester:** Whole Year

**Planned timetable:** 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.

**Programme module type:** Compulsory for The Book, Early Modern History, Intellectual History, Modern History, Reformation Studies, and Transnational History MLitt Postgraduate Programmes  
One of HIS099, APS099, ME5099 or MO5099 compulsory for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate  
Optional for Central and East European Studies Postgraduate Programme.

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: Individual Supervision.

**Assessment pattern:** Coursework (Dissertation) = 100%

**Module coordinator:** Dr J Clark

**Module teaching staff:** By arrangement

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**Optional modules (depending on pathway):**

**MHS301 Directed Reading in Middle Eastern History 1**

**SCOTCAT Credits:** 20  
**SCQF Level 11**  
**Semester:** 1

**Planned timetable:** 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.

**Programme module type:** Optional for the Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: 2-hour one-to-one tutorials (x 6)

**Assessment pattern:** Coursework (2 essays) = 100%

**Module coordinator:** TBC

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**MHS302 Directed Reading in Middle Eastern History 2**

**SCOTCAT Credits:** 20  
**SCQF Level 11**  
**Semester:** 2

**Planned timetable:** 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.

**Programme module type:** Optional for the Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: 2-hour one-to-one tutorials (x 6)

**Assessment pattern:** Coursework (2 essays) = 100%

**Module coordinator:** TBC
### MHS113 State and Society in the Pre-Modern Middle East

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**Planned timetable:** TBC

This module introduces postgraduate students to debates about development of states and societies in the pre-modern Middle East from Late Antiquity to the eve of the modern period. Topics covered include Byzantium, medieval Armenia, the Caliphate, the Seljuk Empire, the Fatimid dynasty, and the Ottomans and Safavid empires. The course examines the state formation in the Middle East and interaction between religion, politics and society in the region.

**Programme module type:** Optional for the Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: 1 x 2-hour seminar

**Assessment pattern:** Coursework = 100%

**Module coordinator:** Prof A Peacock

### MS5024 Mediaeval Language

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**Planned timetable:** To be arranged.

An optional module providing an introduction to one mediaeval language. Grounding in the grammar of and translation from the language will be acquired with the help of grammar exercises and translation practice on original texts. The aim is to get all students to an acceptable level of proficiency in reading and translation. Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level may be requested. Time and students’ linguistic expertise permitting, some literary contextualisation of the texts studied and translated may also be included. The languages normally available include Classical Arabic, Classical Armenian, Old English, Mediaeval French, Middle High German, Old Irish, Old Norse, Classical Persian, Middle Scots and Turkish.

**Programme module type:** Compulsory for Middle Eastern History (unless undergraduate language modules are taken)  
Optional for Mediaeval Studies Postgraduate Programme

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: 2-hour seminar.

**Assessment pattern:** Coursework = 100%

**Module coordinator:** TBC

### MH5201 Middle Eastern Historical Translation

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**Availability restrictions:** Available only to students on Iranian Studies or Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programmes.

**Planned timetable:** 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.

**Programme module type:** Optional for Iranian Studies and Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programmes.

**Pre-requisite(s):** (AR1001 or AR2001 or AR3401 or AR4401 or (PR1001 or PR2001 or PR3001)

**Co -requisite(s):** (AR1002 or AR2002 or AR3402 or AR4402) or (PR1002 or PR2002 or PR3002)

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact:

**Assessment pattern:** Coursework = 100%

**Module coordinator:** Prof A Ansari
### Language modules:

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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-literate modern Arabic texts will be read in class as the basis of language teaching, classroom drills, tests and written assignments and oral class work.

**Programme module type:** Optional for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme.

**Anti-requisite(s):** Native Speaker of Arabic who is fluent in Modern Standard Arabic, a pass at Higher, A-Level or equivalent.

**Required for:** AR1002

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: 5 language classes and 1 surgery hour.

**Assessment pattern:** 2-hour Written Examination = 40%, approximately 15-minute Practical Examination = 20%, Coursework = 40%

**Module coordinator:** Mr M Whitehouse

**Module teaching staff:** Dr F Caiani, TBC, Mr M Whitehouse

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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-literate texts. Please note that this module is not designed for native or heritage speakers of Arabic.

**Programme module type:** Optional for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme.

**Anti-requisite(s):** Native Speaker of Arabic who is fluent in Modern Standard Arabic.

**Required for:** AR2001

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: 5 language classes and 1 surgery hour.

**Assessment pattern:** 2-hour Written Examination = 40%, approximately 15-minute Practical Examination = 20%, Coursework = 40%

**Module coordinator:** Mr M Whitehouse

**Module teaching staff:** Dr F Caiani, TBC, Mr M Whitehouse
### AR2001 Intermediate Arabic 1

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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.

**Programme module type:** Optional for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme.

**Required for:** AR2002

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: 5 language classes and 1 surgery hour.

**Assessment pattern:**
- 2-hour Written Examination = 40%, approximately 15-minute Practical Examination = 20%, Coursework = 40%

**Module coordinator:** Dr F Caiani

**Module teaching staff:** Dr F Caiani, TBC, Mr M Whitehouse

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### AR2002 Intermediate Arabic 2

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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.

**Programme module type:** Optional for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme.

**Required for:** AR3201

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: 5 language/text classes and 1 surgery hour.

**Assessment pattern:**
- 2-hour Written Examination = 40%, approximately 15-minute Practical Examination = 20%, Coursework = 40%

**Module coordinator:** Dr F Caiani

**Module teaching staff:** Dr F Caiani, TBC, Mr M Whitehouse
### PR1001 Persian for Beginners 1

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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.

**Programme module type:** Optional for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme.

**Anti-requisite(s):** Native speaker of Persian, a pass at Higher, A-Level or equivalent.

**Required for:** PR1002

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: 5 language classes and 1 surgery hour.

**Assessment pattern:** 2-hour Written Examination = 40%, approximately 15-minute Oral Examination = 20%, Coursework = 40%

**Module coordinator:** Dr M Ghorbankarimi

**Module teaching staff:** Dr M Ghorbankarimi

### PR1002 Persian for Beginners 2

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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.

**Programme module type:** Optional for Middle Eastern History Postgraduate Programme.

**Required for:** PR2001

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: 5 language classes and 1 surgery hour.

**Assessment pattern:** 2-hour Written Examination = 40%, approximately 15-minute Oral Examination = 20%, Coursework = 40%

**Module coordinator:** Dr M Ghorbankarimi