

# T6K109: Arab World Studies



Postgraduate Taught MSc 2020

## Essentials

<b>UCAS code</b>	
<b>Degree</b>	MSc
<b>Mode of study</b>	Full Time
<b>Duration</b>	2 years
<b>Start Date</b>	October
<b>Location</b>	Durham City ( <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city">www.durham.ac.uk/study/location/durham.city</a> )
<b>More information</b>	Still have questions? ( <a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/">www.durham.ac.uk/study/askus/</a> )
<b>Department(s) Website</b>	<a href="http://www.durham.ac.uk/sgia">www.durham.ac.uk/sgia</a>

## Course Summary

### Description

The MSc in Arab World Studies is intended to provide rigorous, research-driven, interdisciplinary, Masters-level education and training. It is committed to providing a supportive learning environment that seeks to combine critical and practical reasoning so as to attain the following aims:

- The course is designed to establish a cadre of exceptional researchers, qualified at the Masters level, with skills and knowledge sufficient for the conduct of research in and on the Arab World
- To recruit students of high calibre who have not previously completed any substantive research training and who have few or no Arabic language skills
- To provide generic training in research methods and methodologies to provide a foundation in a broad range of social science research methods as well as basic research and transferable skills that all students in the social sciences require as deemed appropriate for ESRC recognition
- To provide subject-specific training in research methods and methodologies in Politics, relevant also to International Relations and International Studies

To provide language instruction in the Arabic language, such that the student develops appropriate and sufficient competence to utilise the language in their subsequent research, or employment in the Arabic-speaking world

- To develop the knowledge, skills and understanding which will prepare you to undertake research for a doctoral degree in Politics, International Relations or International Studies, and which may be required of a professional researcher in these fields of the social sciences
- To develop your knowledge of the range of existing disciplinary, multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research on the Arab World.

## Course Structure

### Year 1

#### Core Modules include:

- Arabic Language 1
- Perspectives on Social Research
- International Politics of the Middle East
- Statistical Exploration and Reasoning
- Quantitative Methods in Social Science
- Applied Statistics

### Year 2

#### Core modules include:

- Arabic Language "B
- Dissertation

- Qualitative Methods in Social Science
- Fieldwork and Interpretation

**Two SGIA optional modules that include:**

- Global Governance
- Global Political Theory
- Debates in European Politics
- The Politics of East Asia
- International Politics of the Middle East
- History of Political Thought
- Contemporary Political Philosophy

A 20 credit language module is allowed to be taken with all the programmes as long as it is agreed with the programme director.

## **Admissions Process**

### **Subject requirements, level and grade**

UK 2.1 Bachelor degree, or equivalent ([www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/international/country.information/)).

Two satisfactory academic references. In cases of applicants who have significant relevant experience, one work-related reference and one academic reference would be considered appropriate.

No prior substantive research training and few or no Arabic language skills.

### **English Language requirements**

Please check requirements for your subject and level of study ([www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/))

### **How to apply**

[www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply)

## Fees and Funding

### Full Time Fees

<b>EU Student</b>	£10,500.00 per year
<b>Home Student</b>	£10,500.00 per year
<b>Island Student</b>	£10,500.00 per year
<b>International non-EU Student</b>	£21,000.00 per year

The tuition fees shown are for one complete academic year of full time study, are set according to the academic year of entry, and remain the same throughout the duration of the programme for that cohort (**unless otherwise stated**).

Please also check costs for colleges and accommodation ([www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/accommodation/costs/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/accommodation/costs/)).

### Scholarships and funding

[www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance)

## **Career Opportunities**

### **School of Government and International Affairs**

Our students go on to a wide range of successful careers including civil service and other government agencies, UN/INGOs/CSOs, journalism, media, teaching, law, banking and finance, diplomatic services and risk analysis.

For further information on career options and employability, including the results of the Destination of Leavers survey, student and employer testimonials and details of work experience and study abroad opportunities, please visit our employability web pages ([www.durham.ac.uk/sgia/postgraduate/employability](http://www.durham.ac.uk/sgia/postgraduate/employability)).

## **Open days and visits**

### **Pre-application open day**

[www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit)

### **Overseas Visit Schedule**

[www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus](http://www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus)

### **Postgraduate Visits**

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[www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit/)

## Department Information

### School of Government and International Affairs

#### Overview

Durham's School of Government and International Affairs (SGIA) combines a long tradition of expertise in a wide range of fields in politics, political theory, political economy, and international relations with a depth of specialisms in regional expertise – Europe, East Asia, the Middle East and the wider Muslim world. The SGIA provides an exceptional environment for learning, training and research.

#### Ranking

71% of the department's research is either Internationally Excellent' (3\*) or World Leading (4\*) – the top two categories in *REF 2014*.

#### Website

[www.durham.ac.uk/sgia](http://www.durham.ac.uk/sgia)

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