



Master of Middle Eastern & Central Asian Studies



CRICOS code: 108330G

Intakes: S1 and S2

Duration: 1.5 years FT

Prerequisites: none

Master of Middle Eastern & Central Asian Studies (Advanced):

CRICOS code: 082339E

Duration: 2 years FT

The Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies is Australia's premier location for studies in this field, with a high international standing and links with its major counterparts in the Arab and Muslim world, as well as in North America and Europe.

Study in small groups with country experts and gain a deep regional grounding from multiple interdisciplinary perspectives, including contemporary politics, international relations, modern history, political economy, development studies, sociology, and religious and cultural studies. The degree includes intensive options for busy professionals, and online options for those based remotely, alongside traditional face-to-face seminars with leading global experts on the Middle East and Central Asia.

Career opportunities

Career prospects for graduates with a background in Arab and Islamic Studies include opportunities in the public service, diplomacy, journalism, business and trade, both in Australia and overseas.

Language specialists are in strong demand specifically in government departments dealing with immigration and ethnic affairs, foreign affairs, customs and excise, social welfare, health, consumer affairs, and the media.

Professional outcomes

Graduates acquire a range of skills including:

- cultural and regional expertise
- diplomacy and communication
- research and analytics
- language and linguistics
- problem solving.

Cognate disciplines

- Politics, including political science, international relations, political economy, security studies, strategic studies; sociology; modern history; religious studies/Islamic studies
- Other social sciences and humanities disciplines and fields where there is significant coverage of a relevant aspect of Middle Eastern, Central Asian or Islamic Studies and where similar approaches and methodologies are used
- Modern languages relating to the Middle East and/or Central Asia region such as Arabic, Persian, Turkish* or Russian.

Courses

The exact structure of the program is flexible and students have the opportunity to study a range of courses such as:

- Dynamics of Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
- Islamic Radicalism
- The Gulf Strategic Environment
- Authoritarianism, Democratisation and Protest in the Muslim Middle East
- Middle Eastern Economies
- Geopolitics of Central Asia
- Islam in World Politics
- Turkish Politics and Foreign Policy
- Drivers of Violent Extremism: The Local and the Global in the Middle East
- Issues of Development in the Middle East
- Energy and Security in Central Asia and the Caucasus
- Turkish History: Ottoman State to Modern Turkey
- Islamic Economies in Practice

Language studies

Students may also take courses in three of the region's languages. Languages offered are:

- Arabic
- Persian
- Turkish

Each of these languages is associated with a rich historical and cultural legacy. Each is also a dynamic contemporary language, with large populations of speakers throughout the regions of the Centre's coverage.

Prizes & scholarships

There are a number of scholarships for both international and domestic students. To find out if you are eligible see anu.edu.au/students/scholarships-fees/scholarships



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In my personal experience, the staff at the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies have always been approachable, and continually display that they are all experts in their field. The last time I finished a postgraduate university qualification in 2002, I joined the Army as a soldier. Since then, I have been inspired by numerous work experiences in the Middle East, a year-long Persian / Farsi language qualification and broader experience in the international environment to pursue a Master of Middle East and Central Asian studies. I now understand the region more deeply and am better able to fulfil my current role in the Department of Defence providing policy advice to government.

Admission enquiries

- International applicants must meet the University's English Language Admission Requirements for Students
- A three year Bachelor degree or international equivalent with an average mark of at least 60 per cent.

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