Arabic, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies at Leeds
UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
ARABIC, ISLAMIC AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES AT LEEDS

The 2017 Complete University Guide places Leeds among the top 10 Middle Eastern departments in the country and we always perform well in the National Student Survey.

Our courses provide intensive teaching of the Arabic language, as well as courses on Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies. We teach Modern Standard Arabic, which is the official written language used throughout the Arab World in virtually all formal circumstances (religious, political, commercial, literary, media).

You will be able to study Arabic to an advanced level, as well as modules which cover topics including practical language skills, where you will be taught to speak as well as write in Arabic, and Arab drama, cinema, theatre, culture, politics, societies, religion and law.

An important element of our language degrees is the study abroad opportunity in Morocco. Non-language students can also choose to study at one of the University’s 400 partnership institutions.

Our active student societies organise film-screenings, dances and regular socials. Our Middle Eastern Studies society offers practical study tips, guest speakers and department socials, and the Islamic Society is a platform for students to gather, organise and participate in social, cultural and educational activities, as well as providing a united voice in expressing the views and aspirations of the Muslim student community.

Top 10 for modern languages and linguistics (The Guardian University League Tables 2017)

Our graduates demonstrate expertise within a high profile, contemporary subject area; familiarity with an economically expanding part of the world; appreciation of other cultures and points of view; communication skills; project skills of research, analysis and persuasion and workplace skills of delegation, time-management and negotiation. Language students also demonstrate high-level linguistic expertise and self-reliance from their year abroad. Some of our graduates progress to postgraduate study either at Leeds or another institution.
WHAT WILL I STUDY?

For centuries a hub for high culture, civilisation, art, architecture and spirituality, the Middle East has long been a fascinating region to study.

Today, given the economic importance of the Middle East and its changing political landscape since the Arab Spring began in 2011, there is a pressing need for experts who have knowledge of the history, politics and religious traditions of the region.

The expertise and research of our teaching staff means that you will be able to study a range of subjects and topics including: Islamic civilisation, the history of the Middle East, literature, politics, Islamic law, religion, culture and society, as well as language modules.

**BA Arabic and Islamic Studies**

You will embrace both language study and the study of Islam in terms of its rich theological, philosophical and legal traditions. A year abroad in Morocco enhances your language competence and local knowledge. A wide range of options allows you to select between modules ranging from Qur’anic studies, Turkish, Persian, literature, politics and translation studies.

Native Arabic speakers and those with no prior knowledge of the language may apply.

**BA Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies**

Knowledge of Arabic and the Middle Eastern region is of growing importance in the modern world. This language-based degree promises expertise in language, literature and cultural awareness. You will receive a thorough grounding in spoken and written Arabic as well as gaining substantial knowledge of Middle Eastern cultural life. A year abroad in the Middle East consolidates both language learning and cultural studies.

**BA Islamic Studies**

This course offers deep understanding and true appreciation of Islamic thought and practice. It embraces traditional Islamic sciences and provides insight into the way modern Muslims interpret Islam. You will be able to personalise your studies through an exploration of Islamic theology, law, philosophy and spirituality. You may wish to broaden your studies by examining how Islam is practiced in different countries, review Middle Eastern politics or build on your introduction to Arabic language study.
BA Arabic and Islamic Studies, BA Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies, or Arabic joint honours with a non-language subject
You will spend a year studying at the Arabic Language Institute in Fes, Morocco.

Arabic joint honours with another language
You will normally spend a year in one of the countries whose language you are studying, and a term in a country in which your other language is spoken. However, a number of courses (including Arabic with Chinese/Japanese/Russian) are five-year courses requiring two years abroad.

Your residence abroad in Morocco will provide you with an unforgettable experience, enhance your language skills and give you a greater understanding of the Arab world. You will be introduced to Arabic and Islamic culture, while strengthening your language skills both in terms of greater literacy and in the vernacular Arabic of Morocco. Past activities have included regional tours of Morocco and extracurricular courses in calligraphy and music.

The Arabic Language Institute has been carefully selected for its high-quality methods of teaching and success in running TAFL (Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language) courses. You will be in constant communication with staff at the University and at the Institute and will be supported before and after your time abroad. Accommodation is either with a host family or in specially provided student accommodation.

BA Islamic Studies or BA Middle Eastern Studies
You can apply to study abroad at one of the 400 universities worldwide with which the University has partnerships. It may also be possible to undertake a work placement year.

For further information see www.leeds.ac.uk/courses

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A joint honours degree allows you to study the same core topics as students on a single honours course, but you will take fewer optional and discovery modules so you can fit in both subjects. You will also undertake a major research project in either subject in your final year.

The intellectual range of such a degree, together with the organisational skill in combining two subject areas, makes you very attractive to employers. Our courses allow you to study your chosen subjects in depth, and to graduate with an honours degree covering two disciplines. All joint honours degrees with Arabic/Middle Eastern Studies are parented and administered by the School of Languages, Cultures and Societies. You will be allocated a personal tutor who will help guide your module choices and offer support, as well as act as a point of contact for references.

**BA Liberal Arts**
You can study Middle Eastern Studies as your major for this degree. Find out more at [www.leeds.ac.uk/liberal-arts](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/liberal-arts)
Entry requirements
The standard entry requirement for the following courses is ABB.

BA Arabic and Islamic Studies (TVP6)
BA Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies (QT46)
BA Islamic Studies (V622)
BA Middle Eastern Studies (T600)

Joint honours entry requirements vary by course, for more information see www.leeds.ac.uk/courses

All applications must be made through UCAS by 15 January for admission the following September. www.ucas.com

Access to Leeds, the University’s widening access scheme, guarantees special consideration if you have personal circumstances that have affected your ability to demonstrate your talent and potential through grades alone.

Applicants to the scheme who receive a standard offer will also receive an Access to Leeds offer of two A-level grades (or equivalent) below the standard offer. To find out more, visit www.leeds.ac.uk/accessstoleeds

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