



# Near and Middle East

From Qur'an and Hadith Studies to the texts and history of Sufism to Arabic and Islamic revolution, there are programmes of study available here that are not offered at any other UK university. With our unrivalled linguistic expertise, study abroad options and central London campus location, which allows our students to take advantage of the capital's many Middle East cultural centres, SOAS sits at the very forefront of the study of the languages and culture of this fascinating region.

## Ancient Near East

It was more than 5,000 years ago in Mesopotamia (now Iraq) that humankind first learned to live in cities, invented writing and developed the first high civilisations. Though the origins of modern spirituality and intellectual enterprise were once sought in the Bible and in Greece, fascinating discoveries by archaeologists over the past 150 years have revealed the crucial role played by the peoples of the ancient Near East in forming our common heritage.

## Arabic

Since the rise of Islam and the expansion of the Arab world in the 7th century AD, Arabic has established itself as the most widely spoken of the Semitic group of languages and as the vehicle of a strong and diverse culture with a rich literary tradition. The Arabic programme covers the language from its first appearance in classical literature to the present day.

## Hebrew

Hebrew has been revived in modern times as the national language of the state of Israel. As one of the world's oldest languages still in use, it boasts a literature spanning more than 2,500 years, beginning with the Hebrew Bible.

## Persian

As a member of Indo-European family of languages Persian is perhaps the easiest of the languages of the middle east to learn. Written in the Arabic script in Iran and Afghanistan, and in the Cyrillic script in Central Asia, it is spoken by about 115 million native speakers.

## Turkish

Turkish belongs to the Turkic language family and is the most widely spoken language within it. It is the official language of Turkey and a co-official language in Cyprus.

## Structure and assessment

Students take taught modules to the value of 120 credits per year – unless stated otherwise.

## Minimum entry requirements

A-Levels: AAB-ABB (from three A-levels excluding General Studies).

IB: 35 points with 6/6/5 at Higher level.

See p160 for more on entry requirements, application assessment, Widening Participation and joint degrees.

A-level language or equivalent is preferred.

## Duration

Three years, or four years when combined with a language.

## Skills gained

A degree in Near and Middle East Studies prepares you for a wide range of careers in a variety of sectors including marketing and publishing, non-governmental agencies, international political organisations, diplomacy, business, public service, teaching, interpreting and translation. Employers will be looking for highly skilled recruits. A language and study programme does not just teach you a body of facts, but also a range of skills, for example:

- the practical skills of careful listening and acquiring languages
- the intellectual skills of examining and evaluating cultures and theories
- various transferable skills such as research, analytical, communication, teamwork, problem solving, time management and organisation skills

## What do Near and Middle East graduates do?

Auditor  
 Community Advocate  
 Freelance Media Analyst  
 International Account Manager  
 Interpreter and Translator  
 Middle East Programme Assistant  
 Project Manager  
 Researcher  
 Trainee Broker

## Employers include

Arab Human Rights Academy  
 Cara/Institute for Strategic Dialogue  
 Deloitte  
 Financial Conduct Authority  
 Humanitarian Research Service  
 International Society for Water Solutions  
 Metropolitan Police Service  
 MEWSO (Middle Eastern Women and Society Organisation)  
 Middle East Consultancy Services  
 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees



### Taught Programmes

- BA Arabic
- BA Arabic and...
- BA Arabic and Islamic Studies
- BA Hebrew and...
- BA Middle Eastern Studies
- BA Middle Eastern Studies and...
- BA Middle Eastern Studies (With Year Abroad)
- BA Middle Eastern Studies and... (With Year Abroad)

- BA Persian
- BA Persian and...
- BA Turkish
- BA Turkish and...



### More Information

[www.soas.ac.uk/nme](http://www.soas.ac.uk/nme)

I first heard about SOAS when I was 13 years old. It was then that I became acquainted with the ideas of Eurocentrism, Orientalism and decolonisation. I knew from then that I would feel extremely comfortable at SOAS (and I was not mistaken). This is an institution that makes one not only think outside the box but also to question the box itself.

The interdisciplinary approach of courses at SOAS made a huge impact on me. Whether it's a language module or an art history one, there is always an element from a different subject brought together to make a comprehensive understanding.

My proudest achievement is receiving the Kamran Djam Scholarship. While filling in the application for the scholarship, I truly began to reflect upon my experience at SOAS and I realized that I had chosen the right path for myself.

**Malika Zehni**  
BA Persian and History of Art  
and Archaeology, 2014





## BA Arabic

UCAS code: T620

This four-year programme is intended to give students a solid grounding in both Modern Standard and Classical Arabic, conversational ability in colloquial Arabic, familiarity with the major genres of expression (both classical and modern) and a broad knowledge of history and culture. Year 3 is spent at a university or language teaching institute in the Middle East. An element of choice allows students to select topics for study in greater depth, especially in Year 4.

### Structure

#### (Typical course content)

There is some element of choice to develop special interests. Language modules at an advanced level are also available to students who have the necessary background.

#### Year 1

- Arabic 1 (90 credits)

#### Optional modules (choose one)

- Introduction to Arabic Culture (30 credits)
- Literatures of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)
- Introduction to the History of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)

#### Year 2

- Arabic 2 (30 credits)
- Introduction to Arabic Literature (30 credits)

EITHER

- Introduction to Early Islamic Texts (30 credits)

OR

- Arabic Dialects (30 credits)

EITHER

- The Muslim World: Unity in Diversity (30 credits)

OR

- Introduction to Sufism (30 credits)

OR

- An open option

#### Year 3

- Year Abroad

#### Year 4

- Arabic 4 (30 credits)
- Three modules from the optional modules list below
- Two modules from the optional modules list and one Arabic-related option

#### Optional modules

- Arabic Women's Writing (15 credits)
- Medieval Arabic Thought (30 credits)
- Sufism: Texts and History (30 credits)
- Politics and Aesthetics in Modern Arabic Literature (30 credits)
- Culture, Society and Politics in Classical Arabic Literature (30 credits)
- Reading Classical Arabic Historians (30 credits)
- Language and Oral Literature of an Arabic Vernacular (30 credits)
- Qur'an and Hadith Studies (30 credits)
- Islamic Texts (30 credits)
- Independent Study Project in Arabic Studies (Using Language Sources) (30 credits)
- Independent Study Project in Arabic Studies (30 credits)
- Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa 1 (15 credits)
- Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa 2 (15 credits)

#### Arabic-related options (subject to availability)

- Elementary Written Turkish (30 credits)
- Modern Hebrew Language: Elementary (30 credits)
- Persian for Readers of Arabic Script (30 credits)
- Introductory Akkadian (30 credits)
- Economic Development of the Modern Middle East (30 credits)
- Government and Politics of the Middle East (30 credits)
- The Making of the Modern Middle East (30 credits)
- Mosaics, Manuscripts and Wall Painting in Islamic Art (30 credits)
- Art and Material Culture of the Islamic World: 7th to 14th Centuries
- Islamic Law (30 credits)



## BA Arabic and...

*May be combined with*

African Studies	
Chinese	
Development Studies	LT96
Economics	LT16
English	Q3T6
French+	RT19
Hebrew	QTX6
History	TV61
History of Art/Archaeology	TV63
International Relations	LT2P
Japanese	
Japanese Studies	
Korean	
Korean Studies	
Law	MT16
Linguistics	QT16
Middle Eastern Studies	
Music	TW63
Persian	T621
Politics	LT26
Social Anthropology	LT66
Religions	TV66
South Asian Studies (3 years)	
South Asian Studies (Year Abroad)	
South East Asian Studies	
Tibetan	
Turkish	TR69
World Philosophies	T631

**+ Taught at University College London  
(apply to UCL for this degree)**

Combined-honours degrees in Arabic are intended to give students a solid grounding in Modern Standard and classical Arabic, as well as conversational ability in spoken dialects, in combination with a second subject. Intensive study of a wide range of Arabic language and literature is a compulsory feature of combined-honours degrees in Arabic. Students are usually required to spend the third year of study at a university in the Middle East, or on an equivalent programme elsewhere.

## BA Arabic and Islamic Studies

UCAS code: QT96

This four-year programme is intended to give students a solid grounding in Modern Standard and Classical Arabic, familiarity with the core textual tradition of Islam, a broad knowledge of Islamic history and some insight into the methodology of religious studies. The third year is spent at a university in the Middle East.

### Structure (Typical course content)

#### Year 1

- Arabic 1 (90 credits)

#### Optional modules (choose one)

- Introduction to Arabic Culture (30 credits)
- Literatures of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)
- Introduction to the History of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)
- Reading Classical Arabic Historians (30 credits)

#### Year 2

- Arabic 2 (30 credits)
- Introduction to Early Islamic Texts (30 credits)
- The Muslim World: Unity in Diversity (30 credits)
- One optional module

#### Year 3

- Year Abroad

#### Year 4

- Arabic 4 (30 credits)

#### Compulsory modules (choose one module)

- Qur'an and Hadith Studies (30 credits)
- Islamic Texts (30 credits)

Choose two modules, either from the list above, or from the following:

#### Arabic and Islamic-related options

- Arabic Dialects (Introduction to) (30 credits)
- Arabic Literature (Introduction to) (30 credits)
- Arabic Literature (Culture, Society and Politics in Classical Arabic Literature) (30 credits)
- Arabic Vernacular (Language and Oral Literature) (30 credits)
- Arabic Women's Writing (15 credits)
- Art and Material Culture of the Islamic World: 7th to 14th Centuries (30 credits)
- Economic Development of the Modern Middle East (30 credits)
- Government and Politics of the Middle East (30 credits)
- Hebrew (Modern Language: Elementary) (30 credits)
- Islamic Law (30 credits)

- The Making of the Modern Middle East (30 credits)
- Mosaics, Manuscripts, and Wall Painting in Islamic Art (30 credits)
- Politics and Aesthetics in Modern Arabic Literature (30 credits)
- Sufism (Introduction to) (30 credits)
- Sufism: Texts and History (30 credits)
- Persian for Readers of Arabic Script (30 credits)
- Turkish (Elementary Written) (30 credits)

#### Other approved options

- Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa 1 & 2 (15 credits each)
- Arabic Studies (Independent Study Project Using Language Sources) (30 credits)
- Arabic Studies (Independent Study Project) (30 credits)
- Islamic Studies (Independent Study Project) (30 credits)

## BA Hebrew and...

#### UCAS code: QTY6

This four-year degree combines the study of Hebrew with another subject.

This degree is intended to give students a solid grounding in Israeli Hebrew, familiarity with the major types of Modern Hebrew literature and a broad knowledge of the historical, political, religious and cultural background. Intensive study of Modern Hebrew language and literature is a compulsory feature of the degree.

Students are required to spend the third year on a Year Abroad with intensive language study in Israel, where they continue the study of language and a range of Hebrew-related subjects. In the event of interruption of the year-abroad programme, a similar programme of study is arranged in London.

#### May be combined with

##### African Studies

Arabic QTX6

Chinese

English

French+ RT19

Japanese

Japanese Studies

Korean

Korean Studies

Linguistics QQ14

Middle Eastern Studies

Persian

South Asian Studies (3 years)

South Asian Studies (Year Abroad)

## South East Asian Studies

Tibetan

Turkish

+ Taught at University College London (UCL) apply to UCL for this degree

### Structure

(Typical course content)

#### Year 1

- Modern Hebrew Elementary A (term 1, 15 credits)
- Modern Hebrew Elementary B (term 2, 15 credits)
- Introduction to Israeli Culture (15 credits)
- Understanding Texts (15 credits)
- Two modules in the second subject

#### Year 2

- Modern Hebrew Language: Intermediate (30 credits)
- Israeli History and the Israeli/ Palestine Conflict (30 credits)
- Two modules in the second subject

#### Year 3

- Year Abroad

#### Year 4

- Modern Hebrew Advanced (30 credits)
- Hebrew Literature from the Arab World (15 credits)
- Jerusalem: a City in Conflict (15 credits) or another Module of 15 credits
- Two modules in the second subject

## BA Middle Eastern Studies

#### UCAS code: T600

This degree is ideal for students who desire a broad knowledge of the region with a basic grounding in one or more of its languages. The programme accommodates a wide variety of topics through which to engage with the region's diversity and provides a firm foundation for further language study.

### Structure

(Typical course content)

#### Year 1

- Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, or Turkish module (30 credits)
- Literatures of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)
- Decolonising Otherness (15 credits)
- Languages of the World (15 credits)
- Introduction to the History of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)

#### Year 2

- Nation and Nationalism in Middle Eastern Fiction (30 credits)

- A progression from the language in year 1 (30 credits) OR a further module related to the Middle East (30 credits)
- Understanding Texts (15 credits)
- Introduction to Research (15 credits)
- Further optional module (30 credits)

### Year 3

- Independent Study Project in Middle Eastern Studies (30 credits)
- A progression from the language in year 2 (30 credits) OR a further module related to the Middle East (30 credits)
- Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa 1 and 2 (30 credits)
- Further optional modules (30 credits)

### Optional modules

#### (Subject to change)

- Introduction to Judaism
- Introduction to Islam
- Persian Poetry in Translation
- Middle Persian
- Ottoman Turkish Language
- Introduction to Sufism
- History of Zionism
- Israeli History and the Israel-Palestine Conflict
- Introduction to the Art and Archaeology of the Near and Middle East
- Art and Material Culture of the Islamic World: 7th to 14th Centuries
- Mosaics, Manuscripts, and Wall Painting in Islamic Art
- Islamic law
- Shi'a Islam: Religious Authority and Community Identity
- H248 The Making of the Modern Middle East
- Developments in Muslim Religious Thought
- Messianic Movements in Muslim History
- Zoroastrian Literature in Translation
- Zoroastrianism in the Ancient and Modern Worlds
- Economic Development of the Modern Middle East
- Government and Politics of the Middle East
- Eastern Christianity
- Orthodox Christianity
- Martyrs & Monks in Eastern Christian Writings
- Syriac Texts on Christians and Muslims
- Second Temple and Rabbinic Judaism
- Daily Life of Jews in Antiquity
- The Bible and its Interpretation in Ancient Judaism
- The Role and Representation of Women in Judaism
- Identity and Language in Hebrew literature
- For an up to date listing of optional modules, check online:  
[www.soas.ac.uk/nme/programmes/bamestud](http://www.soas.ac.uk/nme/programmes/bamestud)

## BA Middle Eastern Studies (With Year Abroad)

UCAS code: See [www.soas.ac.uk](http://www.soas.ac.uk)

This four-year programme strikes an exciting balance between the study of a Middle Eastern language (Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, or Turkish) and the cultures of the region. Competence in a Middle Eastern language is developed as a tool for exploring the culture for which a spoken language is a vehicle.

The syllabus introduces its subject through the broad media of language, culture, literature and cinema with options also to gain knowledge of Middle Eastern history, politics, economics, linguistics, religious studies, music, art and archaeology, anthropology and others.

Students spend their third year in the Middle East where they immerse themselves in the cultures of the region and develop their fluency in their chosen language.

### Structure

(Typical course content)

#### Year 1

- Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, or Turkish module (30 credits)
- Literatures of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)
- Decolonising Otherness (15 credits)
- Languages of the World (15 credits)
- Introduction to the History of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)

#### Year 2

- Nation and Nationalism in Middle Eastern Fiction (30 credits)
- A progression from the language in year 1 (30 credits)
- Understanding Texts (15 credits)
- Introduction to Research (15 credits)
- Further optional module (30 credits)

#### Year 3

- A year abroad in the Middle East

#### Year 4

- Independent Study Project in Middle Eastern Studies (30 credits)
- A progression from the language studied during the year abroad (30 credits)
- Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa 1 and 2 (30 credits)
- Further optional modules (30 credits)

**Optional modules**

(Subject to change)

- Introduction to Judaism
- Introduction to Islam
- Persian Poetry in Translation
- Middle Persian
- Ottoman Turkish Language
- Introduction to Sufism
- History of Zionism
- Israeli History and the Israel-Palestine Conflict
- Introduction to the Art and Archaeology of the Near and Middle East
- Art and Material Culture of the Islamic World: 7th to 14th Centuries
- Mosaics, Manuscripts, and Wall Painting in Islamic Art
- Islamic law
- Shi'a Islam: Religious Authority and Community Identity
- H248 The Making of the Modern Middle East
- Developments in Muslim Religious Thought
- Messianic Movements in Muslim History
- Zoroastrian Literature in Translation
- Zoroastrianism in the Ancient and Modern Worlds
- Economic development of the modern Middle East
- Government and Politics of the Middle East
- Eastern Christianity
- Orthodox Christianity
- Martyrs & Monks in Eastern Christian Writings
- Syriac Texts on Christians and Muslims
- Second Temple and Rabbinic Judaism
- Daily Life of Jews in Antiquity
- The Bible and its Interpretation in Ancient Judaism
- The Role and Representation of Women in Judaism
- Identity and Language in Hebrew literature

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**BA Middle Eastern Studies and...****Duration**

3 years

UCAS codes: See [www.soas.ac.uk](http://www.soas.ac.uk)

*May be combined with*

[African Studies](#)

[Hebrew](#)

[History](#)

[Persian](#)

[Politics](#)

[South Asian](#)

[South East Asian](#)

**Turkish****Year 1**

- Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, or Turkish module (30 credits)
- Literatures of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)
- 60 credits in the second subject

**Year 2**

- Nation and Nationalism in Middle Eastern Fiction (30 credits)
- A progression from the language in year 1 (30 credits) OR a further module related to the Middle East (30 credits)
- 60 credits in the second subject

**Year 3**

- Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa 1 and 2 (30 credits) OR Independent Study Project in Middle Eastern Studies (30 credits)
- A progression from the language in year 2 (30 credits) OR a further module related to the Middle East (30 credits)
- 60 credits in the second subject

**BA Middle Eastern Studies and... (With Year Abroad)**

*May be combined with*

<a href="#">Development Studies</a>	<a href="#">LT6X</a>
<a href="#">History of Art/Archaeology</a>	<a href="#">V3T6</a>
<a href="#">Linguistics</a>	<a href="#">T6Q1</a>
<a href="#">Music</a>	<a href="#">WT6H</a>
<a href="#">Social Anthropology</a>	<a href="#">LT55</a>
<a href="#">Religions</a>	<a href="#">VT6P</a>
<a href="#">World Philosophies</a>	<a href="#">T604</a>

**Year 1**

- Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, or Turkish module (30 credits)
- Literatures of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)
- 60 credits in the second subject

**Year 2**

- Nation and Nationalism in Middle Eastern Fiction (30 credits)
- A progression from the language in year 1 (30 credits)
- 60 credits in the second subject

**Year 3**

- A year abroad in the Middle East

**Year 4**

- Cinemas of the Middle East and North Africa 1 and



2 (30 credits) OR Independent Study Project in Middle Eastern Studies (30 credits)

- A progression from the language in year 2 (30 credits)
- 60 credits in the second subject

## BA Persian and...

UCAS code: T660

This four-year degree combines the study of Persian with another subject.

SOAS is one of only a handful of British universities that offers the comprehensive study of Persian language and literature at degree level. This four-year degree programme offers students the opportunity to study the Persian language and culture in-depth. The year abroad in Iran enables students to become fluent in the modern Persian vernacular.

*May be combined with*

### African Studies

Arabic+ T621

Chinese

English QT36

French\* RT19

Hebrew

Japanese

Japanese Studies

Korean

Korean Studies

Linguistics QTD6

Middle Eastern Studies

South Asian Studies (3 years)

South Asian Studies (Year Abroad)

South East Asian Studies

Tibetan

Turkish T661

Taught at University College London (Apply to UCL only)

### Structure

(Typical course content)

#### Year 1

- Persian 1a and 1b (30 credits)
- Literatures of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)
- OR Language, Learning and Writing (15 credits)
- AND Languages of the World (15 credits)
- Two modules in the second subject

#### Year 2

- Persian 2 (30 credits)
- Classical Persian Prose Texts (15 credits)

- 15 credits in another approved module
- Two modules in the second subject

#### Year 3

- Year Abroad in Ferdowsi University, Mashhad

#### Year 4

- Persian 4 (30 credits)
- Independent Study Project in Persian Studies (30 credits)
- OR 30 credits in Persian literature modules
- Two modules in the second subject

## BA Turkish and...

UCAS code: T660

### Duration

4 years, with a compulsory year abroad in Year 3.

*May be combined with*

### African Studies

Arabic TR69

Chinese

English QT3P

French+ RT19

Hebrew

Japanese

Japanese Studies

Korean

Korean Studies

Linguistics QTC6

Middle Eastern Studies

Persian T661

South Asian Studies (3 years)

South Asian Studies (Year Abroad)

South East Asian Studies

Tibetan

+ Taught at University College, London (Apply to UCL only)

This four-year degree combines the study of Turkish with another subject.

At the completion of their studies, students should have attained a high level of fluency in Modern Turkish, including familiarity with earlier forms of Turkish and a solid command of Turkish literature, including broad knowledge of the historical and cultural background. A specialisation in Ottoman language and literature is often available. Students spend their third year at Bosphorus University, Istanbul.

## Structure

### (Typical course content)

#### Year 1

- Turkish 1a and 1b (30 credits)
- Literatures of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)
- Two modules in the second subject

#### Year 2

- Turkish 2 (30 credits)
- Ottoman Turkish (30 credits)
- OR Nation And Nationalism In Middle Eastern Fiction (in Translation) (30 credits)
- Two modules in the second subject

#### Year 3

- Year Abroad in Bosphorus University, Istanbul.

#### Year 4

- Advanced Turkish/English/Turkish translation (30 credits)
- Another 30 credits in a Turkish related subject (30 credits)
- Two modules in the second subject

## Certificates

### Minimum entry requirements

The minimum entry requirement is the ability to demonstrate the potential to study at undergraduate level. However, programmes may have their own specific requirements, such as, in the case of language-based studies, a proven ability to learn a language.

### More information

[www.soas.ac.uk/certificates](http://www.soas.ac.uk/certificates)

### How to apply

Applications for undergraduate certificates and diplomas should be made directly to SOAS. Complete the online application at: [www.soas.ac.uk/certificates](http://www.soas.ac.uk/certificates).

### Assessment and Awards

Students are assessed by the same methods as those following degrees. Students must pass four modules at 40 per cent or better to be eligible for the award of a School Certificate or Diploma.

A number of students, including some from overseas who began in this way with the certificate, have eventually gone on to study for a full BA.

Patterns of transition from certificate to BA include the following, depending upon the circumstances of each individual student:

A full certificate may be completed, after which the student may then apply, through UCAS, to begin

a BA from the beginning. (This arrangement has been adopted, for example, in cases where the School has faith in a student's capacity, but where perhaps because of unsuitable schooling or the unavailability of suitable A-level subjects on offer, the chances of satisfactory A-level results are slim.)

A student may complete a certificate and then apply, through UCAS, for second-year entry to a BA. Admission standards for the certificate may be a little lower than those for the BA.

### Structure

#### (Typical course content)

Students take undergraduate modules to the value of 120 credits. Most modules are valued at 30 credits. Two-year part-time students must take modules to the value of 60 credits each year.

Part-time students must pass a minimum of one module in each year to proceed to the next year of study. Failed modules can be repeated, but only two repeats in each module are permitted.

## Certificate in Arabic

### Duration

Full-time: 1 year

This certificate is essentially equivalent to the first year of the School's four-year BA degree in Arabic. Students acquire a solid initial knowledge of the written language and some with the spoken, and familiarise themselves with aspects of Middle Eastern history and culture. No prior knowledge of Arabic is required.

### Structure

This is an intensive one-year programme of study. Modules are taught during the day. Teaching begins in late September. Examinations are in May-June

- Arabic 1 (90 credits)

One module from a list of options, which may include\*:

- Introduction to Arabic Culture (30 credits)
- Literatures of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)
- Art and Material Culture of the Islamic world: 7th -14th Centuries (30 credits)
- Mosaics, Manuscripts and Wall Painting in Islamic Art (30 credits)
- Introduction to the History of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)

\* Please note that not every module may be available every year.



## Certificate in Arabic Studies

### Duration

Part-time: 2 or 3 years

This certificate is complementary to the full-time Certificate in Arabic and designed for those unable to follow a full-time programme and interested in a different balance of language and non-language based modules. No prior knowledge of Arabic is required.

### Structure

This is a part-time programme of study. 120 credits are taken over two or three years.

#### Year 1

- Arabic 100 (30 credits)

#### Year 2

- Arabic 200 (30 credits)

Approved optional modules

- Arabic Culture (Introduction to) (30 credits)
- History of the Near and Middle East (Introduction to) (30 credits)
- Literatures of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)
- Music of the Middle East and North Africa (30 credits)
- Art and Material Culture of the Islamic World: 7th to 14th Centuries (30 credits)
- Mosaics, Manuscripts, and Wall Painting in Islamic Art (30 credits)

#### Year 3 (optional)

- Arabic 300 (30 credits)

## Certificate in Persian

### Duration

Full-time: 1 year

Part-time: 2 or 3 years

This certificate is an introductory qualification in Persian language. Students acquire a solid initial knowledge of the written and spoken language of modern Iran and study the historical and cultural background of the Middle East. When taken full-time (in one year) it corresponds to the first year of the BA Persian programme. No prior knowledge of Persian is required.

### Structure

Full-time (1 year)

- Intensive Persian Language (60 credits)
- Literatures of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)
- One further approved option (30 credits)

#### Part-time (2 years)

##### Year 1

- Intensive Persian Language (30 credits)

##### Year 2

- Intermediate Persian Language (30 credits)

EITHER

- Classical Persian Prose Texts (30 credits)

OR

- Modern Persian Poetry (30 credits)

#### Alternative part-time (2 years)

##### Year 1

- Elementary Written Persian (30 credits)
- One approved option

##### Year 2

- Elementary Persian Texts (30 credits)
- One approved option

#### Part-time (3 years)

##### Year 1

- Elementary Written Persian A (15 credits)
- Elementary Written Persian B (15 credits)

##### Year 2

- Elementary Persian Texts (30 credits)
- One approved option

##### Year 3

One approved option (30 credits)

## Certificate in Turkish

### Duration

Full-time: 1 year

Part-time: 2 or 3 years

### Structure

This certificate is an introductory qualification in Turkish language. Students acquire a solid initial knowledge of the written and spoken language of modern Turkey and study the historical and cultural background of the Middle East. When taken full-time (in one year) it corresponds to the first year of the BA Turkish programme. No prior knowledge of Turkish is required.

#### Full-time (1 year)

- Intensive Turkish Language (60 credits)
- Literatures of the Near and Middle East (30 credits)
- Another 30 credit introductory module on Turkish or Middle Eastern Studies from elsewhere in the School

#### Part-time (2 years)

60 credits are taken each year. The first year Intensive Turkish Language must be taken.

#### Part-time (3 years)

60 credits are taken the first year and 30 credits in the following other years. The first year Intensive Turkish Language must be taken.

Individual programmes must be approved by the undergraduate tutor or Head of Department.

## Certificate in Turkish Studies

### Duration

Full-time: 1 year

Part-time: 2 or 3 years

For the most up-to-date programme information, visit:

[www.soas.ac.uk/nme/programmes/certificate-in-turkish-studies](http://www.soas.ac.uk/nme/programmes/certificate-in-turkish-studies)

This certificate is designed for students who have a good level of competence in Turkish language and do not therefore need intensive language tuition.

### Structure

#### Language module

A language module at a suitable level is chosen from the following list:

- Advanced Turkish/English/Turkish Translation (30 credits)
- Ottoman Turkish Language (30 credits)

#### Optional modules

The remaining three modules will be chosen from the Turkish list available in the relevant year. Module choice is subject to approval by the Department and acceptance by the teacher concerned.