

# Education plan

for

**Master's Programme in Middle Eastern Studies**  
**Masterprogram i Mellanösternstudier**

**120.0 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**120.0 ECTS credits**

<b>Programme code:</b>	HMENO
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<b>Department:</b>	Department of Asian and Middle Eastern studies

## Decision

This general syllabus was adopted by the Faculty Board of Humanities on 2015-03-03.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Bachelor's degree (including a bachelor's thesis comprising a minimum of 15 ECTS) within the main field of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, or equivalent, and English B/English 6.

## Programme structure

The Master's Programme in Middle Eastern Studies is an interdisciplinary program that provides deepened knowledge of the languages and cultures of the Middle East and North Africa, as well as area studies as a scientific discipline.

The program has two study paths: Arabic and Area Studies.

Study path 1 (Arabic) is intended for students who have already studied Arabic, and provides additional training in the Arabic language by developing the student's ability to process and use Arabic source material in scientific analysis.

Study path 2 (Area Studies) is intended for students who have not studied Arabic or who wish to focus on regional studies, and provides advanced studies of the societies of the Middle East and North Africa.

The program's joint courses covers both area studies in general and studies of the Middle East and North Africa in particular, as well as scientific methodology and academic writing. The program also gives the student the opportunity of choosing a number of courses in other main fields.

Within the framework of the elective courses on the second term there is the possibility of doing an internship as well as studies abroad at a university in the MENA region.

The programme comprises four semesters of full time studies and consists of obligatory courses of 37.5 ECTS, elective courses of 37.5 ECTS, as well as a 45 ECTS master's thesis. In total, 67.5 ECTS credits will be studies in the main field of Middle Eastern languages and cultures.

The program prepares the students for work in business, management, international organizations, research and development projects, as well as media and journalism, where an extensive knowledge of the Middle East and North Africa and/or good knowledge of the Arabic language is required. The program will also provide

eligibility for studies on the PHD level.

The language of instruction is English.

### **Goals**

For a Degree of Master (120 credits)

Knowledge and understanding:

The student shall:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of study, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the main field of study.

Competence and skills

The student shall:

- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to clearly report and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity.

Judgement and approach

The student shall:

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the main field of study informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

### **Courses**

Term 1

Scientific Methods and Research Ethics, 7.5 ECTS credits (main field philosophy)

Area studies: Theory and Method, 7.5 ECTS credits, (main field Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures)

Human Rights in the Middle East, Turkey and East Asia, 7.5 ECTS credits, (main field Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures)

For study path 1:

Advanced text analysis, 7.5 ECTS credits, (main field Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures)

For study path 2:

Middle Eastern and North African studies: Sources, 7.5 ECTS credits, (main field Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures)

Term 2

Four elective courses of in total 30 ECTS credits. These can be replaced with an internship or studies abroad. The choice of courses is done in consultation with the Director of studies.

Term 3 and 4

Advanced academic English, 7.5 ECTS credits (main field English)

Elective Proficiency course, 7.5 ECTS credits

For study path 1:

Middle Eastern Language and Cultures with a focus on Arabic – Master's Course, 45 ECTS credits. (main field Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures)

For study path 2:

Middle Eastern Language and Cultures with a focus on Area Studies - Master's Course, 45 ECTS credits. (main field Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures)

For specific entry requirements see the relevant syllabus. The available electives are announced on [www.hum.su.se/kursutbud](http://www.hum.su.se/kursutbud) at the latest on September 15th and March 15th respectively.

The combined total of first-cycle courses may not exceed 30 ECTS credits.

### **Degree**

The program leads to a Master's Degree in Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures

### **Misc**

Transition arrangements:

When the programme is discontinued, students have the right to complete their studies in accordance with this syllabus within an additional period of two years after the nominal duration of the programme. This is subject to the restrictions specified in the syllabi for the courses included in the programme; alternatively, equivalent training will be offered.