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Master of Arts in
North African &
Middle Eastern Studies

PROGRAM SHEET
Catalog 2021-2023

This program sheet will help you navigate the course offerings in the Master of Arts in North African and Middle Eastern Studies (NAMES) per semester. Use it to anticipate what to expect as you move on from start to finish. NAMES is a 12-month, 30 SCH program. Student intake takes place every Fall Semester. The SHSS graduate admissions committee, composed of faculty members from the program and chaired by the Dean or Graduate Studies Coordinator, is in charge of evaluating applications for acceptance into graduate programs and decides, together with the University Language Center, on whether or not the admitted student needs additional (English or foundation) courses prior to starting the academic program *per se*.

- ➢ Students who meet all academic conditions are accepted to the program with regular status.

- ➢ Students whose background does not include the specific requirements may need to take undergraduate foundation courses prior to accessing regular graduate courses.

- ➢ Students for whom English is not a mother tongue must achieve a TOEFL score of 550 pts (iBT:79) and obtain a 5.0 score over 6.0 in writing (iBT: 20) in order to be admitted to the regular program.

- ➢ In order to be admitted to the AUI Language Center for additional study of English before enrolling in the regular degree program, students must have achieved TOEFL scores of at least 500 pts (iBT 61).

English Language Courses * — Non-credit

ALS 1001	Academic Listening, Speaking and Note-taking I	0 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
ALS 1002	Academic Listening, Speaking and Note-taking II	0 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
ARD 1001	Academic Reading I	0 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
ARD 1002	Academic Reading II	0 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
AWG 1001	Academic Writing and Grammar I	0 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
AWG 1002	Academic Writing and Grammar II	0 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑

* English language courses are assigned by the Language Center during admission based on the TOEFL placement test results. English language courses should be taken prior to embarking on the foundation courses, if any, and the academic program *per se*. Language courses are offered in a face-to-face mode on a non-credit, Pass/Fail basis. The Intensive English Program of the Language Center is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (www.cea-accredit.org).

FOUNDATION COURSES ** — Non-credit

FAS 2210	Graduate Academic Skills§	0 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
HIS 2302	Modern North Africa and the Middle East	0 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑

** Foundation courses are assigned during admission. Assignment depends on previous degree(s) earned. Foundation courses are taken online in a self-paced mode on a non-credit, Pass/Fail basis. The procedures for seeking exemptions from assigned foundation courses are explained in the SHSS Graduate Student Handbook. If students fail two foundation courses, they are dropped from the program without the right to appeal. The failing grade will be recorded as an FR (failing and needs to repeat). A pass will be recorded as a P. Grades earned taking undergraduate foundation courses will not be computed in the student's GPA.

§ Before they can take FAS 2210, students who have English language requirements need to complete all Language Center courses, except AWG1002.

NAMES CORE PROGRAM — 18 SCH

Fall Semester (6 SCH required + 6 SCH optional)

HIS 5361	History of North Africa	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
INS 5362	Graduate Seminar in NAMES	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
SSC 5305	Gender in the Modern Middle East & North Africa	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
PSC 5370	North African Government and Politics	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑

Spring Semester (3 SCH required + 9 SCH optional)

SSC 5302	Multidisciplinary Research Design and Methods	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
Optional NAMES course		3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
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Optional NAMES course		3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑

Summer Session (3 SCH required + 3 SCH optional)

SSC 5310	Thesis Seminar	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
Optional NAMES course		3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑

Inter-session (January & May)

Optional courses may be offered during the January and May inter-sessions, which are two-week super-intensive programs, designed for students to explore new special-topics courses. Students may choose, in consultation with their academic advisors and/or Graduate Studies Coordinator, to take ONE inter-session course that can substitute an optional NAMES course. Note that the Registrar's Office will cancel any course without sufficient student enrollment (between 6 and 16). Students registered for courses that are not retained due to insufficient enrollment will be offered the option of enrolling in other or subsequent Inter-session courses.

OPTIONAL NAMES COURSES			12 SCH

Students are required to choose FOUR optional courses (3 in Spring + 1 in Summer) from the list below: 18 SCH

HIS 5311	Modern Imperialism and its Culture	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
HIS 5312	Case Study in North African History	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
HIS 5325	Colonization and Decolonization in North Africa and the Middle East	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
HUM 5310	Amazigh History and Culture	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
HUM 5312	Popular Culture in North Africa	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
HUM 5323	Society and Politics in North African Literature and Film	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
HUM 5360	Issues in Contemporary Islam	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
INS 5361	Political Economy of North Africa and the Middle East	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
INS 5399	Special Topics in North Africa and the Middle East	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
PSC 5350	Middle Eastern Politics	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
PSC 5360	Foreign Policy and Security of the Middle East States	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
SSC 5351	North African Cities	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
SSC 5362	Global Islam and the Contemporary World	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
SSC 5304	North African Migration and Immigrant Communities	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
TMZ 1301	Beginning Tamazight I	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑
TMZ 1302	Beginning Tamazight II	3 SCH	Met ❑ Not met ❑

TOTAL	30 SCH