

Graduate Perspectives

Career Prospects

The broad spectrum of analytical skills and the knowledge of language and literary history presented in the degree programme enable graduates to represent and share the many diverse aspects of Arab culture.

Career prospects include:

- Librarianship and Publishing
- Cultural Education
- Political Consulting
- Adult Education
- Social Work
- Diplomatic Service
- Academic and Political Foundations
- Security Agencies
- Tourism
- Translation
- Advanced Scholarship and Research



Admission Requirements

- Completed university degree in the humanities, cultural or social sciences
- At least 15 ECTS points in Middle Eastern Studies
- Knowledge of Arabic equivalent to at least 30 ECTS points
- English language skills at or above the CEFR B2 level

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Universität Bamberg



Master's Programme

*Arabistik/
Arabic Studies*



Bamberg and the Arab World

The master's degree programme in Arabistik/ Arabic Studies is focused on imparting expert knowledge of Arabic language, literature and culture, from pre-Islamic times to the present.

In Bamberg, you will acquire the skills necessary to analyse, interpret and contextually classify both classical and modern Arabic texts. The programme places particular emphasis on the analysis of varying literary genres ranging from poetry and artistic prose to historical texts, and on to academic encyclopaedias and modern, cross-media forms of expression.

The programme's close ties to further fields in Middle Eastern Studies, as well as its excellent cooperation with the University of Bamberg's other philological and cultural studies disciplines, all ensure comparative perspectives and provide students with the opportunity to individually define areas of specialisation within the curriculum.

Your Studies

Programme Curriculum

The programme is laid out on a four-semester timetable, and the curriculum comprises the writing of a master's thesis, core content in at least one field of Arabic Studies and a distribution elective which may be defined according to students' individual, interdisciplinary interests.

Subject Specialization Modules	Practical Language Modules	Distribution Elective
(20 – 30 ECTS-points)	(20 – 30 ECTS-points)	(30 ECTS-points)
Practical or Complementary Module in Middle Eastern Studies (10 ECTS-points)		
Master's Thesis (30 ECTS-points)		

Programme Objectives

- Advanced proficiency in standard and colloquial language
- Increased methodological and theoretical access to classical and modern Arabic literature
- Qualified work with primary and secondary Arabic source literature
- Learning and implementing skills pertaining to literary studies
- Independent scholarly work

Unique Qualities

Academic Networking within Middle Eastern Studies

In addition to Arabic Studies, the Institute for Middle Eastern Studies is home to numerous subjects whose modules students may combine with the programme's core curriculum: Iranian Studies; Islamic Studies; Turkish Studies; Islamic Art and Archaeology; Jewish Studies; and General Linguistics.

An Excellent Learning Environment

Our ratio of academic staff to students is outstanding, the Middle Eastern Studies departmental library is well stocked and getting around the town and university is fast and easy.

Internationality and a Dedicated Student Body

Owing to its partnerships with approximately 200 other universities, the University of Bamberg is especially colourful and international. And with the Arbeitskreis Orient (Middle Eastern Studies research group), Bamberg's students of Middle Eastern Studies make an active contribution to life at the institute.

