

Qualification

The master's degree qualifies graduates to carry out a variety of professions related to the Middle East. Amongst others, the following professional fields may be considered:

The federal foreign office, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, German branches of companies in the Middle East, public authorities, policy counselling, media, publishing, museums, adult education and training, institutions and organizations caring for migrants, refugee aid, tourism.

Graduates are qualified to take up doctoral studies in Semitic Studies or neighboring fields.

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Master Semitic Studies

Seminar for Semitic and Arabic Studies



Curriculum

The consecutive master's degree program conveys knowledge on the current state of research in Semitic Studies and deepens the knowledge of languages, cultures and history of societies in the Middle East acquired in the bachelor's program. The master program is characterized by a range of studies on modern Semitic languages (esp. Arabic dialects, Neo-Aramaic and Hebrew) and their relation to religious minorities, in particular the Christians of the Middle East.

Students will acquire comparative linguistic skills while working with different types of literary and oral samples of languages (including sacred texts, modern dialects and inscriptions). In addition, students are offered the possibility to study further classical Semitic languages such as Syriac, Arabic, Geez, Amharic, Phoenician and Mandaic.

An inter-/transdisciplinary area allows students to choose courses from neighboring fields.

Course of Studies

The master's program is scheduled to last four semesters – including an inter-/transdisciplinary area and the master's thesis.

Sample plan:

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| 1 st | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hebrew I or Syrian Aramaic I (10 ECTS)• Comparative Semitic Studies (10 ECTS)• Inter-/transdisciplinary area (10 ECTS) |
| 2 nd | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hebrew II or Syrian Aramaic II (10 ECTS)• Christians in the Middle East in the past and present (10 ECTS)• Inter-/transdisciplinary area (10 ECTS) |
| 3 rd * | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neo-Aramaic (15 ECTS)• Arabic linguistics and dialectology (15 ECTS)• Research perspectives in Semitic Studies (15 ECTS) |
| 4 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master thesis (30 ECTS) |

*two are to be chosen out of the three

Requirements

Applicants are required to fulfill the following:

Bachelor's degree in *history and culture of the Middle East* from Freie Universität Berlin or an equivalent degree with at least 60 ECTS in relevant content.

Proof of written Arabic language skills (level B2 CEFR) and oral Arabic language skills (level B1 CEFR).

Proficiency in one other Semitic language (level A1 CEFR).

Proof of written and oral English language skills (level B2 CEFR).

International students are required to show additional proof of the German language (DSH).