



Master in Middle Eastern Studies at a glance

Program name	Master in Middle Eastern Studies
School	ASERI
Program type	Specializing Master ("Master Universitario")
Campus	Milan, Italy
Language of instruction	English
Duration	January 2015 - December 2015 (January-June: classes/ July-December: internship and project work)
Total ECTS	60
Tuition fee	€ 7,500

Master in Middle Eastern Studies

This new master is specifically tailored for graduates of various disciplines and backgrounds, who are willing to obtain a better knowledge of the Middle East region, taking into account its social-historical complexity and cultural plurality. The program aims to offer solid historical, political and institutional perspectives of the current domestic, regional and international dynamics affecting the stability of the region, as well as a critical outlook on current debates over the Middle East.

Learning objectives

This innovative program aims to guide the students across this diverse and fascinating region, which, since decades, is at the center of the geostrategic interest of the international system. The program mainly focuses on the contemporary period, through a multi-disciplinary approach consisting of international relations, geopolitics, conflicts and security, economy and energy. Nonetheless, specific sections are devoted to the analysis of the historical and religious foundations of the modern Middle East, from the birth of Islam to the evolution of Islamic thought, law and economy. A dedicated course will offer a linguistic analysis of the political and juridical terminology and a glossary in Arabic. MIMES

analyses in details infra-regions and inter-regions peculiarities and relations, from Maghreb to Central-Southern Asia, encouraging a comparative and holistic area studies approach.

Career opportunities & professional recognition

MIMES provides graduate students with a detailed, comprehensive knowledge of the wider Middle East, beneficial to undertake a number of different careers, consistently with their previous training and experience, within international institutions, private companies, NGOs, research centers and area studies, media networks, etc.

Faculty & teaching staff

The Master in Middle Eastern Studies offers high quality training to students from all over the world. Students will take part in team projects with the guidance of important scholars and leading professionals from the Middle East as well as from Europe and the U.S.

More details about the faculty members will be provided on the website when available. However please find below a short list of confirmed names:

- Prof. Mahmood Sariolghalam, Beheshti University of Tehran
- Prof. Bahgat Korany, American University of Cairo
- Prof. Wael Faruq, American University of Cairo
- Prof. Mehram Kamrava, Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in Qatar
- Prof. Vittorio Emanuele Parsi, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- Prof. Riccardo Redaelli, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Course structure

MIMES is articulated in five complementary levels, fostering multidimensional training and cross-fertilization, integrating scientific methodologies and operative competences.

1st level – Propaedeutic Phase: history, power and institution: the conceptual foundation of the Middle East

- Methodological introduction: Discourses and debates on the Middle East
- History of the Middle East
- Religion, society and thought in the Islamic Middle East
- Islamic law and economy
- Study of political and juridical terminology - glossary in Arabic
- Middle East within the 20th century international order

2nd level – In-depth Analytical Phase: sub-regional contexts

- Maghreb
- Mashreq
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- South-West Asia and the Gulf
- Central-Southern Asia

3rd level – Thematic and Contemporary Issues

- Politics in contemporary Middle East and the current International Relations context
- Global security: jihadism, violent activism, conflicts and nuclear proliferation
- Institution-building and human security
- Gender, ethno-religious diversity and pluralism in the Middle East
- Energy and the geopolitics of resources
- Contemporary economic trends

4th level – Research Project

Students are required to develop a personal research project on an issue related to Middle Eastern affairs, under the supervision of a MIMES professor and/or a professional from a partner institution. It is suggested that the research project will be connected to the internship experience.

5th level – Internship (or Arabic Language and Culture Course)

The Master's program is completed with an internship at one of the ASERI partner institutions or other entities whose mission and activities are consistent with the Master's program. As an alternative, students who do not carry out an internship may choose to attend a certified Arabic language and culture course in a selected institution (additional fee depending on the institution itself).

Tuition fees & scholarships

Tuition fee: € 7,500

Partial tuition fee scholarships are available. All scholarships are assigned on a merit basis and most of which will be assigned to students who apply by the priority deadline. Some scholarships may also target specific geographic regions. Updated details on the aforementioned scholarships are available at:

› www.ucscinternational.it/graduate-programs/tuition-scholarships-master

Application deadlines?

Priority consideration deadline: June 30, 2014

Deadline 2: September 15, 2014

Deadline 3: November 1, 2014

How do I apply?

Applying is an easy five step process. The online application form, application instructions, and full admission guidelines are available at › www.ucscinternational.it

Entry requirements: am I eligible?

Admission requirements:

- Candidates for the program may have a background in Political Science, Economics, Law, Humanities, Education, Foreign Languages, Psychology, Social Science, Engineering, Nursing Science, Agronomy, Environmental Science. This Master is however also open to all graduates from other faculties
 - Completion of an undergraduate degree, obtained after a minimum of 3 years of study (180 ECTS)
 - The undergraduate degree must be obtained before the start of the program
- Università Cattolica will evaluate candidates' academic and personal background and decide if they meet the specific conditions for admission.

For applicants whose first language is not English:

- TOEFL/IBT overall score of at least 80, or
- Academic IELTS overall score of at least 6.0, or
- Completed a degree program taught entirely in the English language

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