

Master Prospectus Turkish Languages and Cultures, 2008/2009

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Objectives

The multidisciplinary approach to a geographical area, the Middle East and North Africa, is characteristic of this programme. Teaching in the programme has traditionally been oriented towards the cultural products (and especially texts) from the region. However, familiarity with the theories and approaches of the social sciences may also be demanded in the study of the modern humanities. Graduates of this master's programme are expected to have acquired a sound overview of the conceptual tools and current state of scholarship in the field of Arabic, Persian or Turkish languages and cultures. In their master's thesis the students should also be able to demonstrate that they have an adequate command of the research methods of either linguistics, literature or history of their region of choice, and that they are able to work with Arabic, Persian or Turkish source materials. Moreover, the programme aims to raise students to a level of knowledge and skills that allows them to proceed to PhD research. Alternatively, graduates qualify for positions outside the university that require an academic level of thinking. Moreover, after completing this programme, students of Turkish will have the knowledge and competence required to train for an upper secondary teaching qualification.

Programme

Sector Plan

The master's programme in Arabic Studies is part of the Sector Plan and is offered in close collaboration with the University of Amsterdam (UvA). Each student follows a compulsory course of at least 10 ects at the UvA. For more information about the 'Sector Plan' see www.hum.leiden.edu/prospectus/sectorplan.jsp

Structure

The master's programme in Arabic, Persian and Turkish Languages and Cultures consists of two semesters, each consisting of 30 ects. In the first semester students follow three courses of 10 ects each. In the second semester there is another 10 ects (or 2x5 in case of Turkish Studies) course, while students are also required to write a thesis for 20 ects. The programme is structured so that the two semesters display increasing levels of difficulty.

In the first semester the emphasis is on course work. One of the three courses given will be general in scope with a disciplinary character covering the Middle East as a whole. This course on *Sources & Methods* is taken jointly with students in the research master's

programme. The emphasis lies on the relevance (or lack thereof) of contemporary theories, concepts and models from the social sciences for historical and literary research. Students are taught how to familiarize themselves with the available methods of obtaining information from different types of sources. In addition to this common course, students take two literature seminars within the programme of their own specific track. Students who specialize in Arabic studies should choose one of the literature seminars from the courses offered by the UvA, according to the Sector Plan.

In the second semester students of Arabic Studies take a specialist course, namely Text and Transmission, worth 10 erts. Students of Persian Studies take a Master Class named Persian Literature outside Iran (also 10 erts). Students of Turkish Studies participate in one course of 10 erts at the Sabanc? University in Istanbul, Turkey or take two of the four (5 erts) courses offered at Leiden University if they opt for the Turkish specialisation. If they opt for the Central Asian specialisation, they attend two courses on Soviet and Post-Soviet Central Asia and the EU and the Turkic world, respectively. The master's programme is concluded with a thesis (20 erts). Master's thesis and requirements for graduation

In order to graduate, students must have successfully completed the 60 erts programme and have completed their final thesis as a component of that programme. The thesis carries 20 erts, and as a rule should not exceed a maximum of 17,000 words including notes, bibliography and appendices. The thesis is supervised by a lecturer of the Department of Arabic, Persian and Turkish Languages and Cultures who possesses the appropriate expertise in the field addressed in the thesis. The Department ensures that students are put in contact with a lecturer from their own department for thesis supervision, preferably at the commencement of the programme.

See also: http://www.hum.leiden.edu/students/ma_mphil.jsp

Programme schedule Master Turkish

Track Turkish Studies, Turkish/Ottoman specialisation

sem	course title	ISIScode	t.a. level	ECTS
I	Sources and Methods: History and Social Theory	MOMA 401	s	400 10
I	Literature Seminar I: one of the following four courses:			500 10
	From Ottoman Empire to Turkish Republic	TUMA 501	s	
	The Ottoman Empire and Europe	TUMA 502	s	
	Issues in Islam in the Middle East Past and Present	MOMA 501	s	
	Christian Communities in the Ottoman Empire	RM5610	s	

I	Literature Seminar II: see Literature Seminar I			500	10	
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II During the second semester students follow at least one course at Sabanci University, Istanbul of 10 ects. A list of the courses on offer will be available in the course of the Fall semester

II Students who remain in Leiden follow two of the following four courses:

	Topics in Turkish Linguistics	TUMA 505	s	500	5	
	Worlds of Fiction: Modernism and Post-Modernism in Turkish Literature and Film	TUMA 506	s	500	5	
	Manuscripts as Sources for the History of Ottoman Culture	TUMA 507	s	500	5	
	European Union and the Turkic World (Turkey, the Caucasus and Central Asia)	TUMA 513	s	500	5	
II	MA- thesis	MOMA 500	sst	500	20	
						30

Track Turkish Studies, Central Asian specialisation

sem	course title	ISIScode		t.a.	level	ECTS
I	Sources and Methods: History and Social Theory	MOMA 401	s	400	10	
I	Society and Culture in Central Asia and the Caucasus	TUMA 510	s	500	10	
I	Kazakh Language	TUMA 511	s	500	10	
						30
II	From Protectorates to Sovereign States: Soviet and post-Soviet Central Asia	TUMA 512	s	500	5	
II	European Union and the Turkic World (Turkey, the Caucasus and Central Asia)	TUMA 513	s	500	5	
II	MA- thesis (incl. Fieldwork in Azerbaijan or Kazakhstan)	MOMA 500	sst	500	20	
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