

Language Choices

European	German	French	Italian	Spanish	Russian	Polish
Middle Eastern	Arabic	Hebrew	Turkish			

Study abroad and work placements

Students must spend their third year abroad, living and learning in a region related to their language studies. During this time you will also take classes on the history and culture of the region and gain experience and develop cultural competency to bring to the career of your choice. You can spend a full year at a European university or spend one semester in Europe and one in the Middle East/North Africa.

Career and Postgraduate Opportunities

MEELC graduates combine a unique understanding of Middle Eastern and European cultural interactions and identity politics with Trinity's long-standing tradition of nurturing independent thinkers. Graduates are particularly well equipped to work in a variety of sectors, for example: international relations and international development, the institutions of the European Union, international financial and tech organizations, multinational corporations, advocacy, diplomacy, journalism, marketing, secondary school education, NGOs and the Civil Service. Their high level of competence in both a European and a Middle Eastern language, as well as their international experience and cultural competence, distinguish graduates of this programme. The MEELC degree is also an excellent foundation for many MPhil or MA programmes and for those students progressing towards more advanced academic qualifications.

Further Information

For further information please see our website <https://www.tcd.ie/langs-lits-cultures/meelc/> or contact meelc@tcd.ie



Middle Eastern and European Languages and Cultures



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What is Middle Eastern and European Languages and Cultures?

The degree in Middle Eastern and European Languages and Cultures (MEELC) offers students an opportunity to explore two regions and their interactions. Examining the societies of the Middle East, North Africa and Europe through the study of languages, history, culture, and religion prepares students to engage with current global issues. These regions have complex historical relationships that shape modern strategic and political interactions.

The course prepares students to engage critically with discussions about Middle Eastern cultures and their historic and current relationship with Europe. The MEELC programme promotes an integrated learning approach and equips students with excellent intercultural competencies.

Students study one European and one Middle Eastern language and gain invaluable international experience by living and learning abroad.

Why Study Middle Eastern and European Languages and Cultures at Trinity?

If you are interested in history, culture and current affairs, enjoy studying languages and literatures, and relish the challenge of engaging with a foreign culture by living and studying abroad for a year, then MEELC is the course for you.

The teaching on offer in this degree trains students to become critical thinkers and independent professionals who are well equipped - and not afraid - to tackle many of the challenges society faces today.

There is a demand for graduates with a thorough understanding of the Middle East, North Africa and Europe and the history of their engagement.

This programme is designed to address the shortage of experts in regional affairs and provides graduates with both a highly sought-after set of skills and an in-depth knowledge of intercultural relations.

If you have an interest in the Middle East, you may also consider Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic Studies.

(www.tcd.ie/nmes).

What Will You Study?

The MEELC degree consists of several modules, many of which can be chosen according to personal interest and career goals. You can tailor your skills and competencies to ensure that you gain a grounding in the areas that most interest you.

Each year students take a variety of classes that include language, history, and culture.

Year 1: In this year, students take classes in the following subjects: one European language, the history and culture relating specifically to that language, the history and formation of Europe, the history of the Middle East including politics and religion, and the relationship between the Middle East and Europe

Year 2: Students continue the European language, start one Middle Eastern language and take additional classes on historical and contemporary perspectives on the Middle East and Europe and on European modernity. You can choose from a wide range of subjects related to the study of the history, religions, politics, and culture of the Middle East and North Africa.

Year 3: Stay abroad (full academic year) Students can choose from a half year (one semester) at a European University and a half year (one semester) at a University in the Middle East or A full year (2 semesters) at a university in the country of your European language of choice.

Year 4: Student may focus on either the Middle Eastern *and* the European language, or *only* on the European language and take history and culture modules corresponding to language(s); students also take two modules from the Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies and undertake a research project.

Special Entry Requirement

Applicants must present with at least one European language (other than English and Irish) in the Leaving Certificate (or equivalent). If candidates are presenting one language (other than English or Irish), they must attain a grade of HB3 or higher.

Leaving Certificate	Advanced GCE (A-level)
If candidates are presenting two or more languages, they must attain at least the following grades:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade B in one language other than English or Irish OR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HC - In two of French, German, Greek, Italian, Latin, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Arabic, Hebrew Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade C In two languages other than English or Irish (as listed above)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HC1 - If presenting French or German 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HC2 - If presenting Spanish and taking Spanish as a non-beginner 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HC3 - If presenting any other language 	