



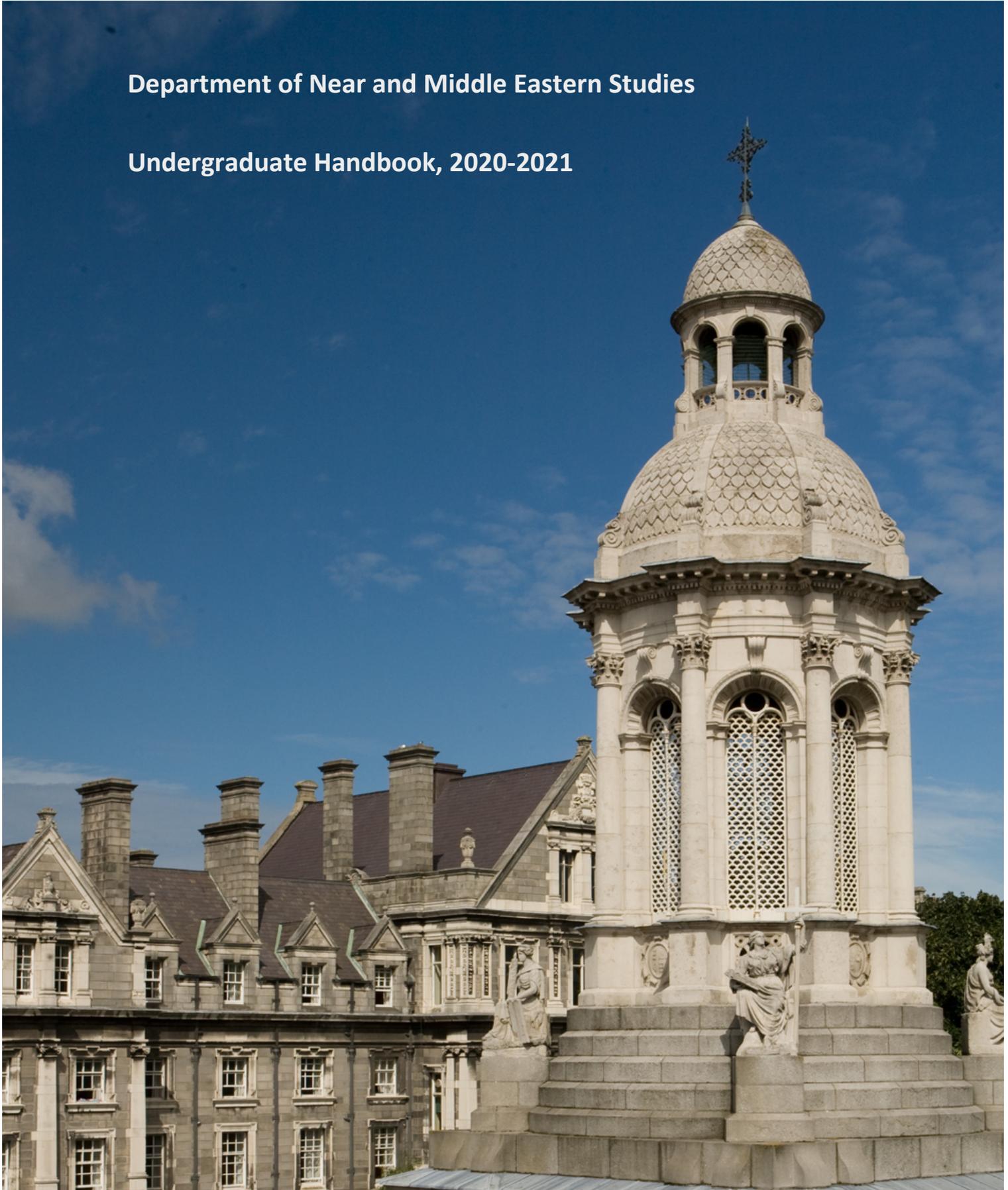
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**Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies**

**Undergraduate Handbook, 2020-2021**



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## **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **(i) The Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies**

This vibrant and diverse department offers teaching and research in a wide range of areas related to the study of the societies and cultures of the Middle East, North Africa as well as Jewish and Islamic civilisations. The undergraduate degree courses in Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic Civilisations and Jewish and Islamic Civilisations provide introductory modules across our areas of expertise in year one and students choose their own pathway for the subsequent years depending on their interests. Students may also opt to take a language from year two (or just for year two) from a choice of Arabic, Turkish, Modern or Ancient Hebrew, Sumerian or Middle Egyptian Hieroglyphs.

### **(i) This Handbook**

This Handbook provides information about the Dept office, teaching staff, assessment, and about the academic programme. Essential information can also be found in the Handbook for the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies, which can be accessed at: <https://www.tcd.ie/langs-lits-cultures/index.php>

### **(ii) Dept of Near and Middle Eastern Studies Office**

The EO for the NMES is Ms Dominique Plant and she is located in Room 5038 on the fifth floor of the Arts Building and can be contacted by e-mail: [nmes@tcd.ie](mailto:nmes@tcd.ie) (tel: 01. 896.1141). The Dept office opening hours will be posted on the door. The Head of Department is Dr Zuleika Rodgers ([RODGERSZ@tcd.ie](mailto:RODGERSZ@tcd.ie)).

E-mail is a common method used for contact between the Dept office and students. Please note that you should only use your TCD e-mail address when contacting the NMES office or any staff.

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## **2. REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES**

Please note that it is the responsibility of students to read and take note of regulations about their programme. Alongside the information in this handbook, students should also read carefully information provided about individual modules. You should also consult the handbooks and information provided by the other relevant departments where you take modules for important information about modules, including assessment deadlines, how to submit written work, marking criteria, and other regulations. If you are in any doubt about how these regulations affect you, contact your lecturer, College tutor, or relevant department office. Please also note that the University Calendar ([www.tcd.ie/calendar/](http://www.tcd.ie/calendar/)) outlines all regulations.

Information on Trinity Joint Honors (TJH) and Two-Subject Moderatorship (TSM) regulation for assessment and progression can be found at:

<https://www.tcd.ie/tsm-tjh/>

### **(i) Assessment and Examinations**

There are varied modes of assessment in different modules in your programme. Please consult information provided by the lecturers/module coordinators to understand precisely what is required of you in assessed exercises and in examinations. Please also note that it is the responsibility of each student to establish the time and date of examinations and be aware of examination regulations by consulting the College Examination Office website.

[www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/exams/](http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/exams/)

Students who do not pass at the annual examination session, either outright or by compensation, must complete supplemental assessments in all modules in which they did not pass by taking such assessment components, as required, during the supplemental examination period.

TSM Assessment and Progression information can be found at:

<https://www.tcd.ie/tsm-tjh/tsm-student/assessment/>

TJH Assessment and Progression information can be found at:

<https://www.tcd.ie/tsm-tjh/tjh-students/assessment/>

### **(ii) Marking Scheme and Marking Criteria**

The marking scheme used is based on the following grade descriptors: I = 70 -100; II.1 = 60 - 69 marks; II.2= 50 - 59 marks; III= 40 - 49 marks; F.1= 30 – 39 marks; F.2= 0 - 29 marks. In cases of failure to submit an assessed work component, 0% is awarded.

Languages are graded to a top mark of 80%.

### **(iii) Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is the act of presenting the work of others as one's own work, without acknowledgement. As such, it is considered as academically fraudulent, and subject

to the disciplinary procedures of the University. Plagiarism can arise from deliberate actions and/ or through careless thinking and methodology. The offence lies not in the attitude or intention of the author, but in the action and in its consequences. Please note that it is the responsibility of the author of any work to ensure that they do not commit plagiarism. Students must therefore think carefully about their practices of essay-writing, translation, citation, and note-taking. In the event of any uncertainty students should seek advice ahead of submitting any work for assessment.

All students are required to read and take note of the regulations on plagiarism in the College Calendar [www.tcd.ie/calendar](http://www.tcd.ie/calendar). (Calendar Part II, General Regulations, Academic Progress, Paragraphs 82 and following).

For important information about this subject students are also required to consult <http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism>.

All students must complete the online tutorial on avoiding plagiarism, 'Ready, Steady, Write', located at <http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/ready-steady-write>.

#### **(iv) Essay submissions**

Every essay must be accompanied by the appropriate coversheet which can be downloaded from Blackboard or available through the departmental office. All essays should be submitted through Blackboard.

#### **(v) Attendance and Non-satisfactory Performance**

In some modules students must satisfy an attendance requirement and must complete non-examined written work. Students are responsible for ensuring that they understand and meet the criteria required in all modules they study. Please consult your lecturer or module tutor if you are uncertain about what is expected.

#### **(vi) Late Submission of Coursework Policy**

All students must fulfil the course requirements of the school or department, as appropriate, with regard to attendance and course work. Students are required to submit coursework according to agreed submission dates. If you have a problem keeping up with coursework or have an issue submitting coursework on time please contact your lecturer or the Head of Department. You may also choose to address this through your College tutor.

You can find your tutor on [my.tcd.ie](http://my.tcd.ie) or alternatively you can contact the Senior Tutors office:

<https://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor/students/undergraduate/>

There are penalties for late submission of written coursework without an approved extension or acceptable explanation (e.g. Medical certificate) as follows:

- Up to one week's lateness incurs a penalty of 10% mark reduction;
- One to two week's lateness incurs a penalty of 20% mark reduction;
- After 2 weeks, 0 will be awarded.

Please note that these penalties have been agreed and are applied throughout the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies.

Please refer to your relevant Department for specific guidance.

#### **(vi) Scholarship Examination**

##### **Objectives:**

The objective of the Scholarship examination is to identify outstanding academic potential in the areas taught in the degree course Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic Civilisations. The Scholarship examination for students in Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic Civilisations includes material covered during the two semesters of the Junior Freshman year and the first semester of the Senior Freshman year. Further details will be provided by the Department.

### **3. COURSE STRUCTURE**

**NB: These modules are taught in the academic year 2020-2021.**

#### **(i) Junior Freshman Year (30 ECTS)**

In the Junior Freshman year, students take six modules:

##### Semester One

- Introduction to the History of the Ancient Near East
- Introduction to Jewish History and Culture
- History and Culture of Ancient Egypt: The World of the Pharaohs

##### Semester Two

- Introduction to Islamic Civilisation
- Introduction to the Modern Middle East
- Literary Cultures of the Middle East

#### **(ii) Senior Freshman Year**

Senior Freshman students choose from the following modules (the number of modules taken depends on each student's pathway; students may take only one language):

##### Semester One

- Jews and European Society
- History of the Ottoman Empire
- The Middle East: Regional Perspectives

##### Semester Two

- Islam in Europe
- Comparative Politics of the Middle East
- Women in Ancient Near Eastern and Early Jewish Society

Languages (semester one and two)

- Modern Standard Arabic Level 1
- Introduction to Modern Hebrew
- Introduction to Turkish
- Introduction to Sumerian
- Reading Middle Egyptian Hieroglyphs
- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

### **(iii) Junior Sophister Year**

Students choose from the following modules:

Semester One:

Human Rights in the Middle East

Media and Politics of the Middle East: Tunisia, Turkey and Egypt

Jerusalem: The Making of a Contested City

Semester Two:

Great Jewish Books: Identity, Culture and Society

Scribes and Scholars of Assyria and Babylon

Empire, Colonialism and Globalisation in the Middle East

Languages:

Modern Hebrew 2: Intermediate Level

Modern Standard Arabic Level 2

Biblical Hebrew: Intermediate level

### **(v) Senior Sophister Year (60 ECTS)**

All students prepare a dissertation/capstone of 10,000 words (20 ECTS).

Submission date is: Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

Students choose from the following modules:

Semester One:

Islam and Gender

Biblical Narratives and Popular Culture

Colonialism and Postcolonialism around the Mediterranean

Modern Standard Arabic: Level 3

Semester Two:

The Jews of Ancient Egypt

Media Arabic and Regional Variations

Holocaust Representation in Film and Literature

Sick Man of Europe? State and Society in the Late Ottoman Empire

History of Disease and the Disaster in the Middle East

## **Important information on COVID-19 restrictions and modes of teaching and learning**

In order to offer taught programmes in line with government health and safety advice, teaching and learning in Semester 1 for your programme will follow a blended model that combines online and in-person elements to be attended on campus. This blended model will include offering online lectures for larger class groupings, as well as in-person classes for smaller groups: the differing modes of teaching and learning for particular modules are determined by your home School. Information on the modes of teaching and learning in Semester 2 will be available closer to the time.

Trinity will be as flexible as possible in facilitating late arrivals due to travel restrictions, visa delays, and other challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. If you expect to arrive later than 28<sup>th</sup> September, please alert your course coordinator as early as possible.

For those students not currently in Ireland, according to current Government health and safety guidelines, please note that these students are expected to allow for a 14-day period of restricted movement after arrival and prior to commencement of their studies, and therefore should factor this into their travel plans.

For those students currently on the island of Ireland, we remind you of the Irish Government's advice that all non-essential overseas travel should be avoided. If you do travel overseas, you are expected to restrict your movements for 14 days immediately from your return, during which time you will not be permitted to come to any Trinity campus.

Therefore, as you are required to be available to attend College from the beginning of the new teaching year on 28 September, **please ensure you do not return from travel overseas any later than 13 September.**