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
Leaving Certificate Advanced GCE (A-level)

If candidates are presenting two or more languages, they must attain at least the following grades:

- Grade B in one language other than English or Irish OR
- HC - In two of French, German, Greek, Italian, Latin, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Arabic, Hebrew Studies
- Grade C In two languages other than English or Irish (as listed above)
- HC1 - If presenting French or German
- HC2 - If presenting Spanish and taking Spanish as a non-beginner
- HC3 - If presenting any other language

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.

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)

Year 4: Student may focus on either the Middle Eastern or 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.

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