

Joint Honours Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic Civilisations can be combined with:

### Your choice of careers

A knowledge of the cultures, values and histories of different societies in the global community is an advantage for many types of careers. A range of student activities will be available to you and many of these will help you to develop the kind of skills employers look for.

The students who have taken this course have found them relevant careers in journalism and media, International Relations, Government and NGO sector, Museum curatorship, Human Rights, Law, EU and UN posts and teaching in both second and third level institutions. Our graduates have also been very successful in gaining places in MA and PhD programmes with a number of recent graduates winning scholarships to Oxford.

#### Joint Honours: Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic Civilisations

Ancient History and Archaeology

Classical Languages

Classical Civilisations

French

History

Italian

Irish

Music

Religion

Spanish

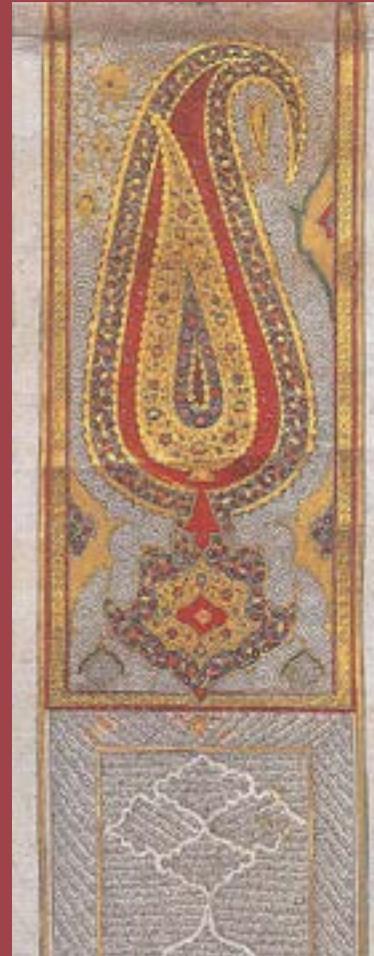
### Further Information

For further information please see our website <https://www.tcd.ie/nmes> or contact [nmes@tcd.ie](mailto:nmes@tcd.ie)

Interested in the Middle East? You may also be interested in Middle Eastern and European Languages and Cultures - <https://www.tcd.ie/langs-lits-cultures/meelc/> or contact [meelc@tcd.ie](mailto:meelc@tcd.ie)



# Middle Eastern, Jewish & Islamic Civilisations



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## Why study Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic Civilisations?

Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic cultures have been deeply influential in the development of European, North African and North American societies. To understand the history of the Middle East, and the religions to which it gave rise, is to better understand the region's complex role in the world today. Studying their origins, histories, politics, religions and literatures provides an insight into the challenges of diversity and multiculturalism that face global societies today.

Whether you find yourself drawn to the ancient or modern worlds or favour the study of literature, archaeology, religion, history, languages or politics, you will find in our degree a way to deepen your appreciation of complex and diverse societies and cultures. From Babylon to Berlin, from Cracow to Cordoba, from Tel Aviv to Tehran, from New York to Jerusalem you can explore these extraordinary societies with us. You also have the option of learning a language: Hebrew, Arabic or Turkish. Some of the courses you may choose:

- Introduction to the Ancient Middle East and North Africa
- Jews, Christians and Zoroastrians in ancient Iraq and Iran
- Politics and Society in the modern Middle East
- The Middle East, Europe and America during the World Wars
- The Middle East in Global Context
- Human Rights in Middle East
- Jews and European Society from 1750/ Islam in Europe
- Holocaust Representation in Film and Literature
- The History of the Ottoman Empire

- Islam and Gender
- Jews, Christians and Muslims in Medieval Europe
- Learning a language is not compulsory but you may choose to learn Arabic, Turkish or Hebrew

## Who studies Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic Civilisations?

Students in our course come from a wide variety of cultures and regions and represent many different ages and lifestyles. Our students are fascinated by history, both ancient and modern, literature, politics, human rights, and cultural studies and want to explore the issues facing our global world and their origins in the past.

This course can be combined with another Arts Humanities option (Joint Honours). See table below for possible combinations.

## What will you gain in this course?

- An appreciation of the complexities, depth, diversity and cultural richness of Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic civilisation in their historical context, from their origins in the ancient Near Eastern and Mediterranean worlds and North Africa, to their expansion to Europe and beyond.
- An opportunity to explore the historical, political, cultural and religious interactions between the Middle East and Europe and America from antiquity to the present
- You will have the option of studying a Middle Eastern language which will enhance the intercultural fluency you

will gain from all modules in this course

- You may participate in various activities that include study tours (e.g., Poland, Berlin, Andalusia).
- Each year international figures working in areas such as Human Rights, International Relations, Journalism, Holocaust studies, Modern Middle Eastern politics and Middle Eastern archaeology come in to the class rooms to contribute to the courses.

- We also offer internships in the Museum of Biblical Antiquities for those interested in gaining skills and experience.
- You may also choose to spend a term or year living and learning abroad in Europe, the Middle East and the USA.

## What Will You Study?

In your first year you will take six compulsory modules that are designed to provide you with a basic introduction. No previous study of the area is required or presupposed. From second year onward, you may choose from a range of modules offered

Each year students earn a total of 60 ECTS credit points through the following modules:

**Year 1:** Introduction to the History of the Modern Middle East; Introduction to the History of the Ancient Near East and North Africa; Introduction to Jewish and Islamic Literature and Philosophy; Introduction to Jewish Civilisation; Introduction to Islamic Civilisation

**Year 2:** In year 2 you may choose a language, though languages are not compulsory (Arabic, Turkish, Classical and Modern Hebrew are offered). Additional modules you may choose include: Jews, Christians and Zoroastrians in Iran; The Modern Middle East, Regional Perspectives; Human Rights in the Middle East; Jews in European Society from 1750; Great Jewish Books

**Year 3:** In year 3 you may choose from a range of modules which include: the continuation of your chosen language and Arabs in Antiquity; Islam and Gender; Jews, Christians and Muslims in the Medieval World; Politics and Society in the Modern Middle East; The History and Cultures of Turkey

**Year 4:** In year 4 you choose 4 modules and write a 10,000 word dissertation on a topic of your choice. Modules include: an option to continue your chosen language; Holocaust Representation in Film and Literature; The Modern Middle East, Europe, and America; The Modern Middle East during the World Wars; Islam and Gender; History and Cultures of the Ottoman Empire; The Jews of Ancient Egypt.