



Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic Civilisations as a New Minor Subject Details for 24/25

Why take this New Minor Subject?

The Joint Honours degree course in *Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic Civilisations* gives students an analytical and well-rounded perspective on this hugely important, fascinating region and significant civilisations. Encompassing all aspects of *Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic civilisations* – from history, politics and religion to the arts, languages, and international relations – the degree course offers a broad education across the humanities and social sciences. Our modules provide a strong academic grounding in these civilisations from antiquity to the contemporary world, as well as addressing the latest critical approaches and changing landscapes. But it also develops students’ cultural dexterity in a way that is important for the increasingly globalised job market, where one needs to be able to network as easily with someone in Dubai or Cairo as with someone in Cork or Donegal. The degree also provides critical skills in research and communication – again, highly valued attributes in the world of work.

If you are interested in ancient and modern history, in literature, in religion and philosophy, in the Middle East and its cultures and religions, in the region’s relationship with the Western world, this course would be of great interest to you. If you find yourself asking how societies develop their values and perspectives, you will be able to explore how they do so over the course of some of the most exciting periods of human history

The course has huge contemporary relevance. We examine issues like human rights, gender, racism, Islamophobia, migration, antisemitism and the place of religion in secular societies and secular life in religious states.

A friendly, student-oriented and diverse department, we are committed to helping students pursue their intellectual interests and extend their intellectual skills. We aim to support them in achieving their study goals, in the belief that these provide a key foundation for subsequently achieving life goals. Our students come from many different cultural backgrounds, in Ireland and abroad, and our degree programmes presuppose no prior knowledge.

What will I learn?

In the first year of this New Minor Subject, students are introduced to a wide range of areas across the full spectrum of ancient and modern topics. In the following years students shape their own educational experience, by choosing modules in accordance with their own developing interests.

For those who enjoy studying languages, we offer a range of ancient and modern Middle Eastern languages. Those available typically include Arabic, Turkish, Hebrew (modern and ancient), Ottoman Turkish, and Middle Egyptian Hieroglyphs. Language study is optional and begins in year two.

What will I do?

In year In Year two, students chose 2 modules in MT and 2 in HT

Code	Title	ECTS	Semester
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NMU11051	INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST	5 ECTS	MT
NMU	LITERARY CULTURES OF THE MIDDLE EAST	5 ECTS	MT
NMU11002	INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST	5 ECTS	HT
NMU11012	INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC CIVILISATION	5 ECTS	HT
NMU11041	INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH HISTORY AND CULTURE	5 ECTS	MT
NMU11071	HISTORY AND CULTURE OF ANCIENT EGYPT: THE WORLD OF THE PHARAOHS	5 ECTS	HT

If you continue with Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic civilisations as your Minor Subject, you will take a combination of language, culture and literature modules in your Sophister Years (20 ECTS)

In year three, you can choose from the following modules:

Islam in Europe
History of the Ottoman Empire
The Modern Middle East: Regional Perspectives
Comparative Politics of the Middle East
Early Jewish History and Literature
Jews and European Society

Modern Standard Arabic level 1
Introduction to the Turkish Language
Introduction to Modern Hebrew
Introduction to Ancient Hebrew

In year four, you can chose from the following modules:

Human Rights in the Middle East
Media and Politics of the Middle East: Tunisia, Turkey and Egypt
Jerusalem: The Making of a Contested City (Through time and space)
Empire, Colonialism and Globalisation in the Middle East
Between Remembering and Forgetting: Old Worlds and New Worlds in Modern Jewish Culture
Sexuality in the Middle East
Jews, Christian And Zoroastrians Under Persian Rule
Managing the Gods in Assyria and Babylon
The Ottoman Empire and International relations in the Early Modern period
Into/out of Egypt: Biblical Narratives and Popular Culture
Modern Standard Arabic Level 2

Intermediate Modern Hebrew	
Intermediate Ancient Hebrew	
Intermediate Turkish	

How will this be assessed?

Modules are assessed in a variety of ways from learning journals, reports, essays, in-class tests and some examinations.

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