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AL AKHAWAYN  
UNIVERSITY

Master of Arts in  
**North African &  
Middle Eastern Studies**

**PROGRAM SHEET**

Catalog 2019-2021

This program sheet will help you navigate the course offerings in the Master of Arts in North African and Middle Eastern Studies (NAMES) per semester. Use it to anticipate what to expect as you move on from start to finish. NAMES is a 12-month, 30 SCH program. Student intake takes place every Fall Semester. The SHSS graduate admissions committee, composed of faculty members from the program and chaired by the Dean or Graduate Studies Coordinator, is in charge of evaluating applications for acceptance into graduate programs and decides, together with the University Language Center, on whether or not the admitted student needs additional (English or foundation) courses prior to starting the academic program *per se*.

- Students who meet all academic conditions are accepted to the program with regular status.
- Students whose background does not include the specific requirements may need to take undergraduate foundation courses prior to accessing regular graduate courses.
- Students for whom English is not a mother tongue must achieve a TOEFL score of 550 pts (iBT:79) and obtain a 5.0 score over 6.0 in writing (iBT: 20) in order to be admitted to the regular program.
- In order to be admitted to the AUI Language Center for additional study of English before enrolling in the regular degree program, students must have achieved TOEFL scores of at least 500 pts (iBT 61).

<b>English Language Courses *</b>	<b>Non-credit</b>
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ALS 1001	Academic Listening, Speaking and Note-taking I	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
ALS 1002	Academic Listening, Speaking and Note-taking II	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
ARD 1001	Academic Reading I	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
ARD 1002	Academic Reading II	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
AWG 1001	Academic Writing and Grammar I	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
AWG 1002	Academic Writing and Grammar II	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>

\* English language courses are assigned by the Language Center during admission based on the TOEFL placement test results. English language courses should be taken prior to embarking on the foundation courses, if any, and the academic program *per se*. Language courses are offered in a face-to-face mode on a non-credit, Pass/Fail basis. The Intensive English Program of the Language Center is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation ([www.cea-accredit.org](http://www.cea-accredit.org)).

<b>FOUNDATION COURSES **</b>	<b>Non-credit</b>
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FAS 2210	Graduate Academic Skills <sup>§</sup>	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
HIS 2302	Modern North Africa and the Middle East	0 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>

\*\* Foundation courses are assigned during admission. Assignment depends on previous degree(s) earned. Foundation courses are taken online in a self-paced mode on a non-credit, Pass/Fail basis. The procedures for seeking exemptions from assigned foundation courses are explained in the SHSS Graduate Student Handbook. If students fail two foundation courses, they are dropped from the program without the right to appeal. The failing grade will be recorded as an FR (failing and needs to repeat). A pass will be recorded as a P. Grades earned taking undergraduate foundation courses will not be computed in the student's GPA.

<sup>§</sup> Before they can take FAS 2210, students who have English language requirements need to complete all Language Center courses, except AWG1002.

<b>NAMES CORE PROGRAM</b>	<b>12 SCH</b>
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**Fall Semester (6 SCH required + 6 SCH optional)**

HIS 5361	History of North Africa	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
INS 5362	Graduate Seminar in NAMES	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
	Optional NAMES course	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
	Optional NAMES course	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>

**Spring Semester (3 SCH required + 9 SCH optional)**

SSC 5302	Multidisciplinary Research Design and Methods	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
	Optional NAMES course	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
	Optional NAMES course	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
	Optional NAMES course	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>

**Summer Session (3 SCH required + 3 SCH optional)**

SSC 5310	Thesis Seminar	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
	Optional NAMES course	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>

**Inter-session (January & May)**

Optional courses may be offered during the January and May inter-sessions, which are two-week super-intensive programs, designed for students to explore new special-topics courses. Students may choose, in consultation with their academic advisors and/or Graduate Studies Coordinator, to take ONE inter-session course that can substitute an optional NAMES course. Note that the Registrar's Office will cancel any course without sufficient student enrollment (between 6 and 16). Students registered for courses that are not retained due to insufficient enrollment will be offered the option of enrolling in other or subsequent Inter-session courses.

**OPTIONAL NAMES COURSES****18 SCH****Students are required to choose SIX optional courses (2 in Fall + 3 in Spring + 1 in Summer) from the list below:****18 SCH**

HIS 5311	Modern Imperialism and its Culture	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
HIS 5312	Contemporary History of a North African Country	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
HIS 5325	Colonization and Decolonization in North Africa and the Middle East	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
HUM 5310	Amazigh History and Culture	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
HUM 5312	Popular Culture in North Africa	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
HUM 5323	Society and Politics in North African Literature and Film	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
HUM 5360	Issues in Contemporary Islam	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
INS 5361	Political Economy of North Africa and the Middle East	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
INS 5399	Special Topics in North Africa and the Middle East	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
PSC 5350	Middle Eastern Politics	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
SSC 5304	North African Migration and Immigrant Communities	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
SSC 5351	North African Cities	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
SSC 5362	Global Islam and the Contemporary World	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
SSC 5364	Women and Islam: Contemporary Debates	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
TMZ 1301	Beginning Tamazight I	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>
TMZ 1302	Beginning Tamazight II	3 SCH	Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not met <input type="checkbox"/>

**TOTAL****30 SCH**