



## A new postgraduate programme on Middle Eastern Diasporas

The University of Edinburgh is one of the top two universities in the UK for Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies and we have been teaching Arabic for 250 years. The University is consistently ranked among the top 50\* universities in the world.  
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## A unique insight and understanding of the Middle East, its diversity and peoples

This programme is the first of its kind in the UK to bring together Middle East Studies and Diaspora Studies. It provides an unprecedented opportunity to those interested in the vibrant blend of cultures, religions and ethnicities of the Middle East and their histories and impact in the region and beyond.

Focusing on Middle East minorities, diasporas and their relationships with their 'Others', this degree contributes to a fuller, intellectually rewarding engagement between area studies, social science and the humanities. Underlying the programme are fundamental questions about being rooted and routed, belonging, displacement, community, citizenship and state and the effects of the processes of globalisation on identities. It is ideal for those seeking a multi-layered understanding of the region for either academic or professional purposes.

The University has a collection, unmatched in Britain, of the first 50 years of al-Ahram, the leading newspaper of the Arab world. We also hold the manuscripts of the Rashid al-Din world history and world chronology of al-Biruni in Edinburgh. In addition to our 30 libraries with over 3 million books and 20,000 electronic journals, IMES is home to the Islamic Library at 19 George Square.

### Studying MSc Middle Eastern Diasporas

The programme will draw on expertise from across the University, in particular, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies (IMES), the Centre for the Advanced Study of the Arab World (CASAW) and the Alwaleed Centre.

#### Semester 1 Courses

Diaspora Studies: Theories, Concepts and Methodologies  
 Diasporas of the Middle East  
 Research Skills and Methods

\*These can be chosen from a list of relevant courses available in IMES and other departments of the university such as History, Divinity, Politics and International Relations.

#### Dissertation

MSc candidates are required to submit a dissertation of 15,000 words by the end of August.

#### Semester 2 Courses

Research Methods and Problems  
 Two Options\*

Students may take introductory Persian, Turkish or Arabic language courses.

#### Entry Requirements

A UK 2.1 first degree or its international equivalent

#### Provisional Timetable

Semester 1: 19 September - 21 December 2011  
 Semester 2: 16 January - 20 April 2012

#### Tuition fees

The MSc fee is £5,300 (UK/EU students) and £12,200 (international students) per year 2011/12.

#### Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships available at the University. All are awarded on the basis of merit. More information is available at: [www.scholarships.ed.ac.uk/awards](http://www.scholarships.ed.ac.uk/awards)

#### Graduate Discount Scheme

University of Edinburgh graduates will receive a 10 per cent discount on postgraduate tuition fees. The Graduate Discount Scheme applies to both UK/EU and overseas students.

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