



UiO : Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages  
University of Oslo

# Welcome to Middle East Studies



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## Programme Structure

- 30 credits each semester
- 60 credits per year
- 120 credits in total over two years (full time study)
- Please read the course descriptions carefully (information about the teaching, obligatory activities and exam).

→ Semesterpage with schedule, examdate and reading list.

<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/programmes/aas-master/programme-options/middle-east-studies/structure/>

<b>4. semester</b>	<u>MES4590 – Master Thesis in Middle East Studies</u>		
<b>3. semester</b>	<u>AMS4900 – International Project Term in Asia and the Middle East</u> or <u>MES4020 – Field Work in the Middle East</u> and <u>MES4610 – Voices from the Middle East: How to Communicate Research Results</u> or Semester abroad		
<b>2. semester</b>	Elective course	Elective course	<u>MES4010 – Critical literature review in Middle East Studies</u>
<b>1. semester</b>	<u>MES4000 – Theory, Methodology and Project Description in Middle East- and South Asia Studies</u>		<u>MES4110 – Readings of Middle Eastern Texts</u>
	10 credits	10 credits	10 credits

## Second semester

Compulsory course

- MES4010 – Critical literature review in Middle East Studies

The student must choose two of the following courses:

- MES4500 – Topics in Middle East Politics and Society I
- MES4520 – Topics in Middle East Politics and Society II
- REL4510 – Topics in Islamic Studies I
- MES4560 – Topics in Islamic Studies II
- MES4210 – Topics in Arabic Studies I
- MES4230 – Topics in Persian Studies I
- MES4270 – Topics in Turkish Studies I
- REL4020 – Religion and Politics
- KOS4020 – Conference participation and presentation
- KOS4030 – Work as a research assistant

## Third semester

- 1) Field work (MES4020 and MES4610) or
- 2) Semester abroad or
- 3) International project semester (AMS4900)
  - Find a relevant internship
  - For Norwegian citizens: apply for internship through UiO's agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (UD).

<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/programmes/aas-master/programme-options/middle-east-studies/abroad/index.html>





- Develop interdisciplinary competence in environmental and climate change studies.
- Parallel with your Master programme over two years.
- 20 credits in total: 4 courses (5 credits each).
- Information meeting 23 September 16:15. Time and place will come under “messages” and in “my studies”.
- Application: deadline 15 October.

<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/programmes/ehs/>

## Registrations

Every semester you must:

- Register in Studentweb
- Apply for courses (teaching and examination)
- Pay the semester fee and the Kopinor fee

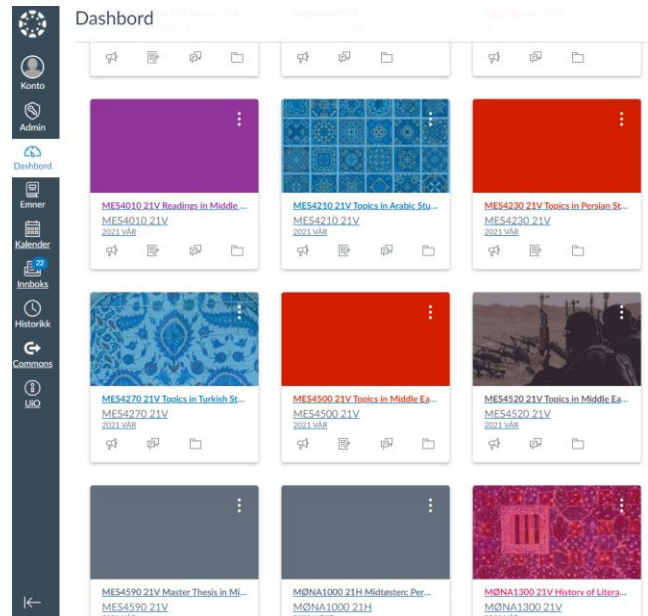
Registration deadline **1 September / 1 February**

<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/registrations/studentweb/>



# Canvas

- communicate with teachers and students
- submit papers
- find deadlines and messages from the teacher





# My studies

- schedule with teaching, exams and Canvas assignments
- messages from your courses and study programme
- shortcuts to tools and services

## My studies

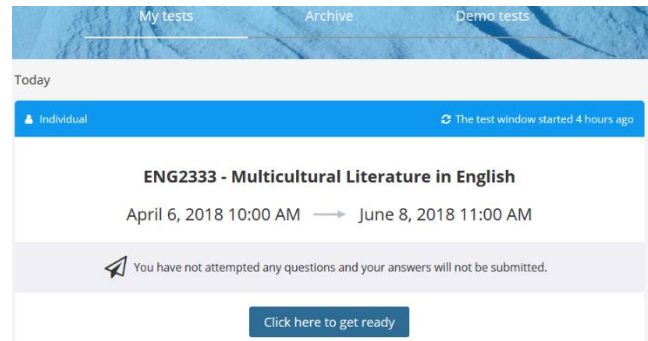
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The screenshot displays the 'My studies' interface. At the top, there is a 'Messages' section with a speech bubble icon, the text 'Messages Last message: yesterday', and a downward arrow. Below this is a 'Schedule' section with a calendar icon, the text 'Schedule: 9 – August 13 (week 32)', and an upward arrow. The schedule is presented as a grid with columns for 'Monday 9.8', 'Tuesday 10.8', 'Wednesday 11.8', 'Thursday 12.8', and 'Today'. The rows represent time slots from 08:00 to 16:00. A blue horizontal line is drawn across the grid at the 15:00 mark. Navigation arrows and a 'Select week' button are located above the grid. A 'Subscribe to schedule' button is positioned at the bottom left of the grid area.

# Inspira

- Digital examination system
  - Term paper, portfolio (file upload)
- Log in with UiO username and password

<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/examinations/submissions/submit-answer/>



## Student ID

- Student ID on your mobile phone
  - Register in Studentweb
  - Pay the semester fee
- Student card
  - Access to buildings and rooms, prints, library card
  - SiO Customer Service in the Kristian Ottosen building (next to Akademika)
    - Bring valid semester receipt and passport/national ID
    - Need to book an appointment

## Special needs and leave of absence

- Special needs in everyday study
  - Reservation of study space, access to a quiet room, etc.
- Examination arrangements
  - Extra time, private seating, equipment
- Leave of absence and reduced study progression

Application deadline **1 September/1 February**

<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/special-needs-leave-part-time/>

Questions: send an email to [studentinfo@ikos.uio.no](mailto:studentinfo@ikos.uio.no)

# Reading room for master's students

- 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in P. A. Munchs building
- Access with your student card
- Book a space up to three days in advance
- Fixed spaces in the reading room are only given to students with documented special needs
- Book cabinets: [masterlesesal@ikos.uio.no](mailto:masterlesesal@ikos.uio.no) with name and locker number for registration
- One meter social distancing requirement



<https://www.hf.uio.no/ikos/english/studies/master/reading-room/index.html>



## Speak up about the learning environment

We encourage you to  
speak up when you are  
satisfied or see a way to  
improve something.

<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/contact/speak-up/index.html>

## Corona information

- All students can book a corona-test at [SiO Health](#).
- Infection prevention e-course:
  - You may complete a 15-minute online digital infection prevention course before coming to campus in Canvas
- Students will be exempt from social distancing requirements during teaching.
- In our reading rooms we will maintain the one meter social distancing requirement and the booking system.
  - All courses will start hybrid, but may be offered physical only later in the semester
- Register for vaccine: <https://www.sio.no/en/health-services/vaccines/covid-19-vaccine>
- The Smittestopp app
- As you already know: Remember social distancing, wash your hands and stay at home if you are sick.

<https://www.uio.no/english/about/hse/corona/>

## Contact information



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Have questions or need to have a talk? Please check our websites first

<https://www.hf.uio.no/ikos/english/studies/contact/index.html>

Please send me an email to schedule an appointment. Due to Covid-19 I am available only on phone or Zoom.

Useful information for master's students:

<https://www.hf.uio.no/ikos/english/studies/master/>

Questions about IT-services (username and password etc.): [it-support@uio.no](mailto:it-support@uio.no)