

Middle Eastern Studies: Paper Combinations

Middle Eastern Studies Pathway

At Part IA (first year) and Part IB (second year) and Part II (fourth year) in the Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Tripos Arabic, Persian, Hebrew and Aramaic courses have been integrated into one 'Middle Eastern Studies' pathway. There is a separate pathway for those students combining Middle Eastern Studies (Arabic, Persian, Hebrew) with a modern language from the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos. Such students must have a qualification to at least A Level standard in the Modern European Language to be offered.

Persian must be combined with another Middle Eastern or European language in Years 1 and 2.

The papers that can be taken in the **Middle Eastern Studies Pathway** are laid out below. There is a separate guide for the Middle Eastern Studies with a Modern Language Pathway.

Please note: this is a general guide. The papers and topics on offer may vary from year to year. For more information please contact ug_progadmin@ames.cam.ac.uk

Middle Eastern Studies Pathway

Part IA (first year)

The regulations say:

Candidates shall offer:

- either*
- (i) Papers MES.1 and MES.2;
 - (ii) one paper chosen from MES.6-7;
 - (iii) one further paper chosen from MES.3-7 and X.1-2.
- or*
- (i) two papers chosen from MES.3-5;
 - (ii) one paper chosen from MES.6-7;
 - (iii) one further paper chosen from MES.6-7 and X.1-2.

Candidates offering any of papers MES.2, MES.3, and MES.5 shall also offer an oral examination associated with that paper and under conditions set out by the Faculty Board from time to time. Candidates offering two of these papers shall offer two oral examinations.

There is a visual representation of this below. It must be read in conjunction with the information above.

Note: when making exam entries students *must* make entries for relevant oral exam(s): Arabic oral MESAO, Persian oral MESPO, Hebrew oral MESHO.

Option 1

Both:

MES.1 Elementary Arabic Language A
and

MES.2 Elementary Arabic Language B

plus

Either:

MES.6 Introduction to the history and culture of the Middle East

or

MES.7 Introduction to the contemporary Middle East

plus

One paper from:

MES.3 Elementary Persian Language

MES.4 Elementary Hebrew Language A

MES.5 Elementary Hebrew Language B

MES.6 Introduction to the history and culture of the Middle East

MES.7 Introduction to the contemporary Middle East

X.1 Akkadian language I

X.2 Egyptian language I

Option 2

Two papers from:

MES.3 Elementary Persian Language

MES.4 Elementary Hebrew Language A

MES.5 Elementary Hebrew Language B

plus

Either:

MES.6 Introduction to the history and culture of the Middle East

or

MES.7 Introduction to the contemporary Middle East

plus

One paper from:

MES.6 Introduction to the history and culture of the Middle East

MES.7 Introduction to the contemporary Middle East

X.1 Akkadian language I

X.2 Egyptian language I

Middle Eastern Studies Pathway

Part IB (second year)

The regulations say:

Provided that no more than two languages may be offered in total, candidates shall offer:

- (i) one paper chosen from Papers MES.11-13;
- (ii) *either*
 - (a) four further papers chosen from MES.11-20, AMES.1, X.3-8 and the additional papers announced by the Faculty Board under Regulation 8, providing that no more than two papers may be chosen (i) from papers MES.11-13, or (ii) from papers X.3-8 and that no candidate may offer both papers X.6 and X.7.
 - or* (b) one paper from MES.1, MES.3-5, and three further papers chosen from MES.14-20, AMES.1, and X.3-5, X.8, and the additional papers announced by the Faculty Board under Regulation 8, providing that no more than two papers may be chosen from Papers X.3-5, X.8 and that no paper previously offered in Part IA may be offered in Part IB.

Candidates offering any of Papers MES.3, 5, 11-13 shall also offer an oral examination associated with that paper and under conditions set out by the Faculty Board from time to time. Candidates offering two of the papers shall offer two oral examinations.

* Paper X.6 can only be taken at Part IB if a candidate has taken paper X.1 at Part IA

* Paper X.7 can only be taken at Part IB if a candidate has taken paper X.2 at Part IA

There is a visual representation of this below. The representation must be read in conjunction with all the information above.

Note: when making exam entries students *must* make entries for relevant oral exam(s): Arabic oral MESAO, Persian oral MESPO, Hebrew oral MESHO, Hindi oral MESHIO.

Option (ii)(a)

One paper from:

MES.11 Intermediate Arabic Language

MES.12 Intermediate Persian Language

MES.13 Intermediate Hebrew Language

plus

Four papers from:

MES.11 Intermediate Arabic Language

MES.12 Intermediate Persian Language

MES.13 Intermediate Hebrew Language

MES.14 Intermediate Literary Arabic

MES.15 Intermediate Literary Persian

MES.16 Hebrew Literature/Culture

MES.17 The formation of Islam

MES.18 Topics in Hebrew studies

MES.19 Formation of the modern Middle East

MES.20 Themes in the Anthropology of Islam

MES.21 Elementary Hindi Language

AMES.1 Cinema East

X.3 to X.8

Option (ii)(b)

One paper from:

MES.11 Intermediate Arabic Language

MES.12 Intermediate Persian Language

MES.13 Intermediate Hebrew Language

plus

One paper from:

MES.1 Elementary Arabic Language A

MES.3 Elementary Persian Language

MES.4 Elementary Hebrew Language A

MES.5 Elementary Hebrew Language B

plus

Three papers from:

MES.14 Intermediate Literary Arabic

MES.15 Intermediate Literary Persian

MES.16 Hebrew Literature/Culture

MES.17 Formation of Islam

MES.18 Topics in Hebrew studies

MES.19 Formation of the modern Middle East

MES.20 Themes in the Anthropology of Islam

MES.21 Elementary Hindi Language

AMES.1 Cinema East

X.3 to X.5 and X.8

Middle Eastern Studies Pathway: Part II (fourth year)

The regulations say:

Provided that no more than two languages may be offered in total, candidates shall offer:

- (i) One paper chosen from Papers MES.31-33;
- (ii) *either* (a) three further papers chosen from MES.31-36 and the additional papers announced by the Faculty Board under Regulation 8, providing that no more than two papers may be chosen (i) from MES.31-33 or (ii) from those papers offered by other Faculties.
or (b) one paper chosen from MES.11-13 and two papers chosen from MES.34-36 and the additional papers announced by the Faculty Board under Regulation 8, providing that (i) no more than two papers may be chosen from those papers offered by other Faculties; and (ii) that no paper previously offered in Part IB may be offered in Part II.
- (iii) a dissertation, under conditions set out in Regulation 23.

Candidates offering any of Papers MES.11-13, 31-33 shall also offer an oral examination associated with that paper and under conditions set out by the Faculty Board from time to time. Candidates offering two of the papers shall offer two oral examinations.

There is a visual representation of this on the next page. The representation must be read in conjunction with all the information above.

Note: when making exam entries students **must make entries for relevant oral exam(s): Arabic oral MESAO, Persian oral MESPO, Hebrew oral MESHQ, Hindi oral MESHIO.**

Part II (fourth year)

Option (ii)(a)

One paper from:

MES.31 Advanced Arabic Language

MES.32 Advanced Persian Language

MES.33 Advanced Hebrew Language

plus

Three of the following papers:

MES.31 Advanced Arabic Language

MES.32 Advanced Persian Language

MES.33 Advanced Hebrew Language

MES.34 Advanced Literary Arabic

MES.35 Advanced Literary Persian

MES.36 Advanced Literary Hebrew

MES.38 History of the modern Middle East

MES.39 Special subject in the pre-modern Middle East

MES.41 Comparative Semitic Linguistics

MES.42 Elementary Sanskrit

MES.43 Intermediate Hindi Language

MES.44 Economy/Culture in the Middle East and Beyond

X.10 X.15

plus

Dissertation

Option (ii)(b)

One paper from:

MES.31 Advanced Arabic Language

MES.32 Advanced Persian Language

MES.33 Advanced Hebrew Language

plus

One paper from:

MES.11 Intermediate Arabic Language

MES.12 Intermediate Persian Language

MES.13 Intermediate Hebrew Language

plus

Two papers from:

MES.34 Advanced Literary Arabic

MES.35 Advanced Literary Persian

MES.36 Advanced Literary Hebrew

MES.38 History of the modern Middle East

MES.39 Special subject in the pre-modern Middle East

MES.41 Comparative Semitic Linguistics

MES.42 Elementary Sanskrit

MES.43 Intermediate Hindi Language

MES.44 Economy/Culture in the Middle East and Beyond

X.10 X.15

plus

Dissertation