

Middle Eastern Studies: Paper Combinations

Middle Eastern Studies with a Modern Language 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 with a Modern Language Pathway** are laid out below. There is a separate guide for the Middle Eastern Studies Pathway.

For more information on modern language paper options see www.mml.cam.ac.uk

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 with a Modern Language Pathway

Part IA (first year)

The regulations say:

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

- (i) *Either* Papers MES.1 and MES.2;
or one paper chosen from MES.3-5, and one paper chosen from MES.6-7;
- (ii) Papers B1 and B2 and oral examination B in one of the modern languages set for Part IA of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos; (These are e.g. FR B1 and FR B2)
- (iii) one paper chosen from among the papers in Schedule IA of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos. (These are e.g. FR1 and FR2)

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.

There is a visual representation of this below. The representation must be read in conjunction with the regulations above. For information on modern language paper options see www.mml.cam.ac.uk.

Top option

Both:

MES.1 Elementary Arabic Language A

and

MES.2 Elementary Arabic Language B

plus

MML modern language papers **B1** and **B2** and oral exam B (e.g. FRB1 and FRB2)

plus

One paper chosen from among the papers in **Schedule IA** of the MML Tripos. (e.g. FR1 and FR2)

Note: when making exam entries for this option students **must** make an entry for the Arabic oral exam MESA0.

Bottom option

One of the following papers:

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

MML modern language papers **B1** and **B2** and oral exam B (e.g. FRB1 and FRB2)

plus

One paper chosen from among the papers in **Schedule IA** of the MML Tripos. (e.g. FR1 and FR2)

Note: when making exam entries for this option students **must** make an entry for the Persian oral exam MESPO or the Hebrew oral exam MESH0.

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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) one paper chosen from MES.14-20, AMES.1 and any additional papers announced by the Faculty Board under Regulation 8,
- (iii) three further papers chosen from: MES.14-20, AMES.1, X.3-5, X.8, Paper B3* in one of the modern languages set for Part IB of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos, and any papers not marked with an asterisk in Schedule IB of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos, providing that no more than one paper may be chosen from X.3-5, X.8.

Candidates offering any of papers MES.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.

*It is recommended that students wishing to continue with their modern European language at Part II take Paper B3 in that language. Students also need to enrol in the corresponding AV (audiovisual examination) Paper.

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One of the following papers: **MES.11** Intermediate Arabic Language;
MES.12 Intermediate Persian Language; **MES.13** Intermediate Hebrew Language

plus

Option (ii): **One** of the following papers

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

If students choose MES.21 Hindi, under the two-language rule they cannot offer any MML Papers and will instead be AMES only students.

plus

Option (iii): **Three** papers from:

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

AMES.1 Cinema East

X.3-5, X.8

Paper B3 in one of the modern languages set for Part IB of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos, and **any papers not marked with an asterisk in Schedule IB** of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos

No more than one paper may be chosen from X.3-5, X.8.

Note: when making exam entries students **must** make an entry for the relevant oral exam: Arabic oral MESAO, Persian oral MESPO, Hebrew oral MESHO.

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Part II (fourth year)

The regulations say:

Provided that no more than two languages may be offered in total¹, candidates shall offer:

- (i) One paper chosen from Papers MES.31-33;
 - (ii) Three papers chosen from MES.34-36, the additional papers announced by the Faculty Board under Regulation 8, Paper C1** *or* C2** in one of the modern languages set for Part II of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos, and papers from Schedule II of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos.
 - (iii) *either* a dissertation on a topic in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, approved and supervised by the Faculty Board of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies under conditions set out in Regulation 23;
- or*
- a dissertation on a topic in Modern and Medieval Languages, approved and supervised by the Faculty Board of Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics under conditions set out for the optional dissertation in Regulation 27(i) of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos.***

Candidates offering any of Papers MES.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.

**Although C1 and C2 each count as 70% of a paper in the MML Tripos, each counts as a whole paper in the AMES Tripos.

***For more information see: www.mml.cam.ac.uk/part-ii-optional-dissertation

From 2022-23 the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics will be changing the scheduled paper offering for students studying German MES-MML at Part II. It is proposed that these new papers will be taught and examined for the first time in the academic year 2022-23. The changes will reduce German's Part II "menu" of scheduled papers from eight to seven, while maintaining and refreshing the full range of teaching content and addressing the need for diversity-aware teaching and learning. If you need any further information contact the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics.

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¹ Including those languages offered under Schedule II of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos.

Part II (fourth year)

One of the following papers: **MES.31** Advanced Arabic Language;
MES.32 Advanced Persian Language; **MES.33** Advanced Hebrew Language

plus

Three papers chosen 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**

Paper C1 or C2**** in one of the modern languages set for Part II of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos, and **papers from Schedule II** of the Modern and Medieval Languages Tripos

plus

Dissertation

Note: when making exam entries students **must make an exam entry for the relevant oral exam: Arabic oral MESAO, Persian oral MESPO, Hebrew oral MESHO.**