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ALTA SCUOLA DI ECONOMIA
E RELAZIONI INTERNAZIONALI

Master in Middle Eastern Studies

Master 2015-2016

At a glance

School	ASERI - Graduate School of Economics and International Relations
Program type	Specializing Master ("Master Universitario")
Campus	Milan, Italy
Language of instruction	English
Duration	January 2016 - December 2016 (January-June: classes July-December: internship and research project)
Total ECTS	60
Tuition fee	€ 7,500

Overview

The new Master in Middle Eastern Studies (MIMES) is specifically tailored for graduates of various disciplines and backgrounds, who are interested in obtaining a better knowledge of the Middle East region, taking into account its social-historical complexity and cultural plurality. The program aims to offer solid historical, political and institutional perspectives of the current domestic, regional and international dynamics affecting the stability of the region, as well as a critical outlook on current debates over the Middle East.

Goals

This innovative program intends to guide students across this diverse and fascinating region, which, since decades, is at the core of the geostrategic interest of the international system. The program mainly focuses on the contemporary period, through a multi-disciplinary approach ranging over international relations, geopolitics, conflicts and security, economy and energy. Nonetheless, specific sections are devoted to the analysis of the historical and religious foundation of the modern Middle East, from the birth of Islam to the evolution of Islamic thought, law and economy. MIMES analyses in details infra-regions and inter-regions peculiarities and relations, from Maghreb to Central-Southern Asia, encouraging a comparative and holistic area studies approach.

Placement opportunities

MIMES provides graduate students with a detailed, comprehensive knowledge of the wider Middle East, beneficial to undertake a number of different careers, consistently with their previous training and experience, within international institutions, private companies, NGOs, research centers and area studies, media networks, etc.

Curriculum

MIMES is articulated in five complementary levels, fostering multidimensional training, cross-fertilization and integrating scientific methodologies and operative competences.

1st level - Propaedeutic Phase: history, power and institution. The conceptual foundation of the Middle East

- Methodological introduction: debates on the Middle East
- History of the Middle East
- Religion, society and thought in the Islamic Middle East
- Islamic law and economy
- Study of political and juridical terminology - glossary in Arabic
- Middle East within the 20th century international order

2nd level - In-depth Analytical Phase: sub-regional contexts

- Maghreb
- Mashreq
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- South-West Asia and the Gulf
- Central-Southern Asia

3rd level - Thematic and Contemporary Issues

- Politics in contemporary Middle East and the current International Relations context
- Global security: jihadism, violent activism, conflicts and nuclear proliferation
- Post-conflict institution-building and human security
- Gender, ethno-religious diversity and pluralism in the Middle East
- Energy and geopolitics of resources
- Contemporary economic trends

4th level - Research project

Students are required to develop a personal research project on a topic related to Middle

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Eastern affairs, under the supervision of a MIMES professor and/or a professional from a partner institution. It is suggested to connect the research project to the internship experience.

5th level - Internship
The Master's program is completed with an internship within one of the ASERI partner institutions or other entities whose mission and activities are consistent with the Master's program. As an alternative, students who do not carry out an internship may choose to attend a certified Arabic language and culture course in a selected institution (additional fee depending on the institution itself).

Academic faculty

The Master in Middle Eastern Studies offers high quality training to students from all over the world. They will take part in team projects with the guidance of important scholars and leading professionals from the Middle East as well as from Europe and the U.S.

- Prof. Riccardo Redaelli, MIMES Director, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- Prof. Paolo Branca, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- Prof. Massimo Campanini, Università degli Studi di Trento
- Prof. Martino Diez, Fondazione Internazionale OASIS and Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- Prof. Wael Faruq, American University in Cairo
- Prof. Mehran Kamrava, Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in Qatar
- Prof. Bahgat Korany, American University in Cairo
- Prof. Marco Lombardi, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and ITSTIME
- Prof. Maurizio Martellini, Landau Network Centro Volta (LNCV) and Insubria Center on Internation Security (ICIS)
- Prof. Massimo Papa, Università di Roma Tor Vergata
- Prof. Vittorio Emanuele Parsi, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- Prof. Mahmood Sariolghalam, Shahid Beheshti University of Tehran
- Prof. Oktay Tanrisever, Middle East Technical University, Ankara
- Amb. Roberto Toscano, Barcelona Center for International Affairs - CIDOB
- Mr. Franco Zallio, independent consultant

Tuition fees & scholarships

Tuition fee: € 7,500. Partial tuition fee scholarships are available. All scholarships are assigned on a merit basis and most of them will be granted to students who will apply by the priority deadline. Some scholarships may also target specific geographic regions. Updated details on the aforementioned scholarships are available at http://www.ucscinternational.it/admission-at-ucsc/1-year-specializing-masters-admissions/tuition-fees-and-scholarships.

Application deadlines

Priority consideration deadline: April 15, 2015
Deadline 2: May 30, 2015
Deadline 3: June 30, 2015
Deadline 4: September 15, 2015
Deadline 5: November 1, 2015

How to apply

Applicants will be required to submit an online application form along with their supporting documents.

- Copy of Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree
- Transcripts of Bachelor or Master's Degree (accepted in English, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish)
- Updated CV
- Application essay
- At least one academic letter of reference
- Copy of Passport

More information are available in the section How to apply of the Master at http://aseri.unicatt.it.

Entry requirements

- Applicants usually have a background in Political Science, Economics, Law, Humanities, Education, Foreign Languages, Psychology, Social Science, Engineering, Nursing Science, Agronomy, Environmental Science and others.
- Completion of an undergraduate degree, obtained after a minimum of 3 years of study (180 ECTS).
- The undergraduate degree must be obtained before the start of the program. ASERI will evaluate candidates' academic and personal background and decide if they meet the specific conditions for admission.

For applicants whose first language is not English, one of the following certificates will be considered a preferential requirement:

- TOEFL/IBT or Academic IELTS.
- Completion of a degree program taught entirely in the English language.

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