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UNIVERSITET

Faculty of the Humanities and Theology

## Programme Syllabus for Bachelor of Arts in Arabic Studies

### Details of Programme

Title of the Programme of Study	Programme in Arabic Studies (PAS)
Specialisations Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1. Linguistics/Modern Standard Arabic</li><li>• 2. Non-linguistic/Middle Eastern Studies</li></ul>
Scope of Programme in Higher Education Credits	180
Cycle (1st, 2nd or 3rd)	1st [Undergraduate]
Programme Code	HGARA
Details of approval of course	Syllabus approved by the Syllabus Committee of the Faculty of the Humanities and Theology 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2007.
Details of changes approved	

### 2. Description of Programme of Study

The programme in Arabic Studies (PAS) offers a bachelor degree which focuses on modern standard Arabic and provides the student with a broad introduction to the historical-political development of the Arab States and the Middle East from the rise of Islam until the present day. The programme consists of courses which provide the student with sound language skills and communication proficiency in Arabic as well as a in-depth knowledge of the history, politics, religious currents and international relations of the Arab world and the Middle East. The programme examines issues concerning democracy and human rights and also examines Middle Eastern and Arabic society from a gender perspective.

The Bachelor's degree consists of a total of 180 higher education credits, of which 90 are from a progressive specialisation in a chosen area (linguistic/non-linguistic specialisation). Language and studies of life and institutions are covered during the first four terms of the programme. During the fifth term students with the linguistic specialisation are placed at an Arabic university and students with the non-linguistic specialisation are placed at either an Arabic or a European university. The sixth term is spent composing the degree essay, studying a theory and method course and a course on modern Arabic literature.

The Arab world has a combined population of 300 million. Arabic is therefore seen as one of the major languages of the world. Sweden's connections with the Arab world have, as with international development, grown considerably. Extensive and thorough studies of modern standard Arabic and the Middle East are therefore seen as of value to the majority of, if not all, occupations. Through immigration Sweden now has a significant minority group of Arabic speakers. Translators and interpreters as well as other personnel are required for

information-related positions at both governmental and local governmental level. The Arab world is also of particular interest to trade. Lack of knowledge of the Arab culture in the past and present has shown itself to be a significant obstacle to the development of important relations, both diplomatic and economic, with the Arab world.

### **3. Learning Outcomes**

On completion of the programme the student shall

- have a holistic perspective of the language and region
- have a command of grammatical terms and structures in modern standard Arabic
- have a good command of modern standard Arabic and be able to communicate in various situations
- be able to understand and utilise literature and texts from the media
- be able to apply a chosen scholarly theory to a well-defined problem within Arabic linguistics, literature and culture or life and institutions
- be able to give an account of certain key theories within his/her area of specialisation
- be able to demonstrate basic knowledge and understanding of the modern political history and social development of the Arab world
- be able to apply scholarly theory and method in order to resolve a research problem within his/her area of specialisation.
- have a good ability to express him/herself in Arabic in various communicative situations
- be able to demonstrate proficiency in communication, both linguistically and inter-culturally
- be able to present and discuss his/her own texts and those of others in Arabic, both orally and in writing
- be able to use the Arabic language as an instrument in the resolution of problems
- be able to utilise relevant sources in Arabic in order to resolve a research assignment
- be able to demonstrate basic knowledge and understanding of the economy of the region and be able to analyse the economic conditions of the Arab states
- be able to analyse and relate to the interregional and international events and driving forces which have affected the historical and political development of the various countries of the Middle East
- be able to analyse and understand the social, cultural and political importance of the creation of identity for various religions and their members
- be able to search for and evaluate information autonomously
- be able to manage the formation of problems in assignments
- actively partake in seminars and contribute toward the creation of a good research environment.
- be able to define, formulate and resolve autonomously a research problem within his/her area of specialisation.
- be able to work according to scholarly theory and method
- be able to discuss critically and autonomously the degree essay of another student at a seminar.

### **4. Course Information**

Compulsory Courses      Modern Standard Arabic. Introductory Course I, 7.5 credits,

on the Programme	<p>Communicative Arabic I, 7,5 credits,          Modern Standard Arabic, Introductory Course II, 7.5 credits,          Communicative Arabic II, 7.5 credits,          Arabic: The Study of Newspaper Texts I, 7.5 credits,          Communicative Arabic III, 7.5 credits,          Arabic: The Study of Newspaper Texts II, 7.5 credits,          Communicative Arabic IV, 7.5 credits,          Arabic: Modern Arabic Literature, 7.5 credits,          Middle Eastern Studies: The History of the Arabs, 7.5 credits,          Middle Eastern Studies: Modern Middle Eastern History, 7.5 credits,          Middle Eastern Studies: Religion and Identity in the Middle East, 7.5 credits,          Middle Eastern Studies: Economic and Social Development in the Contemporary Arab World, 7.5 credits,          Middle Eastern Studies: The Middle East in International Relations, 7.5 credits,          Middle Eastern Studies: Regional Security in the Middle East, 7.5 credits,          Middle Eastern Studies: Democracy and Human Rights in the Arab World, 7.5 credits,          Middle Eastern Studies: Gender Perspectives on Social Life in the Arab World, 7.5 credits,</p>
Compulsory Courses for Linguistic Specialisation	<p>Arabic: Studying Abroad at an Arab University, 30 credits,          Arabic: Theory and Method Course, 7.5 credits,          Arabic: Degree Essay, 15 credits,</p>
Compulsory Courses for Non-linguistic Specialisation	<p>Arabic: Studying Abroad at a European or Arab University, 30 credits,          Middle Eastern Studies: Theory and Method Course, 7.5 credits,          Middle Eastern Studies: Degree Essay, 15 credits.</p>
c Start dates and availability in the academic year.	<p>The programme for Arabic Studies is offered every autumn term with a start in the autumn term of 2007.</p>
d Schematic Layout of the Programme	<p>See appendix (ces).</p>
<b>5. Degree</b>	
1. Title of the Degree in Swedish	<p>Filosofie kandidatexamen i arabiska studier</p>
2. Title of the Degree in English	<p>Bachelor of Arts in Arabic Studies</p>
<b>6 Admission Requirements and Selection Criteria</b>	
1. Admission Requirements	<p>To be eligible for the programme requires the standard eligibility for studies at universities and university colleges in</p>

Sweden C1, acquired from Upper Secondary School (which includes passes in Swedish B or Swedish as a Second Language B, and English B), or the equivalent.

2. Selection Criteria Grades 66%, SweSAT (Swedish Scholastic Aptitude Test) 34%

## 7 Further Information

The sub-courses within the programme, up to and including the fourth term, are also offered as independent courses of 7.5 higher education credits each.

Courses in the Arabic language are normally taught in Swedish and Arabic, but if both the students and the lecturer agree, it may be taught in English and Arabic.

### \* Bachelor of Arts in Arabic Studies, 180 ECTS (B.A.)

Schematic image of the programme structure

Year 1	Basic course in language		Basic course in realia		Total no of credits
T 1 Ht07	<b>ARA B01</b> Modern Standard Arabic: Beginners' Arabic I 7.5  <b>ARA B02</b> Communicative Arabic I 7.5	15	<b>ARA H01</b> History of the Arabs 7.5  <b>ARA H02</b> History of the Modern Middle East 7.5	15	30
T2 Vt08	<b>ARA B11</b> Modern Standard Arabic: Beginner's Arabic II 7.5  <b>ARA B12</b> Communicative Arabic II 7.5	30	<b>ARA H03</b> Religion and Identity in the Middle East 7.5  <b>ARA H04</b> Economic and Social Development of the Arab World 7.5	30	60
<b>Year 2</b>					
T3 Ht08	<b>ARA B21</b> Arabic Media I 7.5  <b>ARA B22</b> Communicative Arabic III 7.5	45	<b>ARA H21</b> The Middle East and International Relations 7.5  <b>ARA H22</b> Regional Security in the Middle East 7.5	45	90
T4 Vt09	<b>ARA B23</b> Arabic: Media II 7.5  <b>ARA B24</b> Communicative Arabic IV 7.5	60	<b>ARA H23</b> Democracy and Human Rights in the Arab World 7.5  <b>ARA H24</b> Gender Perspectives on Society in the Arab World 7.5	60	120

<b>Year 3</b>					
T5 Ht09	<b>ARA A51</b> Study abroad at an Arab University, 1 semester 30 credits	90	<b>ARA H51</b> Study abroad at a European or Arab University, 1 semester 30 credits	90	150
T6 Vt10	<b>ARA B33</b> Arabic: Theory and Methodology 7.5  <b>ARA B31</b> Modern Arabic Literature in Translation 7.5  <b>ARA K01</b> Arabic: Bachelor Thesis 15	12	<b>ARA H31</b> Theory and Methodology 7.5  <b>ARA B31</b> Modern Arabic Literature in Translation 7.5  <b>ARA K11</b> Middle Eastern Studies: Bachelor Thesis 15	12	180

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