University of Vienna
Institute of Near Eastern Studies

MA PROGRAMME Arabic Linguistics

The Master's programme in Arabic Linguistics at the University of Vienna presents a unique opportunity to dive into Arabic dialectology and sociolinguistics. Guided through a diverse array of courses, students will develop crucial competencies for conducting independent research in these fascinating disciplines.

Mandatory modules: General Linguistics; Arabic Dialectology; Arabic Sociolinguistics; MA Thesis Preparation. **Elective Modules:** Regional Specialisation – Arabic Dialects; Diachrony–Typology–Contact; Afro-Asiatic Languages

Duration: 2 years
Workload: 120 ECTS credits
Language of instruction: English
Admission requirements:
- BA in a relevant field
- Arabic level B2; English level B2

Details:
https://studieren.univie.ac.at/en/admission/master-programmes/arabic-linguistics/

TUITION FEES

EU, EEA citizens, Switzerland and Ukraine:
No fees

Non-EU citizens:
726,72 € per semester

Application period: ***3rd March to 7th April 2026***

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Overview of the Modules [shortened translation of the official German version]

Mandatory Module: **General Linguistics**	**7 ECTS**
GLI-1 General Linguistics *Principles of Linguistics 1* *Principles of Linguistics 2*	7 ECTS
Mandatory Module Group: **Arabic Dialectology**	**24 ECTS**
DIA-1 Theoretical and Practical Aspects of Arabic Linguistics *Arabic Dialects from Diachronic and Synchronic Perspectives* *Practical Aspects of Arabic Dialectology*	8 ECTS
DIA-2 Geographical and Typological Classification of Arabic Dialects *The Arabic Dialects of Western Asia* *The Arabic Dialects of North Africa*	8 ECTS
DIA-3 Geographical Focus *Region 1* *Region 2* or *Fieldwork*	8 ECTS
Mandatory Module Group: **Arabic Sociolinguistics**	**15 ECTS**
SOL-1 Theoretical and Practical Aspects of Arabic Sociolinguistics *Theoretical and Methodological Principles* *Theoretical and Methodological Principles in Applied Contexts*	7 ECTS
SOL-2 Arabic Sociolinguistics: Selected Topics *Arabic Sociolinguistics: Selected Topics*	8 ECTS
Mandatory Module: **Master's Thesis Preparation**	**8 ECTS**
MAP-1 Master's Thesis Preparation *Methods, Analytics Tools, Research Questions* *Master's Colloquium*	8 ECTS
Elective Module Group: **Diachrony – Typology – Contact** Students choose two modules and complete a total of 16 ECTS credits	**16 ECTS**
DTC-1 Diachronic Aspects in Arabic Linguistics *Linguistic History of Arabic: Selected Topics*	8 ECTS
DTC-2 Typology *Spoken Arabic Varieties from a Typological Perspective*	8 ECTS
DTC-3 Grammaticalisation *Grammaticalisation in Arabic*	8 ECTS
DTC-4 Arabic in Contact with Other Languages *Language Contact and Arabic*	8 ECTS
Elective Module Group: **Regional Specialisation – Arabic Dialects** Students choose two modules and complete a total of 10 ECTS credits	**10 ECTS**
ADI-1 Arabic Dialect – Basic Level I	5 ECTS
ADI-2 Arabic Dialect – Basic Level II	5 ECTS
ADI-3 Arabic Dialect – Medium Level I	5 ECTS
ADI-4 Arabic Dialect – Medium Level II	5 ECTS
Elective Module Group: **Afro-Asiatic Languages and Linguistic Specialisation** Students choose two modules and complete a total of 16 ECTS credits	**16 ECTS**
AAS-1 Afro-Asiatic Languages I	8 ECTS
AAS-2 Afro-Asiatic Languages II	8 ECTS
LIS-1 Linguistic Specialisation I	8 ECTS
LIS-2 Linguistic Specialisation II	8 ECTS