

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 2025**

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

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