



MA ARABIC AND ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAMME

FALL 2024

(1 September – 19 December)

Programme Outline

Description

The MA Semester Arabic & Islamic Studies at NVIC is a 30 ECTS programme targeted at MA students in Arabic & Islamic Studies of affiliated Dutch and Flemish universities. It is designed to expand and perfect the students' oral and written skills in Modern Standard and Egyptian Colloquial Arabic, as well as their knowledge of the literature and social, political, and religious phenomena of the Arab world and Egypt in particular. The programme is designed to be complementary to the programmes of participating universities in Flanders and the Netherlands. The NVIC offers students more practical experience than they are able to gain in Flanders or the Netherlands. Additionally, the research skills of the student are further developed, particularly in reference to the writing of an MA dissertation. The MA Semester Arabic & Islamic Studies is an intensive programme. Students are expected to attend and actively participate in classes and complete regular assignments.

Admission

Admission to the programme is subject to the following conditions:

1. The student has successfully completed a Bachelor in Arabic & Islamic or equivalent with a level of B1
2. The student has the written permission of a lecturer at the home university to join the programme;
3. The student is registered at one of the affiliated universities during their stay in Cairo.

Modules

<i>Course module</i>	<i>Hours /week</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
Advanced Skills in Egyptian Colloquial Arabic	4/6	5
Advanced Skills in Modern Standard Arabic (Writing, Media, Oral)	4/6	10
Texts in Context I	2	5
Texts in Context II	2	5
Research Seminar	2	5
TOTAL		30



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Semester Dates

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1 September: Orientation Day

2 September: Classes begin

13-17 October: Midterm exams

20-24 October: Break

27 October: classes resume

8-12 December: STUVAC

15-19 December: Final exams

Costs and charges

Participants are charged EUR 180 at the beginning of the programme for course and study materials as well as excursions within Cairo. Additional costs may be incurred for excursions outside of Cairo.

About NVIC

The Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo (NVIC) is an academic institute located on the island of Zamalek, in the heart of Egypt's bustling capital. It is one of five Dutch Scientific Institutes Abroad (NWIB) and is supported by the Research Fund–Flanders (FWO–Vlaanderen). NVIC provides services to six Dutch and two Flemish universities. It offers undergraduate and graduate programmes in Arabic & Islamic Studies, Middle East Studies, and Egyptology & Archaeology. For more information on NVIC, its staff, its activities, and its teaching programmes, visit <http://www.institutes.leiden.edu/nvic/>

Security and safety in Cairo

In all its activities, NVIC adheres to the security and travel advice of the Dutch and Belgian Embassies in Egypt. We forward any travel or security notice to the students. The student's stay in Cairo is, however, voluntary and their own responsibility. NVIC is not accountable for any harm or damage caused by students to third parties during their stay in Cairo, nor for any physical harm or material loss or damage suffered by the students during their stay. Upon arrival, participants of the programme will be required to sign an indemnification statement. Participants also agree to inform NVIC of any physical or psychological condition that could cause problems during their stay in Cairo or harm NVIC in any way. This information is treated confidentially. Travel and health insurance are not covered by the programme. Please inquire with your public or private insurance provider and take the necessary measures.



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Cost of living

Expect to pay anywhere between EGP 10000-20000 per month on rent (room in a flat shared with other students) and EGP 500-1000 per month on utilities (electricity, water, gas, phone/internet, doorman if present) per student in a shared flat. Students often pay an average of EGP 200 per month for mobile phone costs, and estimate the local cost of living (food and transport) at EGP 75-200 per day. (As of February 2024, 1 EURO= 33.4 EGP). Prices and exchange rate change often, so in the weeks before the semester, NVIC will provide updated information.

Application/registration

Application forms must reach the institute (info@nvic.leidenuniv.nl) by 1 May