

## MASTER OF ARTS HISTORY

### ***INTRODUCTION***

The Department of History (College of Arts) offers a Master of Arts program in **History**. Full-time and Part time students are admitted to this program. Language of instruction is Arabic. The program is designed to provide advanced studies on the various historical periods; to acquaint students with the historical sources and train them to analyze, criticize and make adequate use of their skills for research; to stress the notion of historical continuity and interaction between regional and international developments.

*According to the University Council decision dated 4/2/2007, Thesis students admitted with effect from September 2007 are exempted from the comprehensive examination.*

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### ***PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS***

The program requirements are:

#### **36 TOTAL COURSE CREDITS**

#### **15 COMPULSORY (3 credits each):**

- 0330-501 Methods of Historical Research
- 0330-502 Modern and Contemporary History of Kuwait
- 0330-503 Historical Sources
- 0330-504 Historical Texts
- 0330-505 Seminar

#### **12 SUBDISCIPLINE ELECTIVE COURSES (3 credits each):**

Students should obtain (12) course credits in one of the following sub-disciplines.

##### **I. ISLAMIC HISTORY**

- 0330-506 History of the Eastern Islamic World
- 0330-507 History of the Maghreb and the Andalus
- 0330-508 Islamic Thought and Institutions
- 0330-511 Sciences and Thought in the Islamic World
- 0330-512 History of Islamic Art and Architecture
- 0330-513 Islamic Documents and Manuscripts
- 0330-514 Foreign Source Language
- 0330-523 The Economic and Social Development in the Islamic State
- 0330-524 Special Subject in Islamic History

**II. MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY HISTORY**

- 0330-514 Foreign Source Language
- 0330-515 Modern and Contemporary Arab History
- 0330-516 Modern and Contemporary History of the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula
- 0330-517 History of Modern and Contemporary Arab Thought
- 0330-518 Modern and Contemporary European History
- 0330-519 Modern and Contemporary History of Asia, Africa, or America
- 0330-521 History of Contemporary International Relations
- 0330-522 Political Theories
- 0330-525 Special Subject in Modern and Contemporary History

**9 COMPULSORY (Thesis)**

- 0330-597 (0)
- 0330-598 (0)
- 2000-599 (9)

***COURSE DESCRIPTION***

**0330-501: METHODS OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH  
CR: 3**

History: Science or art. Historiography, Philosophy of history, Methodology of historical research, Practical application.

**0330-502: MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY HISTORY OF KUWAIT  
CR: 3**

1. The rise and development of Kuwait during the eighteenth century: The rise of Kuwait, Political development, Aspects of economic development. 2. Kuwait Foreign Policy: Distinction and independence, Relations between Kuwait and the Arabian powers in the gulf region (Ottoman empire, Persia and Britain). 3. The political and economic development of Kuwait during the nineteenth century: Political economic and social development, Kuwait issue as an outcome of international conflict, British protection treaty (reasons and reflections of the internal and external scenes) 4. Kuwait at the outset of the twenty century: The British-Ottoman conflict since 1900, up to the conclusion of 1913 (the Anglo-Turkish agreement), The northern and southern frontier problem, Political, social, economic and cultural

life (Intellectual consciousness and national sentiments reform movement establishment of municipal councils, legislative council of 1938 education's). 5. Building of the modern state: Oil export and its effect on political, social and economic life, Kuwait modernization and its preparation for independence, Independence state with its various constitutional institutions, Revival for Iraqi ambitions in Kuwait starting with Abdul Karim Qasim's claim and ending with the Iraqi aggression in August 1990.

**0330-503: HISTORICAL SOURCES  
CR: 3**

Documentary sources: Archaeology, epigraphy, numismatics, archives. Historical sources: manuscripts, published historical works. Subsidiary sources: Geographical works, travel - books, literary works, modern encyclopedias and dictionaries.

**0330-504: HISTORICAL TEXTS  
CR: 3**

Contemporary historical texts derived from the main sources.

**0330-505: SEMINAR**  
**CR: 3**

Collecting , selecting and analyzing historical data. Methodology of scientific historical writing. Notes, foot-notes, appendices, tables, maps.

**0330-506: HISTORY OF THE EASTERN ISLAMIC WORLD**  
**CR: 3**

Applied studies of topics selected from the History of Islamic Orient during the times of Ommiads, Abbasides, and independent states such as Zahiritic, Safaritic, Samanitic, Ghaznitic, Bowahitic, Seljuk as well as small states of Persia and India.

**0330-507: HISTORY OF THE MAGHREB AND THE ANDALUS**  
**CR: 3**

Selected studies in the History of Maghreb and Andalus: Idrissids, Omayyads, Moravids, Marinids. General discussions under the supervision of the tutor.

**0330-508: ISLAMIC THOUGHT AND INSTITUTIONS**  
**CR: 3**

Theory of government: Caliphate, Imamte, Bayaat, Shura, Social cooperation. Views of Islamic thinkers: Mawardy, Ibn Khaldun. Central and provincial administration: vizierate, justice, police, hisbat, post, finance, army and navy.

**0330-511: SCIENCES AND THOUGHT IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD**  
**CR: 3**

The genesis of Islamic Thought. The translation movement. Islamic concepts of the classification of knowledge. Main centers of learning. Influence of Islamic sciences on the Europeans. Renaissance.

**0330-512: HISTORY OF ISLAMIC ART AND ARCHITECTURE**  
**CR: 3**

Aim: Study of Islamic Art and architecture using archeological movements and objects. The philosophy of Islamic art and architecture. Islamic movements and their functions: religious, military, civil, etc. in addition to the city planning. Decorations in architecture. Islamic art: elements

topics, functions and decorations. Islamic calligraphy: from its origin until the Ottoman period. Mutual influences with the European art and architecture.

**0330-513: ISLAMIC DOCUMENTS AND MANUSCRIPTS**  
**CR: 3**

Main centers of Arabian documents and manuscripts. Methods of editing documents and manuscripts. Analytical study of manuscripts: paleography, paper, etc.

**0330-514: FOREIGN SOURCE LANGUAGE**  
**CR: 3**

Study of basic grammatical rules of the source language. Reading of original texts.

**0330-515: MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ARAB HISTORY**  
**CR: 3**

Modern and Contemporary Arab History, such as: History of the Relations between the Arab World and Europe, Africa, Asia or America. Other issues such as: the Palestine, the Lebanese issue question may also be considered. Study of the historical origins of the selected topic or issue with a view to its historical development and its political, social, economical and cultural aspects.

**0330-516: MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY HISTORY OF THE GULF AND ARABIAN PENINSULA**  
**CR: 3**

Special topics in modern contemporary development regarding the foreign relations of the Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula States. Study of the historical origins of the selected topics and their political, social, economical and cultural aspects.

**0330-517: HISTORY OF MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ARAB THOUGHT**  
**CR: 3**

Constituents of modern and contemporary Arab intellectual life. The development of Arab Thought and its relation with modern and contemporary Arab political, social and economical realities.

**0330-518: MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN HISTORY**  
**CR: 3**

Renaissance and Reformation - Geographical Discoveries - The French Revolution and Napoleon Bonaparte. Italian Unity and German Union - The Industrial Revolution and Contemporary European Intellectual Trends - 1929 World Economic Depression - The Cold War and the Two World Wars - International organizations.

**0330-519: MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY HISTORY OF ASIA, AFRICA OR AMERICA**  
**CR: 3**

The independence of India, Vietnam War, Korean War, The Cultural Revolution in China, The Racial Discrimination in Africa or the American Revolution. Study of Political, economic and social aspects of the special subject and its international dimensions.

**0330-521: HISTORY OF CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
**CR: 3**

Analytical study of political, economic and cultural aspects of the contemporary international relations by way of studying some topics, such as: The German Question, European Economic Market, East and West Conflict, Non-Aligned Movement or Contemporary International Alliances and Treaties.

**0330-522: POLITICAL THEORIES**  
**CR: 3**

Introduction to the History of Political Thought in the Ancient and Islamic eras, The genesis of Modern European Political Thought, Modern

Political Theories a) Nazism and Fascism b) Socialism and Communism c) Liberal Democracy.

**0330-523: THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ISLAMIC STATE**  
**CR: 3**

Population, classes, cities, family, manners and customs. Economy, agriculture, industry, trade and commerce, revenue and expenditure.

**0330-524: SPECIAL SUBJECT IN ISLAMIC HISTORY**  
**CR: 3**

Islamic conquests, The role of commerce, Islamic teaching and the Intellectual movement. Urbanization. Study-Case: Al-Khazar.

**0330-525: SPECIAL SUBJECT IN MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY HISTORY**  
**CR: 3**

This course deals with important subjects in the history of the world in modern and contemporary times renaissance in Europe, such as industrial revolution, scientific revolution and liberalization movements in third world.

**0330-597: THESIS**  
**CR: 0**

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**CR: 0**

**2000-599: THESIS**  
**CR: 9**