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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

These abbreviations stand for:

MEAIC: Masters Degree in Contemporary Arab and Islamic Studies

TFM: Final Master Thesis

PP: Internship

ECTS: European Credit System

GD: Syllabus

CCM: Master Coordination Committee

### **Do I have to hold a specific degree diploma in order to access the MEAIC?**

- No, you don't have to hold a specific degree. However, we understand that the students must have basic knowledge of the human and social science disciplines. The CV is the only reference that the CCM has in order to evaluate the eligibility of each candidate.
- International students must check the eligibility of their diploma in the Graduate Office (Oficina de Posgrado).
- We highly recommend contacting the office by email in advance.
- In previous years we have had students holding the following undergraduate diplomas: Media Studies, History, Modern Languages, Geography and Law, among others.
- All the information on the application procedures and the selection process can be found here:

<http://www.uam.es/ss/Satellite/es/1242648654015/1242662140261/masteroficial/masterOficial/Master Universitario en Estudios Arabes e Islamicos s Contemporaneos.htm>

### **When are the application and registration deadlines?**

- There are two application deadlines and two registration deadlines:
  - Applications between March and June/ registration from May until July
  - Application between July and September/ registration in September

- Applications and registrations should be made online, using the telematics tool on our web page:  
[http://www.uam.es/ss/Satellite/es/1234886371157/listado/Acceso\\_y\\_admision\\_posgrados.htm](http://www.uam.es/ss/Satellite/es/1234886371157/listado/Acceso_y_admision_posgrados.htm)
- After the applications are reviewed, students that have been admitted must formalize their status by registering on the program.

#### What are the selection criteria?

If you satisfy all the admissions requirements, places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### What is the total number of places? Are all of them covered?

- The total number of places in the program is 30.
- 100% of the places are usually covered after the application period and 70% of the places are covered after the registration period.

Does the MEAIC offer any scholarship? No, unfortunately not.

#### If I am admitted to the program and I pay the fees, can I be refunded if I reject the offer afterwards?

- Once you pay the program fees, no refund is possible.
- There are two deadlines for application and two deadlines for registration. So if you have any doubts, we highly recommend you to use the second registration deadline.

#### How long does the MEAIC last? What is its timetable?

- The MEAIC lasts for a full academic year, from October to September.
- Each course lasts for a semester. However the TFM and the PP start in the spring semester and last until the summer semester.
- It is important to keep in mind that the TFM oral defense (viva voce) in front of a jury is compulsory and it normally takes place at the end of September.
- The MEAIC courses normally take place in the morning.

#### What are the required languages for the master?

- The MEAIC is taught in Spanish, which is also the required language for writing papers.
- The graduate school requires those whose native language is not Spanish and who have received an undergraduate degree or high school degree from an institution from a country whose official language is not Spanish must submit DELE diploma or equivalent before the final registration deadline. The CCM reserves itself the right to request that applicants prove they can satisfy these requirements.
- English is the usual language for readings and bibliography. In some cases, there may also be readings in French.
- Arabic, Turkish and Persian are highly recommended languages in the MEAIC but its knowledge is not a requisite for the admission. Students should notify academic staff of any knowledge of these languages to optimize the bibliographical resources and the academic works.

### Is attendance mandatory? Can I take the MEAIC on-line?

- Attendance to courses is mandatory.
- Attendance and participation count towards course grades.
- Teaching staff must be made aware of any justified absences. The CCM must be informed of long absences.

### Can I freely choose my courses?

- This master's degree consists of 60 ECTS. The 3 core courses make up 18 credits, and the Final Master Thesis makes up 12 credits. Both the core courses and the Final Master Thesis are mandatory. Students may make up the remaining credits with other courses and the option of an internship.
- During the application process you can choose your courses, although you can change them during the registration time if there is enough place on that specific course.
- It is possible to take 12 ECTS from other master programs in the UAM. In order to do so, you need to indicate that to the master's coordinator when registering.
- It is highly recommended to read the syllabus of the courses from previous years before choosing your courses, in order to have an idea of the content. However, every year the content may vary depending on the changes and adjustments made by professors to existing materials.

### Is there a second evaluation session?

- All the courses have two evaluation periods: the usual one at the end of each semester, and the extraordinary one in June- July.
- You should keep in mind that the evaluation requirements vary depending on the session, it is specified in the syllabus of each course.
- The PP and the TFM have a single evaluation period.