

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Papers available for the Honour School of Religion and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

For students commencing in and after MT23 for examination in and after 2025.

Examination Regulations require candidates “to offer eight papers. Three papers must be in Religion and three in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; the other two may be in either Religion or Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. All candidates will be required to submit as one of their eight papers either a thesis (in Religion) or a dissertation (in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies).”

For Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, candidates specialising in Eastern Christianity (with Syriac) must offer papers from the approved lists below.

Eastern Christianity

The official syllabus descriptions for individual papers will be provided on [the Faculty's Handbooks page](#).

All candidates must offer the following paper:

Syriac

and AT LEAST TWO papers selected from the lists below.

Syriac Biblical and Exegetical Texts

Syriac Poetry

Syriac Theology and Mystical Texts

The Asian and Middle Eastern Studies dissertation

Candidates may (and if **not** offering the Theology and Religion Thesis, candidates **must**) offer an AMES dissertation as a fourth or fifth AMES paper.

Candidates choosing an AMES dissertation (rather than a Theology and Religion thesis) will be subject to the same structure and deadlines as other AMES students within the Faculty.

Prerequisites and restrictions

The offering of individual papers is subject to the restrictions and prerequisites pertaining to those papers.

There are no precluded combinations; students may take any AMES paper regardless of which other papers they may be offering in Theology and Religion. The offering of individual papers from the Faculty of Theology and Religion is subject to the restrictions and prerequisites pertaining to those papers.

Weighting in Assessment

For the Honour School of Religion and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, all papers, including the AMES dissertation, are equally weighted as one of eight Honour School papers. The delivery and assessment of each option is outlined in the individual paper descriptions.