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Admission & Application Requirements

- Applicants seeking admission to the Master of Arts in Arab Women Studies should have an undergraduate degree in any major from a recognized institution. They must also have a strong undergraduate academic record.
- Applicants are required to take the IELTS or TOEFL exam in order to demonstrate their proficiency in English.

Applicants can be exempt from this requirement if they meet one of the conditions listed below:

- The applicant completed their undergraduate studies at an institution in a country where English is the native language
- The applicant provides an official letter from the university where they completed their undergraduate studies confirming that they obtained their degree from an institution where the medium of instruction is English (if not otherwise exempt).
- The applicants' first language is English

APPLICATION

A completed online application form: [Click here to apply](#)

Academic Transcripts

Official electronic copies of transcripts should be submitted as part of the online application. Final transcripts are required for all previous university studies. All transcripts submitted should include an explanation of the grading system. For those who have not completed their current studies, transcripts must include results from the last completed semester of coursework. Transcripts in languages other than English or Arabic must be accompanied with an official translation. Applicants who are admitted to the program based on copies of or incomplete transcripts will be required to provide original transcripts upon enrollment in order to register for courses.

Standardized test results

Official copies of standardized test results, where required must be sent directly to HBKU.

Please refer to the institutional codes below:

- TOEFL: 4981
- IELTS: No code required. Students should ask the IELTS center where they tested to send the IELTS TRF to Hamad bin Khalifa University.

Applicants should also submit copies of their test scores with the online application

Letters of Recommendation requirement

Applicants should submit two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from an academic referee. The referees should email their recommendation letter from their professional email to:
Letters which are not directly written for this program or which are incomplete will not be accepted.

[Click here to download recommendation form](#)

Personal statement of interest

Applicants should submit a personal statement as part of the online application. The personal statement should explain why the candidate is applying to the program and how their studies will contribute to the achievement of their personal and professional motivations (minimum of 300 words, maximum of 500 words).

Resume/curriculum vitae

Applicants should submit a copy of their current resume or curriculum vitae with the online application.

Identification document

All applicants should submit an electronic copy of their passport as part of the online application. Nationals and Residents of Qatar should also submit their Qatari ID.

Portfolio/Writing Sample

In addition to the aforementioned requirements, only applicants who are interested in enrolling in MESD programs are encouraged (but not required) to submit a portfolio of their work or a writing sample on a named topic (maximum 2,000 words). Portfolios should be sent by email to:

Please do not submit any additional application materials which are not on the list of required items. Any additional materials received will be automatically discarded. HBKU cannot return documents to the applicant once they are submitted.

Program Admissions

Important Dates

- 01
Mar
2018
[Admissions deadline for international students](#)
- 01
Apr
2018
[Admissions deadline for nationals and residents of Qatar](#)

Contact Info

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Attend an Info Session



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The information sessions provides a great opportunity to meet faculty members and the admissions team, who will be able to answer any questions they have regarding the programs and the admission process.

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- [April 19: MA in Women, Society and Development](#)
- [April 19: MA in Digital Humanities and Societies](#)