

# Master of Arts in Digital Humanities and Societies

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The Master of Arts in Digital Humanities and Societies (MADHS) is a two-year program that allows participants to study the Middle East's digital culture from a scholarly and applied perspective. Through the program, students are able to specialize as archival print scholars of Middle Eastern digital cultures or as researchers trained to employ the powerful methodologies of the digital humanities to investigate practices, patterns, and trends of digital culture.

The MADHS program welcomes applicants with an interest in digital cultures and humanities, including students who have recently graduated from an undergraduate program, entrepreneurs, project managers, and working specialists in IT, public relations, communications, libraries, media, and cultural heritage backgrounds.

#### Graduates of this program will be equipped to:

- ▶ contribute to cutting-edge theory and timely intellectual conversations about digital cultures in the Middle East and other regions.
- ▶ pursue careers in different fields such as higher education administration, library or cultural heritage organizations, research centers, communication, media and marketing firms, or digital start-ups.
- ▶ choose between an internship or project.

#### Structure

Students are taught by CHSS faculty, who are leading scholars and researchers in their fields, or by distinguished visiting professors.

Students are introduced to professional activity through a local or international internship at a renowned institution.

#### Curriculum

A two-year full-time program that requires 39 credits, including three departmental core courses, three program core courses, three electives, an internship (or an independent research project), and a thesis.

All courses are taught in English.

#### Total of 39 credit hours:

##### Six core courses (18 credits)

- ▶ DHS 621 Approaches to Digital Humanities
- ▶ DHS 622 Digital Communication and Media
- ▶ DHS 623 Methods in Digital Humanities
- ▶ ME 611 History, Politics and Cultures of the Middle East
- ▶ ME 613 Social, Economic and Development Theory
- ▶ SS 612 Research Methods



#### Three elective courses (9 credits)

- ▶ DHS 651 Emerging Technologies and Applications
- ▶ DHS 652 Digital Publishing and Design
- ▶ DHS 654 Civil Society and Digital Activism
- ▶ DHS 655 Exploring Digital Heritage Methods
- ▶ DHS 656 Introduction to Human Language Technologies
- ▶ DHS 657 Coding for Humanities
- ▶ DHS 658 Digital Resources in the Humanities
- ▶ DHS 659 Digital Innovation and Transformation
- ▶ DHS 660 Digital Disinformation and Propaganda in the Middle East and North Africa
- ▶ DHS 661 Digital Writing
- ▶ SS 600 Thinking and Practicing Interdisciplinarity in the Humanities and the Social Sciences
- ▶ TSD 628 Terminology
- ▶ WSD 653 Gender and Digital Cultures
- ▶ WSD 662 Women and Gender in the Literature and Cinema of the Middle East and North Africa

#### A choice between Internship or Project (3 credits)

- ▶ DHS 691 Internship
- ▶ DHS 669 Independent Research Project

#### Thesis (6 credits)

- ▶ DHS 695 Master's Thesis Hours

#### Non-Course Requirements

- ▶ 699 Thesis Defense

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## Admission and Application Requirements

Applicants seeking admission to the MADHS program should have a bachelor's degree in a relevant field, with a strong academic record (minimum 3.0 GPA out of 4) from a recognized university.

Applicants are required to submit an IELTS score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 79 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 studies at an institution in a country where English is the official language.
- ▶ The applicant provides an official letter from the university where they completed their studies confirming that they obtained their degree from an institution where the medium of instruction is English (if not otherwise exempt).
- ▶ The applicant's first language is English

## Application requirements

A completed online application form:  
[admissions.hbku.edu.qa](https://admissions.hbku.edu.qa)

## Academic transcripts

Official electronic copies of transcripts should be submitted as part of the online application. Final transcripts and graduation statements 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 by 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 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.

## Personal statement of interest

Applicants are required to submit a personal statement. The requirements vary by program. Please visit the website for further information.

## Resume/Curriculum vitae

Applicants should submit a copy of their current resume or curriculum vitae as part of 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 valid Qatari ID.

## Student funding

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences provides opportunities for funding on a competitive basis. Further information will be provided to applicants who are admitted to the program.

## Admission inquiries

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