

## Replacing courses in the MA Asian Studies (research) and MA Middle Eastern Studies (research)

In the e-guide several courses are listed which students of the above-mentioned research MAs can take towards their degree. The options are, however, not limited to the courses listed in the e-guide. If, however, you would like to take a course not listed in the e-guide, you will need permission from the Board of Examiners. To avoid disappointments, you are strongly advised to get this permission before enrolling or starting such a course. A good starting point may be to get into touch with the study coordinator, Dr. Nicole van Os, as she can advise you on your email to the Board of Examiners.

To get an idea of what course(s) can be replaced by what other course(s), below is a table with some more specifics. These are based on a few premises:

- 1) The total of ECs of course work to be taken minimally to earn the degree is 60 EC divided over 20 EC Common Core Courses, 20 EC Core Elective Courses and 20 EC Elective Courses.
- 2) The Common Core Courses Critical Area Studies and Research Project Preparation are obligatory for all students of the MA Asian Studies (research) and MA Middle Eastern Studies (research)
- 3) The Common Core Course Methodologies in the Social Sciences and Humanities can only be replaced by Research School courses.
- 4) The other courses can be replaced by courses with the same or a higher level.

(Kind of) course	Level	EC	Possible replacement	Level	EC
Common Core Courses:					
Critical Area Studies	600	10	---		
Research Project Preparation	600	1	--		
Methodologies in the SSH	600	10	Research School courses (RSC)	600	RSC vary in weight (in EC). Total should be 10 EC.
Core Elective Courses (= ResMA courses)	600	5 or 10	Research School courses	600	See above. RSC should total 5 or 10 EC.
			ResMA courses of other ResMAs	600	5 or 10 EC
Elective Courses	100-500	5 or 10	Core Elective Courses	600	5 or 10 EC
			Research School courses	600	See above. RSC should total 5 or 10 EC.
			MA-courses of other programmes	400-500	5 or 10 EC
Beginner's level language course	100	5 or 10	Higher level BA language course(s)	200-400	Maximum of 10 EC in total allowed