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Program Overview

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 digital 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 the program are 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.
- Pursue advanced research at PhD level.

Program Structure:

A two-year, full-time program that requires 39 credits with 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.

Curriculum

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

Students are introduced to professional activity through an internship at world-renowned professional institutions locally or internationally.

Admission requirements

Applicants seeking admission to the MADHS 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 a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or TOEFL score of 79 in order to demonstrate their proficiency in English. The IELTS or TOEFL score must be no more than two years old. Further details about the language proficiency requirement and the process to seek exemption (where this is an option) are available on the website: admissions.hbku.edu.qa

Application requirements

Application:

A completed online application form: 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 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 (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.

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

Applicants to the Master of Arts in Intercultural Communication are asked to submit a personal statement (500-800 words) with two sections:

Section I: About the applicant, their journey, motivations, and goals:
▸ Introduce themselves and talk about their general interests
▸ Motivation to join a graduate program in intercultural communication
▸ Career objectives

Section II: Achievements and the skills which make them a good fit for the program.
▸ Volunteer, professional experiences/work
▸ Personal or academic achievements
▸ How the points mentioned above may relate to intercultural communication.

Applicants are welcome to add any other points that they find relevant.

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 valid Qatari ID.

Student funding
CHSS provides opportunities for funding on a competitive basis. Further information will be provided to applicants who are admitted to the program.