



UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

ZOROASTRIAN SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

ZOROASTRIANISM AS A RELIGIOUS MINORITY IN MODERN IRAN

DURATION: 1 week

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

An undergraduate or postgraduate student, or a graduate, at the time of attending the summer school, and 18+ years of age. The course is open to those wishing to take credit towards a Master's programme, and we hope to offer credit to undergraduate students (to be confirmed). For this reason, we will prioritise students who are currently enrolled in a degree programme.

Venue: SOAS University of London, London, U.K.

Programme dates: 1 to 5 July 2024

Mode of Attendance: Full-time

Programme Description

This summer school, jointly arranged by the University and Bergen and SOAS, University of London, provides participants with an in-depth insight into Zoroastrianism in modern Iran. This intensive learning experience is taught by senior academics from Norway, the UK and the US. The course comprises a combination of lectures, seminars and interactive workshops.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, the participants shall have gained the following learning outcomes in terms of knowledge, skill, and general competence.

Knowledge

- The student has gained knowledge on a selected aspect of Zoroastrianism.
- The student has obtained knowledge on matters of theory and method related to the study of Zoroastrianism.

Skills

- The student has the ability to present results of reading to the class.
- The student has the ability to write a coherent analytical text on a given topic.
- The student is able to use the standard techniques of academic writing.

General competence

- The student is able to interact with students from other countries.
- The student is able to actively participate in classroom discussions on unfamiliar topics.

Teaching & Learning

Contact hours:

30 hours comprising 13 hours of lectures, 13 hours of seminars and 4 hours of practical classes and workshops

Reading List:

Undergraduate students will be required to complete the free online course (MOOC) 'Zoroastrianism: History, Religion, and Belief' prior to attending the summer school. Postgraduate students will be required to complete the MOOC as well as essential reading (details of which will be provided to successful applicants).

The MOOC was created by Dr Sarah Stewart and is available from FutureLearn. It consists of twelve hours of study over the course of four weeks but can be completed at your own pace. For more information and to sign up please visit the FutureLearn website:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/zoroastrianism-history-religion-belief>

Convenor and Tutor Information

Professor Michael Stausberg (Univ. of Bergen) and Dr Mariano Errichiello (SOAS) will be the course convenors and share the teaching together with Dr Sarah Stewart (SOAS) and Dr Jenny Rose (Claremont University).

Credits

This course offers 15 UK credits (7.5 ECTS) towards a SOAS master's degree or undergraduate degree.

If you intend to claim credits from your home institution, please check the requirements with them before you enrol. We will be happy to assist you in any way we can, however please be aware that the decision to award credits rests with your home institution.

Forms of assessment:

- Assignment 1: Classroom presentation of an essay in English of 1000 words. The essay / presentation will be based on an assigned interview from Vol. 2 of *Voices from Zoroastrian Iran* that will be sent to students in May. The presentation should be written prior to attending the teaching sessions.
- Assignment 2: 2000 (undergraduate) or 2500 (master's / graduate) word essay in English on a different topic than the classroom presentation. The topic will have to be approved by the convenor. The paper will be submitted five weeks after the end of the course.

Entry Requirements

In order to join our Summer School, you will need to meet the following entry requirements:

- A university student (or graduate) at the time of attending the summer school, and 18+ years of age. Professional experience can be acknowledged as equivalent to a university qualification.
- A minimum English language requirement if English is not your first language:
 - IELTS, 6.5 overall or higher, with at least 6 in all sub scores.

- TOEFL Paper based test we require a minimum of 583 with minimum 53 in all skills and for TOEFL Internet Based Test we require a minimum of 93 with minimum 20 in all skills.
- Pearson Test of English a score of 59-64
- Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) Grade B
- If you have studied in an English speaking institution, or have courses taught at your university in English (excluding English language courses) you may meet our requirements without having to supply a certificate. Evidence of this will either need to be included on a transcript or letter from your university.
- Applicants with an alternative qualification should contact us for advice.
- Applicants whose English language level do not meet our requirements may be interested in our subject based courses with English language support.

Enrolment of Summer School applicants who don't meet the entry requirements is at the discretion of SOAS – please get in touch to speak to us in detail about your application.

Application Procedure

Complete the application form and return to SSPIZS@soas.ac.uk.

Successful applicants will be required to pay a £40 registration fee.

Application deadline: 5 March 2024

Accommodation

Participants will be responsible for organising and funding their own accommodation. Details and advice will be provided closer to the time.

Bursaries

The SSPIZS is pleased to offer student bursaries of up to £1000 towards the cost of travel and accommodation. In order to apply for a bursary, please complete the bursary section of the application form.