

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

| 1. | Program | BS Political Science | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2. | Title | Politics of Middle East | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | Semester | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | Code | BS -PS456 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. | Rating | 03 Credit Hours | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. | Type | Optional Course | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. | Pre-requisites | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. | Introduction | The course concentrates on the contemporary politics of the Arab world, Iran, Turkey and Israel. It examines the political development and dynamics of the major countries involved at national and regional levels. This is done in the context of four major variables - Islam, oil, the Arab-Israeli conflict and other regional disputes, and major power involvement - and the consequences of the interaction of these variables for the region in world politics. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. | Objectives | The Middle East is currently in the midst of a dramatic transformation since at least the Arab uprisings in 2011. The aim of this course is to situate these ongoing developments within the broader historical and political context of the region. It examines the politics of the Middle East through a variety of topics, including how modern nations and states emerged out of Ottoman and European colonialism, what explains persistent authoritarianism and regime change across the region, why Islamist parties and movements emerged, the dynamics of war and conflict, and the rise and decline of ISIS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 11. | Outcome | <p>This course aims to achieve the following specific learning outcomes :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge: The course participants will learn about the evolution of State and Society in the Middle East against the backdrop of Islam, oil, inter-state conflicts and major power intervention as the dominant variables. 2. Comprehension: Students will develop the ability to understand the relations between the dominant variables and assess their implications in a thematic fashion for the Middle East. 3. Analysis: Students will be able to analyse the political dynamics of a number of key Middle Eastern states as significant case studies, and judge for themselves why the Middle East region is, on the one hand, very significant and, on the other, volatile. 4. Argument: Students will develop an ability to advance arguments based on both historical and contemporary understanding of the Middle East from varying perspectives. | |
| 12. | Recommended Books / Reference | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mansfield, P., <i>A Brief History of the Middle East</i> (2nd ed), Penguin, 2003. ➤ Saikal, A., <i>The Rise and Fall of the Shah: Iran from Autocracy to Religious Rule</i>, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009. ➤ Palmer, M., <i>The Politics of the Middle East</i> (2nd ed), California: Thomson Wadsworth, 2007. ➤ Chalcraft, J. <i>Popular Politics in the Making of the Modern Middle East</i>, Cambridge University Press, 2017. ➤ Fawcett, L. <i>International Relations of the Middle East</i>, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016. ➤ Halliday, F. <i>Middle East in International Relations: Power, Politics, and Ideology</i>, Cambridge University Press, 2005. ➤ Hinnebusch, R. <i>The International Politics of the Middle East</i>, Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2014. ➤ Hinnebusch, R. and A. Ehteshami eds., <i>The Foreign Policies of Middle East States</i>, Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2014. ➤ Cleveland, W. and M. Bunton. <i>A History of the Modern Middle East</i>, 5th edition. Boulder: Westview Press, 2012. ➤ British Journal of Middle East Studies ➤ International Journal of Middle East Studies ➤ Arab Studies Journal ➤ Review of Middle East Studies ➤ Journal of Palestine Studies ➤ Middle Eastern Studies ➤ Middle East Journal | |

Assessment Criteria:

| Requirements | |
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| Assignments/Quizzes/Project/Case Study/Team Presentations | |
| Mid-Term Exam | |
| Final Term Exam | |
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