

# HIST 230/PSCI 257: Introduction to the Middle East

Department of History/Political Science  
Spring 2013

AL 105 9:30-11:20 am Wednesdays and Fridays

See Quest for assigned DIS sessions

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**Contact Policy:** Please try to come and see me during my office hours to talk. Let's not use email.

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**Course Description:** This course examines the modern political history of the Middle East, with an emphasis on international affairs. This course attempts to demonstrate how the Middle East can best be understood as the result of complex historical and political interactions between factors at the national, regional, and global levels. We will examine colonization of the Middle East, self-determination, the rise of nation-states, enduring Arab-Israeli conflicts, the Cold War, and the history of US foreign policy in shaping the modern Middle East.

## Course Objectives:

By the end of this course students shall have a basic understanding of:

- Political History of the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region;
- Arab – Israeli Conflicts;
- History of foreign policy towards MENA region;
- Revolution and democratic transition in the MENA region.

**Pre-Requisites:** Level at least 2A.

**Note:** This course is recognized as a PACS Content Course that fulfills requirements in the interdisciplinary Peace and Conflict Studies plan. For information about doing a PACS concentration (Major, Minor or Option) visit: <http://grebel.uwaterloo.ca/academic/undergrad/pacs/plans.shtml>.

**Cross-listed course:**

Please note that a cross-listed course will count in all respective averages no matter under which rubric it has been taken. For example, a PHIL/PSCI cross-list will count in a Philosophy major average, even if the course was taken under the Political Science rubric.

**Academic Integrity:** In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility.

**Discipline:** A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offences, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course professor, academic advisor, or the Undergraduate Associate Dean. When misconduct has been found to have occurred, disciplinary penalties will be imposed under Policy 71 – Student Discipline. For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students should refer to Policy 71 - Student Discipline, [Student Discipline](http://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-71) <http://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-71>.

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**Appeals:** A student may appeal the finding and/or penalty in a decision made under Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances (other than regarding a petition) or Policy 71 - Student Discipline if a ground for an appeal can be established. Read Policy 72 - Student Appeals, [Student Appeals](http://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-72) <http://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-72>.

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**Turnitin.com:** Plagiarism detection software (Turnitin) will be used to screen assignments in this course. This is being done to verify that use of all material and sources in assignments is documented. In the first week of the term, details will be provided about the arrangements for the use of Turnitin in this course. Note: students must be given a reasonable option if they do not want to have their assignment screened by Turnitin. See [Turnitin](http://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/integrity-waterloo-faculty/turnitin-waterloo) <http://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/integrity-waterloo-faculty/turnitin-waterloo> for more information.

**Course Text (Required):**

1) Mehran Kamrava. *MODERN MIDDLE EAST*. University of California Press 2010  
ISBN 10: 0-520-24150-9

Texts are available for purchase at the University of Waterloo bookstore.

**Course Guidelines:**

It is expected that you have read the course readings prior to the week’s lectures. Note that lectures will not repeat the readings, but rather complement the readings. If you have questions regarding the readings, please address them during my office hours. Exams and tests will be based on readings and lectures. If you miss a class, it is recommended that you borrow notes from a fellow student. Lecture notes will be placed on UW LEARN. Note that due to the large number of students in this class, *I will not give lecture notes to students to photocopy or borrow*. Also, please do not request a copy electronically. Again, it is ideal to either borrow from a fellow student or to consult UW LEARN.

**Course Evaluation:**

**Due:**

Attendance and Participation in DIS sessions	20%	
Take Home Mid-Term Exam	40%	Due May 24, 11pm
Take Home Final Exam	40%	Due June 21, 11pm

**Attendance and Participation in Discussion Sessions:**

This grade is based on attendance, participation in discussion sessions, paying attention to your colleagues who are speaking and general discussion manner.

**Note:** participation grades cannot be made-up due to missed classes, regardless of the reason (illness, interviews, etc). If you are not there, then you did not participate. Please do not email me or your TAs your reasons for simple absences. You will be rewarded for both physical attendance of the class and intellectual attendance in the class.

**Take Home Mid-term Exam**

Must be submitted on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> in the UW LEARN drop box by 11pm. Exams **WILL NOT** be accepted after Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 11pm and a mark of zero will be applied. More information to follow

**Take Home Final Exam**

Must be submitted on Friday June 21 in the UW LEARN drop box by 11pm. Exams **WILL NOT** be accepted after Friday June 21 at 11pm and a mark of zero will be applied. More information to follow

## **Lecture Outline and Schedule:**

### **May 8: The Middle East – An Introduction**

**Lecture Topic:** Who, What, Where, Why Study the Middle East?

### **May 10: WW1 and its Aftermath in the ME**

**Lecture Topic:** Fall of the Ottoman Empire, Rise of Kemal Ataturk in Turkey

**Readings:** Kamrava, Ch. 1

### **May 15: European Colonialism in the Middle East**

**Lecture Topics:** Treaty of Levre, Balfour Declaration, Sykes-Picot Agreement, Carving the Middle East, Neocolonialism

**Readings:** Kamrava, Ch 2.

### **May 17: Arab Nationalism**

**Lecture Topics:** Nasser's Pan-Arabism; Suez Canal Crisis; Algerian War of Independence

**Readings:** Kamrava, Ch 3.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>: Guest Speaker:** H.E. Babali, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Canada  
“Geopolitical implications of the Arab Spring” Held at Balsillie School of International Affairs, 1:30pm to 3pm in BSIA rm 142. This lecture will be the basis of a question on your midterm exam. Attending in person is ideal but audio recording will be made available on UW Learn.

### **May 22: Arab-Israeli Conflicts**

**Lecture Topics:** 1948 to 1973 Wars, Intifada I and II,

**Readings** Kamrava, Ch.4

### **May 24: Arab-Israeli Interlude of Peace**

**Lecture Topics:** Camp David I and II, and Oslo

**Readings:** Kamrava, Ch.7

### **May 29: The Oil Factor**

**Lecture Topics:** Oil Connection, the Reinter State & Petrodollars Then and Now

**Readings:** Kamrava, Ch.8

### **May 31: Islamic Revivalism in the Middle East**

**Lecture Topics:** Iranian Revolution and its regional implications

**Readings:** Kamrava, Ch.5

### **June 5: Conflicts in the Persian Gulf**

**Lecture Topics:** Iran- Iraq War, Persian Gulf War I and II

**Readings:** Kamrava, Ch. 6

**June 7: The Gulf War Redux**

**Lecture Topics:** Invasion of Iraq 2003

**Readings:** Kamrava, Ch. 8

**June 12: Democratization, Resistance Movements, and Moderate States**

**Lecture Topics:** Arab Awakening/Spring of 2011

**Readings:** Kamrava, Ch. 10, \*Katerina Dalacoura, "The 2011 uprisings in the Arab Middle East: political change and geopolitical implications" in *International Affairs*, Vol. 88 Issue 1, pp. 63-79.

**June 14: Comedy in the Egyptian Revolution: Origins and Evolution**

**Lecture Topics:** The sense of humor in the Egyptian Revolution

**Guest Lecture:** Dr. Eid Mohamed

**Readings:** Kamrava, Ch. 11; \*Lisa Anderson, "Demystifying the Arab Spring" in *Foreign Affairs*, 2011. [Readings http://www.ssrresourcecentre.org/wpcontent/uploads/2011/06/Anderson-Demystifying-the-Arab-Spring.pdf](http://www.ssrresourcecentre.org/wpcontent/uploads/2011/06/Anderson-Demystifying-the-Arab-Spring.pdf)

Video: [Video](#)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=uxmT8B0dZkk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=uxmT8B0dZkk)

*\*Access to academic journals is available on the library homepage of the University of Waterloo's website.*