



# The Middle East since 1914

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this course is to examine nineteenth and twentieth century political, social, and economic trends that contributed to forming the modern Middle East and North African (MENA) region. Students will gain exposure to important topics such as the Mandates over the Middle East, the rise of Arab, Turkish and Iranian nationalism, the Arab Union, and the Arab-Israeli conflict will be discussed. The course also will examine state building in the contemporary MENA through the rise of authoritarian regimes and political Islam (ISIS), the relationships between Islam and secularism, and Western and Middle Eastern nations, and the Arab uprisings. Students will learn about key events and historical issues in Middle Eastern history through investigation of primary and secondary sources, and will discuss critical problems that led to creation of the contemporary Middle East.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- Mid-Term Exam 30%
- Film Review 20%
- Final Exam 30%
- Extra Credit 10%
- Attendance and Class Participation 10%

MIDE 3540-001/  
HIST 3400-001  
MW, 8:05AM-9:25AM  
3 credit hours

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