

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: HIST 5

Title: HIST MODERN MIDDLE EAST

Full Title: History of the Modern Middle East

Last Reviewed: 9/12/2022

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	6	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

Catalog Description:
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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended Preparation:
Eligibility for ENGL 1A or equivalent

Limits on Enrollment:

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Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	D	Social and Behavioral Sciences	Fall 2010	
CSU GE:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	D	Social Science	Fall 2010	
	D6	History		
IGETC:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	4	Social and Behavioral Science	Fall 2010	
	4F	History		
CSU Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 2010	Inactive:
UC Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 2010	Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Major Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Analyze the political, economic, cultural, and social developments in Middle Eastern history over the last two centuries.
2. Compare and contrast the interaction of regional and international entities.
3. Evaluate the causes and effects of particular historical events.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Locate on maps the geographical centers of historical development in the Middle East since 1800.
2. Identify the unique contributions of major civilizations in the region and assess their continuing influence today.
3. Analyze the interrelationships of the Middle East with the larger world and evaluate the impact of Western imperialism on the region.
4. Apply historical knowledge and reasoning through analysis of important and controversial problems from the past.
5. Compare and contrast the evolution of differing opinions on critical historical developments and disciplined historical thinking.

6. Using primary and secondary sources, demonstrate critical, independent thinking through analysis of historical events and trends.
7. Compare and contrast the interaction of regional ethnic groups, nation-states, political affiliations, socioeconomic status, and international organizations.
8. Develop an understanding and appreciation of the contributions and perspectives of women, ethnic groups, and other minorities.

Topics and Scope:

- I. Introduction to Historical Study
 - A. The scope and purpose of the course
 - B. Methodology and research skills used in the study of history
 - C. Recognize class, gender, and ethnicity
- II. The Development of Islamic Civilization to the Eighteenth Century
 - A. The rise of Islam
 - B. Division into different branches of Islam
 - C. Development of the Ottoman and Safavid Empires
- III. The Era of Transformation and European Imperialism
 - A. Reforms in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries
 - B. The Ottomans and Egypt during the era of the Tanzimat
 - C. Iran in the nineteenth century
 - D. The Young Turks
 - E. World War I and the end of the Ottoman Empire
- IV. The Struggle for Independence, 1918-1945
 - A. Authoritarianism in Turkey and Iran
 - B. The Arab struggle for independence
 - C. The Palestinian mandate and the birth of Israel
- V. The Middle East in the Post-War Era
 - A. Democracy and authoritarianism: Turkey and Iran
 - B. The age of Nasser
 - C. The Arab-Israeli conflict
 - D. Changing patterns: Lebanon and Egypt
 - E. Consolidation of authoritarianism: Syria and Iraq
 - F. The Iranian Revolution and the resurgence of Islam
 - G. The Arabian Peninsula in the petroleum era
 - H. The Palestinian Uprisings
 - I. The Gulf Wars
 - J. The 2011 Arab Uprisings

Assignment:

1. Reading assignments (40-80 pages per week) which may include:
 - A. Primary sources
 - B. Secondary sources
2. Writing assignments (1500-3500 words total) may include:
 - A. Critical and historical interpretation of primary and secondary sources
 - B. Reaction papers
 - C. Analytical essays
 - D. Research papers
3. Exams including a final (2-3)
4. Other assignments, may include:

- A. Participation
- B. Group assignments
- C. Quizzes
- D. Presentations

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Writing assignments

Writing
20 - 50%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving
0 - 0%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

Skill Demonstrations
0 - 0%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Exams, Final

Exams
30 - 60%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Other assignments, Class attendance

Other Category
5 - 20%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

A History of the Modern Middle East. 6th Edition. Cleveland, William. Westview Press. 2016 (Classic)

The Modern Middle East, A History. 4th Edition. Gelvin, James L. Oxford University Press. 2015 (Classic)

From Beirut to Jerusalem. Thomas Friedman. Picador. 2012 (Classic)