

**WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE  
BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION  
GENERAL COURSE OUTLINE**

HST	232	History of the Middle East from 1453 to the Present	(3 - 0)	3
Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title	Lec-Lab	Credit Hours

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Surveys the History of the Middle East from 1453 to the present. Emphasis is placed on social, political, economic, religious, and military institutions that shape the region. The establishment of colonial rule is highlighted along with the struggle for independence, modernization, and development. IAI S2-919-N

**TOPICAL OUTLINE**

- I. Traditional Cultures and Islamic Foundations
- II. End of the Mamlouks
- III. Rise of the Ottomans
- IV. Thesis of Marshall Hodgson – Military Patronage, State to Gunpowder Empires
- V. Western Imperialism
- VI. Arab Nationalism
- VII. Zionism
- VIII. WWI
- IX. Postwar Settlement
- X. End of the Ottomans
- XI. France and Great Britain in the Middle East
- XII. Emergence of Secular States
- XIII. Struggle for Independence to WWII
- XIV. WWII
- XV. Struggle for Independence-Post WWII
- XVI. Mandate Palestine
- XVII. 1948 Arab-Israeli War
- XVIII. Nasser and Pan-Arabism
- XIX. Radicalization of Arab Politics
- XX. Arab-Israeli Wars – 1967 forward
- XXI. Europe and the Middle East – 1970's
- XXII. Oil and Politics
- XXIII. Lebanon and the West Bank
- XXIV. Secularism and Islam in the Arab World
- XXV. Peace Process
- XXVI. Iran-Iraq War
- XXVII. Iranian Revolution
- XXVIII. PLO
- XXIX. Search for Peace
- XXX. A Region in Disorder
- XXXI. Gulf War
- XXXII. 9-11

**METHOD OF PRESENTATION**

1. Lecture and discussion
2. Designated readings
3. Cooperative learning
4. Oral reports
5. Simulations
6. Debates
7. Appropriate media and selected films

**STUDENT OUTCOMES:** (The student should . . .)

1. explain the contributions and significance of the Mamluks.
2. explain the contributions and significance of the Ottomans.
3. trace the rise of Western Imperialism in the Middle East.
4. explain the rise of Arab Nationalism.
5. explain the role of the Middle East in WWI and WWII.
6. explain the decline of the Ottomans.
7. explain the rise of secular states in the Middle East.
8. explain and trace the struggle for independence and self-determination in the Middle East.
9. explain and trace the Arab-Israeli conflict.
10. explain the influence of Islam in the Middle East.
11. explain post WWII state building in the Middle East.
12. explain the conflict between power and culture in the Middle East.
13. explain the fragmentation of the 1970's and 1980's.
14. trace the origins of splinter groups in the Middle East.
15. explain the peace process since the 1967 War.
16. evaluate the current state of affairs in the Middle East.

**METHOD OF EVALUATION**

1. Three (3) essay examinations
2. Three (3) 5-page position papers
3. One 5-page document-based case study
4. One 15-page primary source research paper

**TEXTBOOKS**

Cleveland, William, A History of the Modern Middle East, 2004  
Goldschmidt, A., A Concise History of the Middle East, 6th edition  
Quataert, D., The Ottoman Empire, 1700 - 1922  
Smith, C.D., Palestine and the Arab Israeli Conflict  
Yapp, M.E., The Making of the Modern Middle East  
Yapp, M.E., The Near East Since the First World War

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