

<b>Course</b>	INTL 5625: Middle East Area Studies
<b>Term</b>	Summer, 2009
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<b>Catalog Description</b>	This course examines politics in the region known as the Middle East, examining them in the context of historical development, culture and economics. The course will focus on in-depth analysis of issues that shape the politics of the Middle East today. Case studies (Iran, Iraq, Israeli - Palestinian conflict) are selected for their particular relevance.
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Students should be taking or have taken INTL 5000.
<b>Course Level Learning Outcomes</b>	Objectives: To allow the students to have a basic understanding of the key issues and actors impacting US relations in the Middle East. The students will gain an understanding of the historical perspective of colonialism and its impact on the region. Oil and its effect on the political economy of the region will be examined, as well as the roots of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
<b>Materials</b>	Primary Text: <i>International Relations of the Middle East</i> , Louise Fawcett, Oxford University Press, New York, NY, 2005.
<b>Grading</b>	Term Paper 50%, Exams 40%, Class participation and discussion 10%
<b>Activities</b>	Class participation is a key element of graduate education. Each student is expected to read the class materials and be aware of current events in the Middle East. The instructor will supplement lectures with documentary videos of key events and important personalities in the region. A research paper, consisting of at least 15 pages, relevant to the subject of the course is due on the 8 <sup>th</sup> week of class.
<b>Policy Statements: University Policies</b>	University policies can be found either on-line at Webster.edu or in the course catalog. The University policies are expected to be guidelines for the students' administrative activities and demeanor.
<b>Course Policies</b>	A reasonable percentage of a student grade will depend on class participation. The importance of this participation should not be underestimated by students. Students will at all times avoid plagiarism. The University's policy on plagiarism will be discussed in class.

<p><b>Weekly Schedule</b></p>	<p><b>Week 1:</b> Introduction to the Politics of the Middle East – A Historical Overview Chapter 1, pp. 17-40</p> <p><b>Week 2:</b> The Cold War and the Middle East Chapter 2, pp. 41-58 Chapter 3, pp. 59-78</p> <p><b>Week 3:</b> Political Economy of Oil and Globalization and the Middle East Chapter 4, pp. 79-104 Chapter 5, pp. 105-130</p> <p><b>Week 4:</b> Political Reform and the Politics of Identity Chapter 6, pp. 131-150 Chapter 7, pp. 151-172</p> <p><b>Mid-Term Exam</b></p> <p><b>Week 5:</b> Regionalism and War and Security in the Middle East Chapter 8, pp. 173-192 Chapter 9, pp. 195-216</p> <p><b>Week 6:</b> The Arab – Israeli Conflict Chapter 10, pp. 217-240 Chapter 11, pp. 241-259</p> <p><b>Week 7:</b> The International Politics of the Gulf Chapter 12, pp. 263-281</p> <p><b>Week 8:</b> The United States in the Middle East Chapter 13, pp. 283-306 Chapter 14, pp. 307-329</p> <p><b>Papers Due</b></p> <p><b>Week 9:</b> The Middle East in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (class discussion)</p> <p><b>Final Exam</b></p>
<p><b>Additional Information</b></p>	