

International Studies 4850-001 International Relations and Politics of the Middle East

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This course introduces the students to critical issues in Middle East International politics. The first part of the course will give a brief survey of the rise of the nation-state in the Middle East and the involvement of the Middle East countries in the international system and the response of the major powers to the rise of the new states in the Middle East. The second part of the course will explore critical issues in contemporary international politics of the Middle East. These issues include the impact of globalization on Middle East economy and politics, the importance of oil, crisis of identity in the Middle East, and the Arab uprising of 2011. The third part of the course will focus on the ongoing conflicts and the prospects of peace and stability in the Middle East. These conflicts include the 1991 gulf war, the 2003 US occupation of Iraq, Afghanistan, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and the spread of nuclear weapons. Due to the political nature of these topics, there is more than one side to each of these issues. The professor will make a determined effort to avoid the discussion of these issues from a single ideological perspective and will provide opportunities for informative and critical evaluation and discussion. The students will be urged to take sides on these controversial topics. The quality of class discussion will depend upon the students' preparedness, interest, and their reading of the weekly assignments.

Course Requirements

Your final grade for the course will consist of the following categories:

1. **Class Attendance and summary of the Weekly Readings Assignment:** 10% of the final grade:

The students must submit a summary of the weekly readings of 2 to 3 pages. The weekly summary should include the main arguments of the readings. Email your weekly summaries to markadams2@my.unt.edu

. **Class Attendance** and participation in class discussion are Mandatory And Will Affect the students Final Grade. The quality of class discussion will depend upon the students' preparedness and interest. The students should read the weekly assignments and be prepared to answer questions.

2. **6 Articles reviews:** 20%.

Each student should select one of the topics which we will study during the semester and review 6 articles pertaining to the topic. The student has to get my prior approval for the 6 articles he or she intends to review by January 28. During the coming 2 weeks, each student should submit electronically to me Sahliyah@unt.edu 10 article titles including the title of the article, author, journal, date of publication, and the length of the articles. Each article should be drawn from scholarly journals and should be at least 10 to 15 pages in length. Make sure to select articles that are published after 2007. I will select 6 appropriate articles for the student to review. Each article summary should be between 1000 to 1200 words. The six article reviews should be in Microsoft Word format.

The first 2 article reviews are due on February 15;

The second 2 articles reviews are due by February 28;

The last 2 article reviews are due on March 27.

3. **Mid Term Exam:** March 6 35% of your final grade

4. **Final Exam:** May 6, at 1:30 in the same class room 35% of the final grade

Both the midterm and the final exam will be based upon readings and class lectures.

Required Text books and Reading Materials

The following two textbooks are required. They are available at UNT Bookstore:

Fawcett, Louise. Editor, International Relations of the Middle East. Oxford University Press, 2013;

William B. Quandt, Peace Process, (Berkeley: University of California Press and Washington: Brookings, 2006).

The two textbooks are by no means exhaustive and the students should read the assigned articles. The additional required readings are uploaded on the blackboard for the course.

The readings on the Blackboard have the sign of *. To access the course website,:

Go to ecampus.unt.edu;

Click on login to blackboard;

Click on login;

Sign in and then select INST 4850-001 International Relations of the Middle East Spring 2014. Click on course content and readings.

Course Outline

Weeks 1 and 2. The Rise of the State System in the Middle East:

Fawcett, Louise. International Relations of the Middle East

Chapter 2 The Emergence of the Middle East into the Modern State System, Eugene L. Rogan

Chapter 3 The Cold War in the Middle East, Peter Sluglett

Chapter 4 The Middle East Since the Cold War: Still Insecure, Bahgat Korany

Chapter 17 Europe in the Middle East Rosemary Hollis

Recommended Readings:

*Roy Anderson, "The Middle East in World War I"

*Roy Anderson, "The Rise of the State System, 1914-1950"

Weeks 3 and 4: The Crisis of Identity and Authority in the Middle East:

Fawcett, Louise. International Relations of the Middle East

Chapter 7 The Politics of Identity in Middle Eastern International Relations, Raymond Hinnebusch

Chapter 8 Islam and International Relations in the Middle East: From *Umma* to Nation State, Peter Mandaville

Chapter 5 Oil and Political Economy in the International Relations of the Middle East Giacomo Luciani

Week 5: Review of International Relations theories and their applicability to Middle East Politics

Fawcett, Louise. International Relations of the Middle East

Chapter 1 International Relations Theory and the Middle East,

Fred H. Lawson **Chapter 11 Foreign Policymaking in the Middle East: Complex Realism**, Anoushiravan Ehteshami and Raymond Hinnebuschd

Week 6: Conflict and Cooperation in the Middle East?

Fawcett, Louise. International Relations of the Middle East

Chapter 9 Alliances, Cooperation, and Regionalism in the Middle East, Louise Fawcett

Chapter 10: Middle East Security: Continuity amid Change Matteo Legrenzi and Marina Calculli

Midterm exam March : 6. 35% of your final grade

Week 7 : The Palestinian- Arab Israeli conflict and The role of the United States

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Chapter 12 The Arab–Israeli Conflict

Charles Smith Chapter 16 The United States in the Middle East Michael C. Hudson

William B. Quandt, Peace Process, Chapter 1

WEEK 8: The 1967 June War and The 1973 October War

William B. Quandt, Peace Process, Chapters 2, 3, 4 and 5.

WEEK 9: Camp David Accords and The Israeli-Egyptian Peace Treaty and The Israeli Invasion of Lebanon 1982 and the Palestinian-Israeli Peace Process in the 1980s.

William B. Quandt, Peace Process, Chapters 6, 7, and 8.

WEEK 10: Palestinian-Israeli Peace-Making in the 1990s

Fawcett, Louise. International Relations of the Middle East

Chapter 13 The Rise and Fall of the Oslo Peace Process, Avi Shlaim

William B. Quandt, Peace Process, Chapters 9, 10 and 11.

*Herbert C. Kelman. SOME DETERMINANTS OF THE OSLO BREAKTHROUGH

*Agha, Hussein, Malley, Robert. The Last Negotiation Foreign Affairs, 00157120, May/Jun2002, Vol. 81, Issue 3

WEEK 11: Palestinian-Israeli Peace Process in the 21st Century

William B. Quandt, Peace Process, Chapters 13 and 14.

WEEK 12 and 13: The United States, the Persian Gulf Security, and the 2003 Iraq war;

Fawcett, Louise. International Relations of the Middle East

Chapter 14 The International Politics of the Gulf, *F. Gregory Gause*,

Chapter 15 The War for Regime Change in Iraq, *Philip Robins*

**Jeffrey Record. The Bush doctrine and war with Iraq*. Parameters. Carlisle Barracks: Spring 2003. Vol. 33, Iss. 1; pg. 4, 18 pgs

*Nye, Jr., Joseph S. U S Power and Strategy After Iraq, Foreign Affairs; Jul/Aug2003, Vol. 82 Issue 4. The spread of Nuclear Weapons: Israel and Iran and Regional Security:

*Cohen, Avner. "Israel's Nuclear Future: Iran, Opacity and the Vision of Global Zero." *Palestine-Israel Journal of Politics, Economics & Culture* (2010): 6-19. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 3 Sept. 2011.

*Colin Dueck, Ray Takeyh.

Iran's Nuclear Challenge Political Science Quarterly. New York:Summer 2007. Vol. 122, Iss. 2, p. 189-205 (17 pp.)

*Gawdat Bahgat. Israel and Nuclear Proliferation in the Middle East. Middle East Policy [serial online]. June 2006;13(2):113-133 20p

*Gawdat Bahgat. Iran and the United States: The Emerging Security Paradigm in the Middle East Parameters. Carlisle Barracks: Summer 2007. Vol. 37, Iss. 2; p. 5 (14 pages)

Week 14: Review.

Final Exam:

Tuesday, May 6 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

POLICY ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

International Studies adheres to and enforces UNT's policy on academic integrity (cheating, plagiarism, forgery, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty and sabotage). Students in this class should review the policy (UNT Policy Manual Section 18.1.16), which may be located at http://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/untpolicy/pdf/7-Student_Affairs-Academic_Integrity.pdf. Violations of academic integrity in this course will be addressed in compliance with the penalties and procedures laid out in this policy."

The UNT Code of Student Conduct and Discipline defines cheating and plagiarism as the use of notes in exams, or otherwise securing help in a test; copying others' tests, assignments, reports, or term papers; representing the work of another as one's own; collaborating without authority with another student during an examination or in preparing academic work; or otherwise practicing scholastic dishonesty. Normally, the minimum penalty for cheating or plagiarism is a grade of "F" in the course.

APPEALS

Students may appeal any decision under this policy by following the procedures laid down in the UNT Policy Manual Section 18.1.16 "Student Standards of Academic Integrity."

POLICY ON MY LECTURES

In light of some students selling instructors' notes for commercial web usage, the following policy statements are legally binding upon you:

You are not authorized to record my lectures without prior permission from me.

Class Attendance

Class attendance is mandatory. Each student is entitled for 3 absences per semester. After the third absence, the student will lose two points from the final grade for the course. After the sixth absence, the student will lose three points from the final grade for the course. Any additional absences may result in the student's failing in the class. Students who leave the classroom during the lecture will be treated as being absent from the class.

International Studies cooperates with the Office of Disability Accommodation to make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Please present your written accommodation request on or before the sixth class day (beginning of the second week of classes).