Politics of the Middle East

2017
ES 530 - Course Syllabus

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course attempts to provide an introductory theoretical and empirical knowledge to the politics and IR of the Middle East since the World War II.

OBJECTIVE

- Conceptual Debates
- Writing Skills
- Critical Thinking
- Scholarly Works
- Connections to World Politics
- Politics of Identity
**UNITS OF STUDY**

1. IR Theory and the Middle East
2. The Emergence of the Middle East into the Modern State System
3. Oil and Political Economy of the Middle East
4. Political Reform in the Middle East
5. Islam and International Relations in the Middle East
6. Alliances and Regionalism in the Middle East
7. Middle East Security: Continuity amid Change
8. Current Affairs

**GRADING**

- Four scheduled papers: 40%
- Two Homework Assignments: 20%
- Midterm Examination: 20%
- Final Examination: 20%

Total: 100%
COURSE EXPECTATIONS

**PREPARED**
Be prepared, focused and ready to learn something new in every class.

**RESPONSIBLE**
Ensure all assignments are submitted according to deadline. Class attendance is also important to help students benefit from the course.

**PROACTIVE**
Engagement and participation in class is highly encouraged. Don’t be afraid to share your thoughts!

**RESPECTFUL**
Be respectful towards professor and classmates. Encourage one another and stay united as a team!

**APPOINTMENT**
IR Department
Tuesday
5.00pm - 6.30pm

**CLASSROOM PHILOSOPHY**
“I believe in bringing out the best in every student and in helping them to reach their fullest potential in my classroom. I am committed in helping every student to excel academically and to guide them to grow as a student and as an individual.”