



Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities
Department of Cultural Sciences

1HI405 Introduktion till det nutida Mellanöstern, 7,5 högskolepoäng
Introduction to the contemporary Middle East, 7.5 credits

Main field of study
History

Subject Group
History

Level of classification
First Level

Progression
G1N

Date of Ratification
Approved 2009-06-16
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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2018

Prerequisites
General entry requirements and Civics 1b / 1a1 +1a2, History 1b / 1a1+1a2 or Civics A, History A (Field-specific entry requirements 1/A1).

Objectives

After completing the course, the student should be able to:

- describe and discuss basic political, religious, social and economic conditions in countries and societies in the contemporary Middle East,
- identify and analyse conflicts in the region,
- describe and reflect on the historical background since World War I in order to understand the contemporary Middle East,
- discuss and analyse the themes covered in the course, in speech and writing.

Content

The course focuses on basic political, religious and economic conditions in countries and societies in the contemporary Middle East. This includes studies of political systems, international relations, political and other conflicts, economic conditions including the importance of oil, and demographic conditions. The current situation is studied from historical perspectives since World War I.

Seminars are compulsory.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is delivered in the form of lectures and seminars. All course work, lectures and participation in seminars are carried out through the online learning platform.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

The course is examined through participation in lectures and seminars and through written texts. In order to receive the grade of Pass, the student must achieve the objectives. Grading criteria for the grade of Pass with Distinction will be specified when the course starts.

For students who do not pass their first examinations, retake examinations are provided in accordance with local regulations at the university.

Course Evaluation

At the end of the course, a course evaluation is conducted. Results and analysis of the course evaluation are communicated to the students who have taken the course and the students who are taking the course when it is offered the next time. The evaluation is anonymous. The course evaluation is filed according to departmental regulations.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Kamrava, Mehran (2013), *The modern Middle East: a political history since the first world war*. Berkeley: University of California Press. ISBN13: 9780520277816, ISBN-10: 0520277813, 400 p.

Lynch, Marc, (2016) *The new Arab wars: uprisings and anarchy in the Middle East*, New York: Public Affairs, ISBN 1-61039-609-X, 257 p.

Schwedler, Jillian (red), (2013), *Understanding the contemporary Middle East*. Boulder, Colorado: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc. ISBN-13: 978 1588269102, ISBN10: 1588269108, 400 p.

Articles and individual reading: 200 p.