



Course syllabus

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Department of Cultural Sciences

1HI406 Konflikt och krig i Mellanöstern, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Conflict and War in the Middle East, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

History

Subject Group

History

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1N

Date of Ratification

Approved 2020-12-14

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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2021

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 political, political-religious and socioeconomic conditions for conflicts and wars in the contemporary Middle East,
- account for and analyse conflicts and war in the region,
- discuss and analyse the themes covered in the course, in speech and in writing.

Content

The course focuses on political, political-religious, social and economic conditions in countries and societies in the contemporary Middle East. After a general survey of the contemporary politics of the region, causes for and consequences of conflicts and wars are analysed. Special focus lies on, among other things, the significance of oil resources, social and ethnic gaps, the surrounding world's influence on the region, and causes for and consequences of the so called "Arab spring" in 2011. The current situation is in focus, with historic links to the time after World War I.

Type of Instruction

Teaching is delivered in the form of lectures and seminars. All course work, lectures and participation in seminars take place via the course learning platform.

Examination

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

The course is examined through production of written texts and discussion of other students' texts in seminars. 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 in writing when the course starts.

Repeat examination is offered in accordance with Local regulations for courses and examination at the first and second-cycle level at Linnaeus University. If the university has decided that a student is entitled to special pedagogical support due to a disability, the examiner has the right to give a customised exam or to have the student conduct the exam in an alternative way.

Course Evaluation

During or shortly after the course, a course evaluation is conducted. Results and analysis of the course evaluation are promptly communicated to the students who have taken the course. Students who are taking the course when it is offered the next time are informed of the results at the start of the course. The evaluation is anonymous.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Ahram, Ariel I., *War and Conflict in the Middle East and North Africa* (Cambridge, UK: Polity, 2020), ISBN 9781509532827), 188 p.

El-Baghdadi, Iyad & Ahmed Gatnash, *The Middle East Crisis Factory: Tyranny, Resilience and Resistance* (London: C. Hurst & Co., 2021, ISBN 1787383040), 209 p.

Milton-Edwards, Beverley (2018), *Contemporary Politics in the Middle East*, Cambridge: Polity Press, 2018, 4th ed., ISBN 9781509520824, 317 p.

Articles and individual reading: 250 pages available on the online learning platform.