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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

FACULTY OF ARTS

POLI 369-L01: Government & Politics of the Middle East

Pre and Co-requisites: None.

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Class Time: TR 12:00 to 14:45 (165min)

Class Location: SB 146.

Website: <http://d2l.ucalgary.ca>

COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES:

This course seeks to introduce the students to the basic historical events, and the political processes, which have been influential in the emergence and development of political entities in the modern Middle East. It is also the objective of this course to equip the students with the various tools of political analysis, which will enable them to understand the contemporary politics of the region, especially as an increasing number of countries face internal upheavals, civil wars, and challenges from within the region and outside it.

It is intended to achieve the objectives of the course by examining the commonalities as well as the disparities among the peoples and countries of the Middle East. Issues such as the nature of the states, civil society, the role of religion in politics, ideologies, impact of the West, and the consequences of international and regional interventions will be addressed.

Course Requirements and Grading Scale:

1. Midterm Exam- short answers and essay questions format (60 minutes) July 17, 2018, 35%.
2. Quiz #1- Multiple Choice Format (30 minutes) July 31, 2018, 30%
3. Quiz #2- short answers and essay questions format (60 minutes) August 7, 2018, 25%.
4. Final In-class, Quiz #3, Multiple Choice Format (15 minutes) August 14, 2018, 10%.

None of the exams will permit use of any aids (no open book).
Also no assignments are required to be submitted in electronic format.

Total: midterm and three quizzes=100%.

A+ (91-100)	B+ (77-79)	C+ (67-69)	D+ (55-59)
A (85-90)	B (73-76)	C (63-66)	D (50-54)
A- (80-84)	B- (70-72)	C- (60-62)	F (0-49)

Please note that the Midterm exam and Quiz #2 will be conducted in short answer and essay question format. On the other hand, Quiz #1, and the final Quiz #3 in class will be conducted in a multiple choice format.

Writing Statement:

Written assignments are often required in Political Science courses, including this one, and the quality of writing skills, including but not limited to such elements as grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, clarity, citation, and organization, will be taken into account in the determination of grades. Students are encouraged to make use of the services offered through Writing Support Services in the Student Success Centre (3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library) or at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support>.

Make Up Quizzes / Midterm Exam – Are only possible if a student has a legitimate reason (as outlined in the University of Calgary Calendar) and provides necessary documentation. Make ups may be offered in an alternative format to multiple choice (such as definitions and or a short essay). In case of adopting an alternative format students taking a make up should possess sufficient writing skills to enable them to express themselves in good English. Otherwise, their grade in the make up will suffer accordingly.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:

Ismael, T.Y., and Ismael, J. S., Government and Politics of the Contemporary Middle East: Continuity and Change, 2nd edition, Routledge, (2015).

In addition, occasionally, the instructor will refer students to some online articles relevant to topics under discussion.

RESERVE READINGS, (recommended but not required)

- Owen, Roger 2013: State, Power and Politics in the Making of the Modern Middle East, (London, New York, Routledge, 3rd edition)
- Penney Angrist, Michele (ed.) 2013: Politics, and Society in the Contemporary Middle East,

(Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2nd Ed.)

- Fred Jerome, Einstein on Israel and Zionism, 2009.
- Ilan Pappé, The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine, 2009.

COURSE OUTLINE:

(This outline is subject to slight modifications if and when it is necessary. Any change will always be preceded by an official announcement made ahead of time by the instructor in the classroom or through d2l. Students are required to read the scheduled assignment, before coming to class).

Week 1- July 3 and 5, Introduction to the course. Emergence of the Middle East State System.

Text: Introduction: "Middle East politics: patterns of continuity and change", pp 1-16. Also read "The Burden of History: from Empire to Nation States", pp 23-55.

Topics which will be discussed relate to the break down of the Ottoman Empire after WWI, and the emergence of new political entities in the Middle East.

Week 2- July 10 and 12, Islam in Politics.

Text: "The Legacy of Islam: Continuity and Change", pp. 59-90.

Online article by Charles Lister, "Profiling the Islamic State", Brookings Doha Center Analysis Paper, number 13, November, 2014.

Topics, The re-emergence of Islam as a major political force in Middle Eastern politics, and its impact on the modern state system in the Middle East.

Week 3, July 17 (Mid-Term) and 19. The Islamic Republic of Iran and the Rise of a Shii Arc of power in the Middle East.

Text: "The Islamic Republic of Iran", pp 146-225.

Topics of interest include Khomeini's contribution to Shiipolitical thought, and the expansion of Iranian influence in Iraq, Syria, Yemen, and Lebanon.

Week 4, July 24 and 26. The Syrian Crisis and the aftermath of Lebanon's Civil War.

Text: "The Syrian Arab Republic and the Lebanese Republic", pp 303-351.

Topics: Defining the various political forces in Syria and prospects of conflict resolution. The regional powers and their input in the Syrian crisis as well as Lebanon's precarious situation.

Week 5, July 31, (Quiz1) and August 2. Egypt's Predicaments after two revolutions.

Text: "The Arab Republic of Egypt", pp 440-490.

Topics: discussions will focus on the major predicaments facing Egypt today, with reference to the continuing crisis in civil liberties as well as the deterioration of the economy.

Week 6, August 7, (Quiz2) and August 9, The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Text: "The Arab Gulf States and the Gulf Cooperation Council", pp 499-576.

Please note that students will only be responsible for that section of the chapter covering Saudi Arabia. The rest of the chapter is not included.

Topics: the rising power of Saudi Arabia and prospects of its eventual decline as a result of its military, political, and financial involvement in Yemen and Syria, in addition to its conflict with Iran.

Week 7, August 14 (Final Quiz #3 in class) Israel and Palestine.

Text: "Israel and Palestine" pp. 359-423.

Topics: the chances of a peaceful settlement to the conflict in the light of Palestinian divisions, Israel's tilt to the right, and shift in US policy under Trump.

INSTRUCTOR GUIDELINES

Students requiring assistance are encouraged to speak to the instructor during class or their office hours. Should you wish to meet outside of office hours, please telephone or email to make an appointment. It is to the student's advantage to keep such appointments.

Email is a common form of communication but it is not always the most effective way of answering student questions. If you cannot make office hours, please request a one on one meeting outside of these hours.

Students are welcome to use laptops and other electronic note-taking devices in this course. Please be considerate of others and switch off all cellphones when you enter the classroom. Sending/receiving texts and browsing the Web is extremely disruptive to others and will not be tolerated.

IMPORTANT POLICIES AND INFORMATION

Absence From a Mid-term Examination:

Students who are absent from a scheduled term test or quiz for legitimate reasons (e.g. illness with the appropriate documentation) are responsible for contacting the instructor via email within 48 hours of the missed test to discuss alternative arrangements. A copy of this email may be requested as proof of the attempt to contact the instructor. Any student who fails to do so forfeits the right to a makeup test.

Deferral of a Final Examination:

Deferral of a final examination can be granted for reasons of illness, domestic affliction, and unforeseen circumstances, as well as to those with three (3) final exams scheduled within a 24-hour period. Deferred final exams will not be granted to those who sit the exam, who have made travel arrangements that conflict with their exam, or who have misread the examination timetable. The decision to allow a deferred final exam rests not with the instructor but with Enrolment Services. Instructors should, however, be notified if you will be absent during the examination. The Application for Deferred Final Exam, deadlines, requirements and submission instructions can be found on the Enrolment Services website at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams>.

Appeals:

If a student has a concern about the course or a grade they have been assigned, they must first discuss their concerns with the instructor. If this does not resolve the matter, the student then proceed with an academic appeal. The first step in an academic appeal is to set up a meeting with the Department Head. Appeals must be requested within 15 days of receipt of the graded assignment.

University Regulations:

Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the University policies found in the Academic Regulations sections of the Calendar at www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-regs.html.

Student Accommodations:

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/.

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

Plagiarism And Other Forms Of Academic Misconduct:

Academic misconduct in any form (e.g. cheating, plagiarism) is a serious academic offence that can lead to disciplinary probation, suspension or expulsion from the University. Students are expected to be familiar with the standards surrounding academic honesty; these can be found in the University of Calgary calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html>. Such offences will be taken seriously and reported immediately, as required by Faculty of Arts policy.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP):

FOIP legislation requires that instructors maintain the confidentiality of student information. In practice, this means that student assignment and tests cannot be left for collection in any public place without the consent of the student. It also means that grades cannot be distributed via email. Final exams are kept by instructors but can be viewed by contacting them or the main office in the Department of Political Science. Any uncollected assignments and tests meant to be returned will be destroyed after six months from the end of term; final examinations are destroyed after one year.

Evacuation Assembly Points:

In the event of an emergency evacuation from class, students are required to gather in designated assembly points. Please check the list found at www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints and note the assembly point nearest to your classroom.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources:

For program planning and advice, visit the Arts Students' Centre in Social Sciences 102, call 403-220-3580 or email artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit arts.ucalgary.ca/advising for program assistance.

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit their office in the MacKimmie Library Block.

Important Contact Information:

Campus Security and Safewalk (24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year)
Phone: 403-220-5333

Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Students' Union Representatives

Phone: 403-220-6551

Email: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca
Students' Union URL: www.su.ucalgary.ca

Graduate Students' Association

Phone: 403-220-5997

Email: ask@gsa.ucalgary.ca

URL: www.ucalgary.ca/gsa

Student Ombudsman

Phone: 403-220-6420

Email: ombuds@ucalgary.ca