

Master Syllabus

HIS 2219 - Survey of the Middle East

Division: Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

Department: History

Credit Hour Total: 3.0

Lecture Hrs: 3.0

Date Revised: June 2014

Course Description:

A survey of the Middle East, beginning with an overview of early history and the rise of Islam, and then concentrating on historical developments since the 19th century, tracing the development of Zionism, Arab, Turkish, Kurdish and Iranian nationalisms, the involvement of the superpowers and the U.N. and the resulting crises.

General Education Outcomes:

- ▣ Oral Communication
- ▣ Written Communication
- ▣ Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- ▣ Values/Citizenship/Community
- ▣ Computer Literacy
- ▣ Information Literacy

Course Outcomes:

Historical interpretations

Demonstrate knowledge of the evolving historical interpretations of major topics and eras in Middle Eastern history.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric.

Critical reading and comprehension skills

Utilize critical reading and comprehension skills to synthesize the content of scholarly writing on Latin American history and evaluate the effectiveness of written works.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric.

Current issues and trends

Apply knowledge of Middle Eastern history to the understanding of contemporary social, political, and economic issues and trends.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric.

Assessment Method: Portfolios

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric.

Primary sources

Critically analyze primary source documents in Middle East history and use them to construct well-organized, well-argued historical accounts.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric.

Outline:

Geography (particularly oil, water and waterways)
Overview of history since ancient times
Islam and Islamic fundamentalism
The Ottoman Empire
Turkish and Kurdish nationalisms
Zionism and the birth of Israel
The growth of Arab nationalism
The mid and late twentieth century crises from 1956 to 1990
The Iranian Revolution of 1979 and effects on the region
Democracy and Globalism in the twenty-first century
The twenty-first century crises: 9/11, Iraq, Palestine and Israel, Iran
Projections for the future