

## 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

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### 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