

GLOBAL STUDIES

EXPLORING CRITICAL WORLD ISSUES

MIDDLE EAST COURSE LIST Fall 2011 (2121)

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KEY

CLASS	ACADEMIC ORG	COURSE	TITLE	SESSION	DAY, START TIME - END TIME
	ACADEMIC GRP	CREDITS	INSTRUCTOR		LOCATION

MIDDLE EAST COURSES

11283	CLASS	CLASS 1430	ORIGINS OF CHRISTIANITY		TTh, 2:30:00 PM to 3:45:00 PM
	ARTSC	3 Credits	Denova,Rebecca I		CL000G8

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12299	CLASS	CLASS 1430	ORIGINS OF CHRISTIANITY		T, 6:00:00 PM to 8:30:00 PM
	ARTSC	3 Credits	Denova,Rebecca I		WWPH01501

See course description above.

24600	CLASSH	CLASS 1434	DUALISM IN THE ANCIENT WORLD		MW, 4:30:00 PM to 5:45:00 PM
	ARTSC	3 Credits	Denova,Rebecca I		

Dualism is a theory or system or thought that recognizes two independent and mutually irreducible principles, which are sometimes complementary and sometimes in conflict. We will begin our survey with the monism of Hebrew Scriptures, then move to the changes brought on by Persian culture and the Hellenization of the Mediterranean basin after the conquests of Alexander. The focus will be on the polarities of "good" and "evil," specifically highlighting the rise of Gnosticism in early Christianity and its legacy in the Western tradition. In addition, we will analyze the role of "asceticism," or the idea of not indulging the body, in most Gnostic systems, and the influence of this asceticism in Christian society.

24191	ECON	ECON 0640	ECON DEVELOPMENT OF THE MENA		MWF, 12:00:00 PM to 12:50:00 PM
	ARTSC	3 Credits	El-Hamidi,Fatma A		WWPH04900

Nowadays, Countries of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), the area comprising the Arab States, Iran, Israel, and Turkey, face enormous economic challenges in the Twenty-First Century: Stagnant real wages, deteriorating competitiveness, and rapidly growing populations and labor forces, have left most countries in the region unable to afford soaring living standards to much of the society. Yet the opportunities facing the region have never been greater: world trade is growing rapidly, capital flows to most of these countries have never been higher, and regional integration options are many as the result of the European Union's agreement for a free trade area in the Mediterranean. Why after years of negative per capita income growth, has the region been unable to accumulate sufficient reform momentum to sustain economic growth? Do important differences across countries hold lessons for the future? What are the social consequences of economic stagnation, and how might future adjustment costs be managed to protect the poor? How have individual countries in the region defined the challenges ahead? And what issues must be addressed to realize a more prosperous future? This course is designed to expose students to current views by academics and policy makers on past practices and future challenges facing the economies of the MENA region, as a set of developing countries that share a common heritage but also show countless differences. The emphasis will be on developing an overall understanding of the origins and nature of various economic problems while at the same time providing a critical examination of existing and alternative development policy formulations in MENA. The course will focus on population growth and the impact of demographic changes on employment, poverty, and income distribution; agriculture; education; capital formation; labor migration; economic liberalization; the rise and fall of the oil-based regional economy; the economics of structural adjustment and reform; economic regional integration and the challenges of globalization; as well as gender issues.

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24476	HIST	HIST 0751	ANCIENT WORLDS	TTh, 9:30:00 AM to 10:45:00 AM
	ARTSC	3 Credits	TBA	CL00G13

This is a lecture course on the earliest cultures of Egypt, Mesopotamia and China. The approach is comparative. The course will focus on the similarities and the differences in the cultural development of these ancient civilizations, and will stress their contributions and legacies to the civilizations of today.

24617	HIST	HIST 0756	INTRO TO ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION	TTh, 10:00:00 AM to 10:50:00 AM
	ARTSC	3 Credits	Emiralioglu,Mevhibe Pinar	

This course aims to introduce students to Islamic and Middle Eastern History from the time of the Prophet (ca. 600 C.E.) to the Iranian Revolution in 1979. We will proceed chronologically, focusing mainly on political events. However, a special emphasis will be given to the formation of the Islamic tradition, its evolution across different regions and cultures in time, and its interaction with other traditions. In the modern era, we will particularly explore the Islamic societies' political, cultural, and military encounter with the rising power of the West in the Middle East. In addition to the several historical processes and developments such as modernization, nation-building, Islamic fundamentalism and globalization, which have shaped the history of the Middle East in the last two centuries, our class discussions will also touch on the main theoretical perspectives that have stamped the studies of Islam and the Middle East. Here, concepts such as orientalism, defensive development, and modernity will constitute our main focus.

24434	HIST	HIST 1753	THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE (1300-1923)	TTh, 1:00:00 PM to 2:15:00 PM
	ARTSC	3 Credits	Emiralioglu,Mevhibe Pinar	CL00363

This course traces the history of the ottoman empire from its origins as an obscure band of frontier warriors, to the highpoint of its geopolitical power in the sixteenth century, and on to its further evolution as an increasingly complex and peaceful society, down to the opening of the period of European imperialism and nation building. It will address not only the ottomans' political power, but also those economic, social, and cultural factors that helped explain that power and gave the empire such a distinctive place in the history of Western Europe, Balkans and the Middle East.

11202	HIST	HIST 1775	ORIGINS OF CHRISTIANITY	TTh, 2:30:00 PM to 3:45:00 PM
	ARTSC	3 Credits	Denova,Rebecca I	CL000G8

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12298	HIST	HIST 1775	ORIGINS OF CHRISTIANITY	T, 6:00:00 PM to 8:30:00 PM
	ARTSC	3 Credits	Denova,Rebecca I	WWPH01501

See course description above.

24603	JS	JS 1100	ISRAEL IN THE BIBLICAL AGE	MWF, 1:00:00 PM to 1:50:00 PM
	ARTSC	3 Credits	TBA	LAWRN00104

This course covers the history and development of Biblical Israel from its ancient Near Eastern origins up through the advent of Hellenism, a period roughly covering the entire first millennium BCE. Students read both biblical and extra-biblical materials in order to assess their value as historical sources.

21677	LING	LING 1523	INTRO TO MODERN ARABIC LITERTR	MW, 3:00:00 PM to 4:15:00 PM
	ARTSC	3 Credits	Attia,Amani	CL00237

Learning about the literature of a people is a great way to understand them and their culture. This course is designed to acquaint students with Arab identity and traditions, and how these deal with current crises through their literary works. This course will not only help you acquire knowledge about an important region in the modern world, but it will also teach you about diversity and how learning to embrace it is an important part of a modern education.

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12701	PS	PS 1351	GOVERNMENT & POLITICS MIDDLE EAST	M, 8:00:00 AM to 10:25:00 AM
	ARTSC	3 Credits	Harrison,Ross	FKART00204

A survey of the developing political systems of the Middle East and their positions in world affairs. Considered are the nature of political leadership, the challenge of generating political legitimacy, the emergence of militant Islam, and the legacy of Western and Soviet imperialisms. The course will examine the states of Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Israel as well as the Palestinians within a political development framework. (Comparative Field)

11057	RELGST	RELGST 0115	BIBLE AS LITERATURE	T, 6:00:00 PM to 8:30:00 PM
	ARTSC	3 Credits	Bumble III,H David	CL00324

We will be reading the Bible as literature. This is to say that we will be discussing, for example, the story of Adam and Eve, the story of Noah and the flood, and the story of the crucifixion of Jesus as stories. We will try to understand these wonderful stories in their historical contexts, and so we will be discussing a wide range of background materials -- art, anthropology, history, and more.

24612	RELGST	RELGST 0455	INTRO TO ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION	TTh, 10:00:00 AM to 10:50:00 AM
	ARTSC	3 Credits	Emiraloglu,Mevhibe Pinar	

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24604	RELGST	RELGST 1100	ISRAEL IN THE BIBLICAL AGE	MWF, 1:00:00 PM to 1:50:00 PM
	ARTSC	3 Credits		LAWRN00104

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11285	RELGST	RELGST 1120	ORIGINS OF CHRISTIANITY	TTh, 2:30:00 PM to 3:45:00 PM
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12250	RELGST	RELGST 1120	ORIGINS OF CHRISTIANITY	T, 6:00:00 PM to 8:30:00 PM
	ARTSC	3 Credits	Denova,Rebecca I	WWPH01501

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24601	RELGSTH	RELGST 1140	DUALISM IN THE ANCIENT WORLD	MW, 4:30:00 PM to 5:45:00 PM
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