Faculties of Humanities and Theology

ARAH16, Middle Eastern Studies: Regional Security in the Middle East, 7.5 credits

Mellanösternkunskap: Regional säkerhet i Mellanöstern, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2013-05-17 to be valid from 2013-05-17, autumn semester 2013.

General Information

The course is a compulsory component of the BA programme in Arabic Studies. It is also offered as a freestanding course and be included as part of a first or second cycle degree.

Teaching language: Swedish or English

Main field of studies	Depth of study relative to the degree requirements
Middle Eastern Studies	G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding
- be able to give an account of the security policy issues of the Middle East in general, as well as specific internal, intergovernmental and external threats and causes of conflict linked to the region's international relations
- be able to account for events and circumstances concerning security in the Middle East and relate them to regional and global security circumstances

Competence and skills
- be able to analyse events, relations and processes concerning conflicts and regional security in the Middle East in the context of global security through examining different security issues, such as water resources in the region
- be able to analyse security situations involving different actors and in which interchange takes place on national, intergovernmental, regional and international levels
- be able to demonstrate a good use of language both in speech and writing

Judgement and approach
- be able to discuss and clarify current issues which affect security in the Middle East.

Course content

The course deals with the establishment and consolidation of the Middle Eastern states in relation to regional security issues and conflict management. The perceptions of security in the various states are analysed. The course also discusses the role and politics of the states, both in the Middle East and in the global arena. A number of case studies concerning security and threats are examined: ethnicity, religion, access and control of water and oil resources. Further areas of enquiry concern the Iraq crisis, conflicts in the area surrounding the Persian Gulf and the Israel-Palestine conflict.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures combined with at least two seminar and group exercises. Participation in the seminar and group exercises is obligatory.

Assessment

Examination takes the form of, in part, assessed active participation in the obligatory seminar and group exercises, and, in part, a written examination at the end of the course.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed ARAH15 or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course replaces ARA205 and ARAH22.
2. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.
3. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.

Subcourses in ARAH16, Middle Eastern Studies: Regional Security in the Middle East

Applies from H12

1201 Regional Security in the Middle East, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction