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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

MOSE16, Middle Eastern Studies: The Modern History of the Middle East from World War I until Today, 15 credits

Mellanösternstudier: Mellanösterns moderna historia från första världskriget till idag, 15 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2018-03-01 to be valid from 2019-01-01, spring semester 2019.

General Information

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It is also included in the Bachelor of Arts programme in Arabic Studies (HGARA). The course can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

Middle Eastern Studies

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- account for the modern political history of the Middle East and North Africa, including the role of the colonial powers in the creation of new states in the region, the role of nationalism and the development of nation states

Competence and skills

- analyse the political development in the different countries of the region, including aspects such as the problems of state formation, the role of ideologies in political development, crises, processes of modernisation, conflicts and different social movements

Judgement and approach

- take a position on phenomena, processes and circumstances in the modern Middle East, such as gender, ethnicity, political diversity and identity
- take a position on the situation of minorities and their place in different processes, especially in relation to the process of state formation

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Course content

The course covers the period after World War I to the present. It deals with nationalism and the formation of nation states, the predominant political ideologies and constitutions in the Middle East and North Africa, the Arab-Israeli conflict and conflicts around the Persian Gulf, the situation of stateless people, the influence of superpowers, and the Arabic spring and political Islam.

The course consists of two modules of 7.5 credits each:

1. The History of the Middle East until the 1950s
2. The History of the Middle East from the 1950s to the Present

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures combined with 2-3 seminars and group exercises. Attendance at seminars and group exercises is compulsory unless special circumstances apply. Students who have been unable to participate due to circumstances such as accidents or sudden illness will be offered the opportunity to compensate for or re-take compulsory components. This also applies to students who have been absent because of duties as an elected student representative. In other cases, there will be no opportunity to compensate for compulsory components.

Assessment

The assessment of module 1 is based on an invigilated written exam.

The assessment of module 2 is based on an invigilated written exam.

Three opportunities for examination are offered in conjunction with the course: a first exam, a re-take and a catch-up exam. At least two further re-examinations on the same course content are offered within a year of the end of the course. After this, further re-examination opportunities are offered but in accordance with the current course syllabus.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

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.

For a grade of Pass, the student must have been awarded this grade on both modules. For a grade of Pass with Distinction, the student must have been awarded this grade on both modules.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed the course MOSE15 or the equivalent.

Further information

1. The course is offered at the the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. It replaces ARAH12.
3. 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 application information and other relevant documentation.

Subcourses in MOSE16, Middle Eastern Studies: The Modern History of the Middle East from World War I until Today

Applies from V19

1801 The History of the Middle East until 1950, 7,5 hp

Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

1802 The History of the Middle East from 1950 until today, 7,5 hp

Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction