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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

SASH23, Introduction to the Middle East, 7.5 credits

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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 2008-02-12 to be valid from 2008-02-12, autumn semester 2008.

General Information

Subject: Middle Eastern Studies

The course is offered as a single course and can normally be included as part of a general degree at the undergraduate or graduate levels. With the approval of the relevant authenticating body, it can also be included in certain professional degrees.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Middle Eastern Studies

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to give an overview of the political history of the Middle East and North Africa

Competence and skills

- be able to analyse events as well as the interregional and international driving forces which have affected the political history of the area
- be able to search for and evaluate information and be able to manage tasks concerning the formulation of problems

Judgement and approach

- be able to assess autonomously gender relations in the Middle East and North Africa and how class and ethnicity affect the lives of men and women politically and socially.

Course content

The political development of the region is examined from an historical perspective. Emphasis is on the period post World War I. The course examines nation-building as a multi-dimensional process as well as various forms of cooperation in the region. Various conflicts are studied, in particular the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. During the analysis of social aspects emphasis is placed on modernisation. The importance of modernisation for the development of the various societies in the region is discussed from the perspectives of gender, ethnicity and class.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures combined with seminar and group exercises. Participation in seminars and group exercises is obligatory.

Assessment

Examination takes the form of, in part, 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

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

1. The points 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.
2. Exchange students are given priority. The course presupposes a good command of written and spoken English.

Subcourses in SASH23, Introduction to the Middle East

Applies from V08

0801 Introduction to the Middle East, 7,5 hp
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