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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

SASH96, Introduction to the Middle East in the Modern Period, 7.5 credits

*Introduction to the Middle East in the Modern Period, 7,5
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 2022-12-16 to be valid from 2023-03-15, autumn semester 2023.

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.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

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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 contemporary 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 critically assess how various domestic, regional as well as international factors have shaped the social and political development trajectories of Middle East and North Africa countries as well as the region as a whole.

Course content

The development of the Middle East and North Africa region is examined from an historical perspective. The course begins by exploring the major social, political, and cultural issues, events, and ideas which have shaped the region, primarily from the end of World War 1 until the present day. Particular attention is paid to the legacy of colonialism and the process of state-building, various inter-state conflicts and their domestic and regional consequences, the persistence of authoritarianism as well as democratisation efforts more recently. The course will conclude by examining the Middle East and North Africa in the 21st century, including its changing place in the global political arena. The course is organised according to key events, themes as well as case studies.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures combined with seminars and group exercises. Participation in 2 seminars and 2 group exercises is obligatory.

Completion option or alternative time is offered to students who, through no fault of their own, for example accidents, sudden illness or similar events, were unable to complete the mandatory part. This also applies to students who have missed classes due to a fiduciary duty as a student representative.

Assessment

Examination takes the form of a take-home exam.

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.

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 SASH96, Introduction to the Middle East in the Modern Period

Applies from H23

2301 Introduction to the Middle East in the Modern Period, 7,5 hp
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