COURSE NO. 375
COURSE TITLE The Middle East in World Affairs since 1900
INSTRUCTOR Mr. Cigar

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will deal with the Middle East, encompassing the area from Morocco to Iran, as a focus for and element in international developments and politics in the twentieth century. It will include consideration of the international political history of the period, an analysis of the forces operating in international situations involving the area, and an evaluation of the effect on the Middle East's development, politics, and culture of its continuous involvement in international affairs. Selected case studies will be presented as illustrative of different aspects of the general topic.

LECTURES

Tuesday and Thursday 1-2:25; discussion section for fourth credit.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

Mid-term and final exams; undergraduates also do a short paper, graduates three book reviews.

GRADING SYSTEM

Grades determined by performance on exams and written assignments, and by attendance and participation in discussion section.

REQUIRED READINGS

T. Ismael, THE MIDDLE EAST IN WORLD POLITICS.
P. Mansfield, THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE AND ITS SUCCESSORS.
other assigned paperbacks.
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SYLLABUS

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SPRING 1978

JANUARY
24 Tues. INTRODUCTION
26 Th. 1900-1914 A New Century and Old Questions
         Historical Background
31 Tues. Great Power Rivalry

FEBRUARY
2 Th. WORLD WAR I and ITS AFTERMATH 1919-1945
         The Break-up of the Ottoman Empire
7 Tues. The Balfour Declaration
9 Th. The Mandate System, colonialism, and nationalism
14 Tues. The Ethiopian War
16 Th. 1945-1956
         World War II and the Post-war Middle East
21 Tues. Colonialism and nationalism: The Anglo-Egyptian Impasse
23 Th. The Soviet Impact
28 Tues. The U.S. Impact

MARCH
2 Th. The Founding of Israel
7 Tues. The 'Cold War' Era and 'Pactitis'
9 Th. Iran, Mossadeg, Oil, and the West
         Nasser's New Egypt: The Arms Deal, Positive Neutralism,
         and Arab Unity.
16 Th. MID-TERM
17-27 SPRING VACATION
28 Tues. The Suez War (1956): End of an Era?
30 Th. Decolonization and the Changing Balance of Power

APRIL
6 Th. The Cyprus Problem
11 Tues. The 1967 War
13 Th. U.S. Options and policies
APRIL
18 Tues.  Soviet Options and Policies
20 Th.  The Economic Dimension: Trade, Aid, or Neo-Colonialism?

MAY
2 Tues.  1973-1978
The Saharan War: Spain, the Polisario, and others
4 Th.  The 1973 War
9 Tues.  Oil and International Politics.
11 Th.  The Horn of Africa and the Red Sea Powderkeg
16 Tues.  The End of the Arab-Israeli Conflict-1978?
18 Th.  CONCLUSION.