COURSE NO. 607
COURSE TITLE The American Impact Abroad: The United States and the Middle East since the 1780s
INSTRUCTOR J. A. DeNovo

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course we shall explore and analyze the diplomatic, economic, cultural and social contacts of official and private Americans with the nations and peoples of the Middle East since the late 18th century. The basic text is Robert W. Stookey's AMERICA AND THE ARAB STATES: AN UNEASY ENCOUNTER, c. 1975, paperbound edition. Also to be read in its entirety is John A. DeNovo's AMERICAN INTERESTS AND POLICIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, 1900-1939, available only in hardback; there are copies on reserve in Helen White Library. Only a few chapters of James A. Field's AMERICA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN WORLD, 1776-1882 are assigned reading, but the balance of the book is optional reading. There is now a paperbound edition, and there are also some copies on reserve in Helen White. A mimeographed bibliography will guide students in selecting collateral reading, which will be reported on briefly three times during the semester. From time to time we will take class time to discuss recent and current events in the Middle East, particularly as they bear on American relations with the area. Early in the course there will be two map exercises to acquaint you with the major geographical features and locations in the Middle East. Although our UW film holdings are weak in offerings suitable for this course, I do expect to show a couple that will, we hope, make more vivid the geographical environment and human component of the area.

The instructor will use a combination of lecturing and class discussions (based on assigned reading). There will be a midterm test and a final examination. Any student or undergraduate taking the course for honors credit will be required to give a brief oral report. (over)

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

GRADING SYSTEM
Midterm test - 25%; final exam - 50%; collateral reading reports and class discussion - 25%.

REQUIRED READINGS
University of Wisconsin
Department of History
Semester I, 1977-78

HISTORY 607

The American Impact Abroad

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John A. DeNovo, AMERICAN INTERESTS AND POLICIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, 1900-1939 (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1963), available only in hardback.


You should purchase your own copy of Stookey, but it is not essential that you acquire a personal copy of DeNovo, since there are several copies available on reserve in Helen White Library. Inasmuch as only a few chapters of Field are assigned (the rest of the book is optional reading), it is up to you whether you purchase it. There are a few copies of Field on reserve at Helen White.

Each student will receive a mimeographed book list arranged under topical and/or chronological headings to assist in selecting additional reading. During lectures the instructor will sometimes recommend reading on particular topics. I shall ask for three short written reports on your collateral reading. Each
of the instructor for your book selection.

Grades will be computed on the following basis:

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The schedule attached indicates the organization of the course, the plans for lectures and discussions, the reading assignments in Stookey, Field, and DeNovo, and the times of the midterm and final examination. We shall follow this schedule unless unforeseen circumstances require adjustments as the semester proceeds.
   Wed., Oct. 19 - Nationalism in the Arab East between the Wars. Be prepared
   on DeNovo, chap. 10 and chap. 11 (Conclusion).
   Fri., Oct. 21 - MIDTERM TEST

Part IV: World War II and Its Aftermath, 1939-1950

8. Mon., Oct. 24 - Overview of the U.S. and the Middle East during World War II.
   The core reading for Part IV is Stookey, pp. 68-73 and 87-126. Supplement
   with selections from the mimeographed bibliography.
   Wed., Oct. 26 - Incremental Commitments: The Middle East Supply Center and
   Americans in Iran.
   over Middle Eastern Oil.

   Wed., Nov. 2 - The Greek Civil War, the Origins of the Sixth Fleet, and
   the Truman Doctrine.
   Fri., Nov. 4 - The Palestine Question

10. Mon., Nov. 7 - The Palestine Question (cont.)

Part V: The Past Quarter Century, 1950s to the Present

Wed., Nov. 9 - The Egyptian Revolution of 1952 ff.; and the Iranian Crises
   of 1951-1954. Core reading for Part V is from Stookey, pp. 73-86 on oil;
   pp. 127-159, mostly on the 1950s; pp. 161-189, mostly early 1960s;
   pp. 191-219, 1967 war and after; pp. 221-244 for late 1960s down to
   1973 war; pp. 245-272 for 1973 war and following; pp. 273-279 are the
   Epilogue.
   Fri., Nov. 11 - Background for the Suez Crisis of 1956.

11. Mon., Nov. 14 - The Suez Crisis
   Wed., Nov. 16 - The Eisenhower Doctrine and Its Aftermath
   Fri., Nov. 18 - The United States and Turkey

12. Mon., Nov. 21 - Kennedy-Johnson Policies toward the Middle East; the 1967
    War.
    Wed., Nov. 23 - Nixon-Rogers Efforts

13. Mon., Nov. 28 - Current Issues
    Wed., Nov. 30 - The United States, Iran, and the Persian Gulf.
    Fri., Dec. 2 - The U.S. Base at Diego Garcia

14. Mon., Dec. 5 - Middle East Oil and the U.S. since World War II.
    Wed., Dec. 7 - Oil, continued; OPEC; the 1973 and Since.
    Fri., Dec. 9 - The U.S. and the USSR in the Middle East.


FINAL EXAMINATION: Saturday, December 17, 12:25 p.m.
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(DeNovo)

Book List

I. Historiographical


II. General and Regional Accounts


Badeau, John S. THE AMERICAN APPROACH TO THE ARAB WORLD (1968).


Hurewitz, Jacob C. MIDDLE EAST DILEMMAS: THE BACKGROUND OF UNITED STATES POLICY (1953).


Lenczowski, George, ed. UNITED STATES INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST (October 1968).


Stevens, Georgianna G., ed. THE UNITED STATES AND THE MIDDLE EAST (1964).
Book List: U.S. and the Middle East

World War II and After:


Kirk, George E. **THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE WAR** (1952).


VI. **Oil**

Finnie, David H. **DESERT ENTERPRISE: THE MIDDLE EAST OIL INDUSTRY IN ITS LOCAL ENVIRONMENT** (1958).


Lenczowski, George. **OIL AND STATE IN THE MIDDLE EAST** (1965).


Mikesell, Raymond F. and Hollis B. Chenery. **ARABIAN OIL: AMERICA'S STAKE IN THE MIDDLE EAST** (1949).


Sayegh, Kamal S. **OIL AND ARAB REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT** (1968).


VII. **Zionism and Arab Nationalism**


Archaeology

Breasted, Charles. PIONEER TO THE PAST: THE STORY OF JAMES HENRY BREASTED, ARCHAEOLOGIST (1943).
Sanders, James A., ed. NEAR EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Immigration

Hitti, Philip K. THE SYRIANS IN AMERICA (1924).
Malcom, M. Vartan. THE ARMENIANS IN AMERICA (1919).

IX. Autobiographies, Memoirs, Letters, Travel Accounts and Some Biographies

Archaeologists

Robinson, Edward and Eli Smith. BIBLICAL RESEARCHES IN PALESTINE, MOUNT SINAI AND ARABIA PETRAEA: A JOURNAL OF TRAVEL IN THE YEAR 1838 . . . (1841; also later editions).
See also Braidwood, Breasted, Phillips, and Sanders under Archaeology VIII, above.

Diplomats

Cox, Samuel Sullivan. DIVISIONS OF A DIPLOMAT IN TURKEY (1887).
Griscom, Lloyd C. DIPLOMATICALLY SPEAKING (1940).
Murphy, Robert. DIPLOMAT AMONG WARRIORS (1964).
Morgenthau, Henry. ALL IN A LIFE-TIME (1922).
Morgenthau, Henry. AMBASSADOR MORGENTHAU'S STORY (1915).
Truman, Harry S. MEMOIRS: YEAR OF DECISIONS (vol. 1) and YEARS OF TRIAL AND HOPE (vol. 2) (1955).
Porter, David Dixon. MEMOIR OF COMMODORE DAVID PORTER OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY (1875).
Sherill, Charles H. A YEAR'S EMBASSY TO MUSTAFA KEMAL (1934).
Straus, Oscar S. UNDER FOUR ADMINISTRATIONS: FROM CLEVELAND TO TAFT (1922).
Wallace, Lewis. LEW WALLACE: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY (1906).
Book List: U. S. and the Middle East

Philanthropy


Technical

Lesley, L. B., ed., UNCLE SAM'S CAMELS (1929).
Marsh, George P. THE CAMEL: HIS ORGANIZATION, HABITS, AND USES, CONSIDERED WITH REFERENCE TO HIS INTRODUCTION INTO THE UNITED STATES (1856).

Travel and Adventure

Post, Henry A. V. A VISIT TO GREECE AND CONSTANTINOPLE IN THE YEAR 1827-8 (1830).
Stephens, John L. INCIDENTS OF TRAVEL IN GREECE, TURKEY, RUSSIA, AND POLAND (2 vols., 1845).
Willis, Nathaniel Parker. PENCILINGS BY THE WAY (1942).