

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester Fall Year 1981

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
375	The Middle East in World Affairs since 1900	Mr. Humphreys

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A critical survey of the international politics of the Middle East (i.e., Egypt, eastern Arab countries, Israel, Turkey, Iran) during the 20th century. We shall deal both with the intra-regional conflicts and rivalries of this area and with the relations of Middle Eastern countries with outside powers--principally Great Britain, France, the United States and the Soviet Union. Major topics: (1) the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire and the creation of a European-dominated mandate system; (2) the Arab-Israeli conflict; (3) the emergence of independent Arab states after World War II; (4) Iran's relations with Great Britain and the United States; (5) the impact of U.S.-Soviet rivalry in the region. The subject matter of the course is obviously intensely controversial. One purpose of the course is to show the variety of ways in which this subject matter can be described and interpreted by intelligent, fair-minded, and well-informed persons. A second is to show how the region's conflicts can be understood in terms of the legitimate goals and values of the various participants in its politics.

LECTURES

Two lectures per week, Tues. and Thurs., 2:00-3:15. Discussion sections if the size of the class requires it. Student participation in the development of a theme or argument of a lecture will often be sought. From time to time we shall discuss particular documents which have been distributed to the class.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

All students: one mid-term examination, one final examination, one 7-10 page essay on any one of several assigned problems. (The essay is not a research paper; only assigned readings and class notes are necessary.)
4-Credit students: an additional essay of about 5 pp., evaluating at least two serious books on a related topic.
Graduate students: special requirements to be determined in consultation with the instructor.

GRADING SYSTEM

UG, 3 credits: paper, 40%; final exam, 40%; mid-term exam, 20%
UG, 4 credits: essay paper, 30%; book review, 20%; final, 30%; mid-term, 20%
Graduates: to be determined

REQUIRED READINGS J. L. Bacharach, Near East Studies Handbook (pb, U. of Wash.)
W. R. Polk, The Arab World, 4th ed. (pb, Harvard Univ.)
Bernard Lewis, Emergence of Modern Turkey. 2nd ed. (Oxford Univ., pb)
Richard Cottam, Nationalism in Iran. 2nd ed. (pb, Univ. of Pittsburgh)
W. B. Quandt et al., Politics of Palestinian Nationalism (pb, Univ. of Cal.)
Christopher Sykes, Crossroads to Israel (pb, Indiana Univ.)
Barry Rubin, Paved With Good Intentions (cloth, Oxford Univ.)--optional
for purchase