

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester II Year 1977-78

COURSE NO.

COURSE TITLE

INSTRUCTOR

375

The Middle East in World Affairs since 1900

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.
Facts on File, U.S. AND SOVIET POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, 1945-56.
other assigned paperbacks.

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SYLLABUS

THE MIDDLE EAST IN WORLD AFFAIRS SINCE 1900

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SPRING 1978

JANUARY	24	Tues.	INTRODUCTION
	26	Th.	<u>1900-1914</u> 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.	<u>1945-1956</u> 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, Mossadeq, Oil, and the West
	14	Tues.	<u>A NEW ERA? 1956-1967</u> 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	4	Tues.	The Yemen War: The Cairo, Riyadh, Washington Triangle.
	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?
- 25 Tues. The Persian Gulf and the World.
- 27 Th. The Arab-Israeli Conflict and its International Implications 1967-73.
- 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.