

**KENTUCKY INSTITUTE FOR  
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

**PROGRAM : TURKEY, 2007**

**COURSE NUMBER: HIS 455 / POL 455**

**CREDIT HOURS: 3**

**INSTRUCTOR:** Tim Welliver

**Title:** Modern Middle East

**Catalog Description**

A study of the Middle East from 1800 to the present, with emphasis on the historical and political forces that have affected and still influence the region.

**Prerequisites:** None.

**Purpose**

This course introduces students to the development of Middle Eastern political institutions, society and culture since 1800. The course will include such topics as the challenge of the West, reform in the Ottoman empire, Islamic revival, European imperialism, the rise of nationalism, Zionism, World War I, the collapse of the Ottomans, Ataturk, oil and superpower intervention, the creation of Israel, Nasser, Saddam, wars in the Gulf, the Palestinian question, and the “war on terror.”

**Course Objectives**

1. Students will be able to demonstrate a thorough understanding of the important events, trends and personalities in the history of the Middle East from the late eighteenth century to the present.
2. Students will be able to demonstrate a thorough understanding of the political evolution of Middle Eastern states, and the impact of European imperialism, nationalism, Cold War rivalries, oil, and religious beliefs on Middle Eastern politics.
3. Students will be able to demonstrate a basic understanding of the human and physical geography of the Middle East.

**Instructional Activities**

Classes will be organized around lectures, discussions, and field experiences. There will be three examinations, two map quizzes, and two carefully researched reports. These reports may be on either a site or exhibit to be visited during one of our field experiences

or may focus on a site, exhibit, neighborhood, etc. which you visit and research on your own.

### **Field Experiences**

Field experiences will include visits to Topkapi, the Suleymaniye and Sultan Ahmet mosques, the Kariye Camii church, and of course the Aya Sofia. We will also visit the Gallipoli battlefield and other sites on our excursion at the end of the term.

### **Grading Procedure**

<b><u>Grade Basis:</u></b>		<b><u>Scale</u></b>	
Class Participation	10	A	90-100%
Map Quizzes (two)	10	B	80-89%
Reports (2)	30	C	70-79%
Midterm exams (2)	30	D	60-69%
Final exam:	<u>20</u>	F	0-59%
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No books or notes may be consulted during quizzes and examinations in this course. Nor may you receive help from another student during the taking of a quiz or examination. Nor may you use copy another's work in written assignments. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in a failing grade.

### **Attendance Policy**

I will adhere to the KIIS attendance policy as follows:

KIIS program participants are expected to be punctual to and in attendance at all classes, meetings and required excursions, and to remain with the program for the full academic period. Unexcused absences from classes and/or mandatory meetings will result in a lowering of the student's final grade, as will excessive tardiness. Multiple unexcused absences could result in expulsion from the program. Any absences from an academic class session must be excused for medical reasons.

**Specifically, one unexcused absence will result in the student's final grade being lowered by one letter, two absences will result in a two-letter-grade loss, and so on.**

### **Readings**

#### **Textbook (purchase)**

Ochsenwald, William and S. N. Fischer, *The Middle East: A History*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. (New York: McGraw Hill, 2003).

**Available in electronic format or via the internet:**

- Lewis, Bernard. "I'm Right, You're Wrong, Go to Hell." *Atlantic Monthly*, May 2003.  
<http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/200305/lewis>
- Firman of Appointment of Muhammad `Ali As Pasha Of Egypt by the Ottoman Sultan (1840). <http://historicaltextarchive.com/sections.php?op=viewarticle&artid=15>
- Cromer. "Why Britain Acquired Egypt in 1882" (1908).  
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1908cromer.html>
- Sykes-Picot Agreement (1916). <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/mideast/sykes.htm>
- The Balfour Declaration (1917).  
<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/mideast/balfour.htm>
- Fromkin, David. "How The Modern Middle East Map Came To Be Drawn."  
*Smithsonian*, May 1991. (Obtain from Welliver)
- Turnipseed, Joel. "Messy and Slow, Like Eating Soup with a Knife." *Salon.com*, 15 April 2003. <http://dir.salon.com/story/opinion/feature/2003/04/15/lawrence/index.html>
- "In the name of the father" *The Economist* 1 Aug 1998, 71-72. (Obtain from Welliver)
- The Palestine Mandate (1922).  
<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/mideast/palmanda.htm>
- White Paper of 1922 ("Churchill White Paper").  
<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/mideast/brwh1922.htm>
- White Paper of 1939. <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/mideast/brwh1939.htm>
- UN Resolutions 242. <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/un/un242.htm>
- UN Resolutions 338. <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/un/un338.htm>

(Further readings are likely to be added)

**Content Outline** (all dates are subject to change)

**Session 1** (2 July). Background: Islam; Ottoman and Safavid Empires.

Lewis, "I'm Right, You're Wrong"

**Session 2** (3 July). Reform in Egypt, Iran, and the Ottoman Empire.

Ochsenwald and Fischer, chs. 22-24.

Firman Of Appointment Of Muhammad `Ali, 1840.

**Session 3** (4 July). Imperialism, Nationalism and Islam to World War I.

Ochsenwald and Fischer, chs. 25-30.

Cromer: Why Britain Acquired Egypt in 1882 (1908).

**Sessions 4-5** (6, 9 July). World War I.

**MAP QUIZ 1** 6 July.

**TEST 1** 9 July.

Ochsenwald and Fischer, ch. 31.

Sykes-Picot Agreement (1916) (Blackboard); Balfour Declaration (1917).

Fromkin, "How The Modern Middle East Map Came To Be Drawn."

Turnipseed, "Messy and Slow."

**Session 6** (10 July). Turkey and Iran between the Wars.

Ochsenwald and Fischer, chs. 32-33.

“In the name of the father” *The Economist* 1 Aug 1998, 71-72.

**Session 7** (12 July). The Arab Lands and Palestine between the Wars.

Ochsenwald and Fischer, chs. 34-36.

The Palestine Mandate (1922).

White Paper of 1922; White Paper of 1939.

**Session 8** (13 July). Turkey and Iran after World War II.

**MAP QUIZ 2** 13 July.

Ochsenwald and Fischer, chs. 37-40.

**Sessions 9-10** (17, 19 July). Palestine, Israel, (Trans)Jordan.

**TEST 2** 19 July.

Ochsenwald and Fischer, chs. 41-42.

UN Resolution 242.

UN Resolution 338.

**Session 11** (20 July). Egypt, Sudan, Libya

Ochsenwald and Fischer, chs. 43-44.

**Sessions 12-13** (23-24 July). Lebanon, Syria, Iraq

Ochsenwald and Fischer, chs. 45-46.

**Session 14** (25 July). Arabian Peninsula

Ochsenwald and Fischer, chs. 47-50.

**FINAL EXAM: 26 JULY**

**No assignments will be accepted after 30 July.**