

COURSE / MODULE / BLOCK DETAILS

ACADEMIC YEAR / SEMESTER

Offered by: Uluslararası İlişkiler			
Course Title: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST		Course Org. Title: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST	
Course Level: Lisans		Course Code: IRE 4101	
Language of Instruction: İngilizce		Form Submitting/Renewal Date 22/09/2020	
Weekly Course Hours: 3		Course Coordinator: DOÇ.DR. SEVİLAY ZEHRA AKSOY	
Theory	Application	Laboratory	National Credit: 3
3	0	0	ECTS Credit: 5



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Offered to:	Course Status: Compulsory/Elective
Name of the Department:	
International Relations	Elective Course



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Course Objective:

This course aims to introduce learners to the international relations of the Middle East. In this context, the post-Ottoman period will be analyzed with particular respect to the Western colonialism, the processes of decolonization and state formation, the Arab-Israeli and Palestinian-Israeli conflicts, the peace process, the international politics of the Gulf, and oil politics.

Learning Outcomes:

- 1 To identify the involvement of external actors in the Middle East in order to assess the strategic significance of the region in world politics.
- 2 To recognize the impact of colonial rule on domestic and regional politics in order to understand the persistent nature of conflictual relations at both domestic and regional level of analyses.
- 3 To demonstrate detailed understanding of the Arab-Israeli and Palestinian-Israeli conflicts in order to recognize their multi-dimensional and persistent nature.
- 4 To demonstrate understanding of the Middle East peace process in order to assess the likelihood of the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- 5 To describe and explain the post-WWII developments in the Persian Gulf (e.g. the Iranian revolution, Iran-Iraq war, Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, Gulf War, the 2003 Iraq War) in order to reveal the complex and clashing interests of the concerned regional and external actors.
- 6 To identify the role played by hydrocarbons in the domestic and external relations of mainly the Gulf countries in order to explain the 'rentier' nature as well as the dependent status of those countries.
- 7 To use and develop the skill to make power-point presentations in classroom.
- 8 To develop the skill to engage in discussions with the rest of co-learners as well as the lecturer.
- 9 To develop the skill to get access independently to the relevant sources, including IR and media material.

Learning and Teaching Strategies:

Lecture
Presentation
Participation



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Assessment Methods:

Name	Code	Calculation formula
Midterm	MT	
Assignment	ASS	
Participation	PRT	
BNS	BNS	$MT * 030 + ASS * 060 + PRT * 010$

Further Notes about Assessment Methods:

Assessment Criteria:

1. To describe and explain the impact of Western colonial rule on the state- and nation-building processes and regional politics of the Middle East.
2. To describe and explain the Arab-Israeli and Palestinian-Israeli conflicts, and the peace process.
3. To describe and explain some of the major post-WWII developments in the Persian Gulf region involving external actors.
4. To describe and explain the domestic, regional and international dimensions of oil politics.
5. To use IT knowledge to prepare power-point presentations.
6. To be able to express views in clear, precise and self-confident manner.
7. To use library and internet sources.

Textbook(s)/References/Materials:

Various book chapters, articles and media material. TBA

Course Policies and Rules:

1. Expected to attend at least 70% of the classes.
2. Plagiarism of any type will result in disciplinary action.
3. Participation in class discussions is required.



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Course Outline:

Week	Topics:	Notes:
1	The conceptual definition and significance of the Middle East	
2	Western colonialism in the Middle East in the post-WWI era: features of the colonial rule and the state-making in the Middle East - I	
3	Western colonialism in the Middle East in the post-WWI era: features of the colonial rule and the state-making in the Middle East - II	
4	State formation and international behaviour - I	
5	State formation and international behaviour - II	
6	The Arab-Israeli conflict: Wars (1948-1967)	
7	The Arab-Israeli conflict: Wars (1970-1990)	
8	The Palestinian-Israeli conflict	
9	Peace deals: Madrid and Oslo	
10	Peace deals: the post-Oslo period	
11	The international politics of the Gulf	
12	The political economy of dependency: oil	



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ECTS Table

Course Activities	Number	Duration (hour)	Total Work Load (hour)
In Class Activities			
Lectures	12	3	36

Exams

Midterm	1	1,5	2
Project Assignment	1	1,5	2

Out Class activities

Preparations before/after weekly lectures	12	5	60
Preparation for midterm exam	1	10	10
Preparing assignments	1	15	15
Total Work Load (hour)			125
ECTS Credits of the Course= Total Work Load (hour) / 25			5