

COURSE / MODULE / BLOCK DETAILS

ACADEMIC YEAR / SEMESTER

Offered by: International Relations			
Course Title: GREAT POWER POLITICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST		Course Org. Title: GREAT POWER POLITICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST	
Course Level: Bachelor's Degree		Course Code: IRE 4112	
Language of Instruction: English		Form Submitting/Renewal Date 20/09/2020	
Weekly Course Hours: 3		Course Coordinator: DOÇ.DR. İREM AŞKAR KARAKIR	
Theory	Application	Laboratory	National Credit: 3
3	0	0	ECTS Credit: 5



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Course Objective:

The main objective of this course is to acquaint students with the dynamics of great power politics in the Middle East. Historically, the powers with super and/or great status got involved in the region's affairs with a view to promoting and protecting their various material and ideational interests. This course intends to identify those powers and their interests as well as their interaction with the local actors from the collapse of the Ottoman Empire onwards.

Learning Outcomes:

- 1 To explain the dynamics and rationale of the involvement of the Great Britain and France in the Middle East between WWI and WWII in order to reveal the colonial background and its impact.
- 2 To describe and explain the Cold War policies/strategies and instruments of the USA and the Soviet Union towards the Middle East in order to demonstrate the salience of the region in the wider theatre of the Cold War.
- 3 To describe and explain the post-Cold War policies of the USA towards the Persian Gulf and the peace process in order to expose the major, if not the key, role played by that super power in the perpetuation (or alternatively resolution) of the conflicts in question.
- 4 To examine comparatively the post-Cold War democracy promotion policies of the USA and the European Union towards the region in order to identify the objectives, instruments and impact of each.
- 5 To describe and explain the involvement of the rising powers, particularly China and Russia, in the region's economy in order to demonstrate the rationale and strategy involved.
- 6 To identify the old and new regional powers (both Arab and non-Arab), and explain the increasing involvement of the new ones in the regional politics to demonstrate the rationale and strategy involved.
- 7 To develop the skill to place issues in larger contexts
- 8 To use and develop the skill to make power-point presentations in class-room.
- 9 To develop the skill to engage in discussions with the rest of co-learners as well as the lecturer by using critical and reasoned arguments.

Learning and Teaching Strategies:

1. Lecture
2. Presentation



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**Assessment Methods:**

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**Further Notes about Assessment Methods:**

1. Midterm Exam
2. Final Exam (Research paper and its presentation)

**Assessment Criteria:**

The learner will describe and explain:

- \* the invention of the Middle East by Great Britain and France in the interwar period;
  - \* the policies and instruments of the USA and the Soviet Union along with the impact of the Cold War on the region;
  - \* the interests and policies of the USA towards the Persian Gulf in the post-Cold War period;
  - \* the interests and policies of the USA vis-à-vis the peace process;
  - \* the democracy promotion policies of the USA and the EU towards the region;
  - \* the recent involvement of Russia and China in the region; and
  - \* the rationale and instruments of the region's own powers.
2. Will use IT knowledge to prepare power-point presentations.
  3. Will be able to express views in a clear, precise and self-confident manner.
  4. Will be able to make critical and reasoned argument.
  5. Will use library and internet sources.

**Textbook(s)/References/Materials:**

This course does not have one textbook. Instead, it includes various chapters in a number of books and articles concerning the themes of each week which will be provided at the beginning of the semester.

**Course Policies and Rules:**

1. Plagiarism of any type will result in disciplinary action.



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Office Hours:

To be announced later.

Course Outline:

Week	Topics:	Notes:
1	Introduction	
2	Colonial Legacy in the Middle East	
3	The Arab-Israeli conflict and the West	
4	Gulf Security and the West	
5	Democracy promotion in the Middle East by the US	
6	Democracy promotion in the Middle East by the European Union	
7	Russia and the Middle East	
8	China, Japan and the Middle East	
9	Rising regional powers: Turkey and the Middle East	
10	Case Presentations	
11	Case Presentations	
12	Case Presentations	
13	Case Presentations	



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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
Final	1	1,5	2

## Out of Class activities

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