



**COURSE OUTLINE : POL S 111**

**D Credit – Degree Applicable**

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**COURSE DISCIPLINE :** POL S

**COURSE NUMBER :** 111

**COURSE TITLE (FULL) :** The Modern Middle East: Its Political And Economic Impact

**COURSE TITLE (SHORT) :** Modern Middle East

**ACADEMIC SENATE DISCIPLINE:** Political Science

### **CATALOG DESCRIPTION**

POL S 111 is a survey of the historical background and current politics of the Middle East. Topics covered include: introduction to the land, peoples, cultures, and religions; overview of the modern history of the region, with an emphasis on the Eastern Question; emergence of the modern nation-states following World War I; internal developments in major countries up to the present; Westernization and Islamic resurgence; regional conflicts and international connections; the economic and political impact of oil; European and Russian involvement; Middle Eastern lobbies in the United States and U.S. foreign policy toward the Middle East.

Total Lecture Units:3.00

Total Laboratory Units: 0.00

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Total Lecture Hours:54.00

Total Laboratory Hours: 0.00

Total Laboratory Hours To Be Arranged: 0.00

**Total Contact Hours: 54.00**

**Total Out-of-Class Hours: 108.00**

Recommended Preparation: ENGL 100 or ESL 151.



**ENTRY STANDARDS**

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Include</b>
1	ENGL	100	Writing Workshop	Read, analyze, and evaluate contemporary articles and stories to identify topic, thesis, support, transitions, conclusion, audience, and tone;	Yes
2	ENGL	100	Writing Workshop	read, analyze, and evaluate contemporary articles and stories for the comprehension of difficult content and the identification of main ideas and (topic-based) evidence;	Yes
3	ENGL	100	Writing Workshop	read, analyze, and evaluate student compositions for unity, development, use of evidence, interpretation, coherence, and variety of sentence form;	Yes
4	ENGL	100	Writing Workshop	write a summary of a contemporary article or story with correct citation techniques;	Yes
5	ENGL	100	Writing Workshop	write an argumentative essay that has an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion, demonstrating a basic understanding of essay organization;	Yes
6	ENGL	100	Writing Workshop	write an argumentative essay that addresses the topic, is directed by a thesis statement, uses appropriate textual evidence, develops logical interpretations, and concludes with some compelling observations;	Yes
7	ENGL	100	Writing Workshop	write an argumentative essay that integrates the ideas of others (i.e., authors) through paraphrasing, summarizing, and quoting with correct citation techniques;	Yes
8	ENGL	100	Writing Workshop	write an argumentative essay that generates novel ideas (those that add to the conversation rather than repeating the author's ideas) related to the topic and the readings;	Yes
9	ENGL	100	Writing Workshop	write compositions (e.g., summaries and argumentative essays) that are easy to read and follow, though some errors in grammar, mechanics, spelling, or diction may exist;	Yes
10	ENGL	100	Writing Workshop	proofread and edit essays for content, language, citation, and formatting problems.	Yes
11	ESL	151	Reading and Composition V	Read and critically analyze various academic readings;	Yes
12	ESL	151	Reading and Composition V	summarize readings;	Yes
13	ESL	151	Reading and Composition V	organize fully-developed essays in both expository and argumentative modes;	Yes



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14	ESL	151	Reading and Composition V	compose a 500 to 550-word essay which: summarizes and cites appropriately a reading passage; includes a clear thesis statement; uses evidence to support the thesis; shows clear organization into an introduction, body, and conclusion;	Yes
15	ESL	151	Reading and Composition V	revise writing to eliminate errors in syntax, and grammatical constructions;	Yes
16	ESL	151	Reading and Composition V	employ basic library research techniques;	Yes
17	ESL	151	Reading and Composition V	compose one research paper (1,000 words) or two short research papers (500-700 words each) with citations.	Yes

**EXIT STANDARDS**

- 1 Identify the land, peoples, cultures, and religions of the Middle East;
- 2 summarize the historical developments that have led to the emergence of today's Middle Eastern countries;
- 3 recognize the historical roots and current developments of major contemporary issues;
- 4 identify the importance of oil to the world economy and to international relations;
- 5 recognize the interests and role of the United States and the factors that shape American policies toward the Middle East.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- 1 provide an overview of major historical developments that shaped the modern Middle East and a factual narration of recent and current events involving the region;
- 2 critically analyze the historical, geopolitical, religious, economic, and social issues and forces that are impacting current events in Middle Eastern countries, in the context of regional and global international relations.

**COURSE CONTENT WITH INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS**

	Description	Lecture	Lab	Total Hours
1	Introduction to the Middle East • Geography, climate, and natural resources • Peoples, cultures, religions, and countries	1	0	1



2	<p>Historical Background up to World War I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decline and reform in the Ottoman Empire</li> <li>• The impact of European imperialism and the Eastern Question</li> <li>• The rise of nationalism among the subject peoples and Turkish rulers</li> <li>• The Young Turk Revolution and internal divisions, 1908-1913</li> <li>• Pan-Ottomanism, Pan-Islam, Pan-Turkism</li> <li>• World War I and the Middle East</li> <li>• The Arab revolt, Balfour Declaration, the Armenian genocide</li> </ul>	2	0	2
3	<p>International Agreements and the Emergence of Modern States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sykes-Picot Agreement and conflicting promises</li> <li>• Peace conferences and Middle Eastern supplicants, 1919-1923</li> <li>• Oil and other economic concessions</li> <li>• The League of Nations and the establishment of mandates</li> <li>• The Turkish Nationalist Movement and the Republic of Turkey</li> <li>• The treaties of Sevres and Lausanne</li> </ul>	3	0	3
4	<p>Political Developments in the Arab Mandates up to WWII</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jordan</li> <li>• Palestine</li> <li>• Syria</li> <li>• Lebanon</li> <li>• Iraq</li> </ul>	1	0	1
5	<p>Major Developments in Turkey, 1923 to the Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Westernization through "Kemalism"</li> <li>• Turkish nationalism and Armenians, Greeks, and other minorities</li> <li>• The Kurdish Question in Turkey, and the Armenian "taboo"</li> <li>• Turkey's neutrality in WWII, Soviet territorial claims, the Cold War and NATO</li> <li>• Developing democracy with one-party rule, and military coups</li> <li>• The financial crisis of 2001 and the victory of the AKP</li> <li>• Islamic revival, economic boom, and new directions in foreign policy</li> </ul>	4	0	4



6	<p>Major Developments in Iran, 1942 to the Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Pahlavi Dynasty and the beginning of reforms</li> <li>• British, American, Soviet intervention during WW II</li> <li>• Rivalry over oil and the crisis in 1953</li> <li>• Support and rejection of Westernization</li> <li>• The 1979-80 Iranian Revolution and hostage crisis</li> <li>• Social and political transformations in the Islamic Republic</li> </ul>	4	0	4
7	<p>The Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1947 to the Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of the Palestine Mandate and emergence of Israel</li> <li>• The 1948, 1956, 1967, 1973 Arab-Israeli wars</li> <li>• The Palestinian Question, P.L.O. leadership, and support from Arab states</li> <li>• U.S., Israeli, and Egyptian interests and the Camp David Agreement</li> <li>• Israel's invasion of Lebanon</li> <li>• Domestic developments in Israel and policy debates</li> <li>• Intifada I and II and the Oslo Accords</li> <li>• The Palestinian Authority, the West Bank, and Gaza Strip</li> </ul>	10	0	10
8	<p>Major Political Developments in six Arab countries, 1945 to the Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Egypt</li> <li>• Syria</li> <li>• Lebanon</li> <li>• Saudi Arabia</li> <li>• Iraq</li> <li>• Jordan</li> </ul>	4	0	4
9	<p>Resurgence of Islam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contemporary manifestations of the Sunni-Shia split</li> <li>• Definitions of "Islamic Fundamentalism" and "Radical Islam"</li> <li>• The Muslim Brotherhood, Hezbollah, Hamas, and other groups</li> <li>• Al-Qaeda and affiliates</li> <li>• Political Islam, terrorism, and distinctions between radical and moderate Muslims</li> </ul>	3	0	3



10	Regional Issues, Wars, and International Connections up to 1991 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforcing United Nations sanctions against Iraq</li> <li>• The Lebanese Civil War and intervention by Syria and Israel</li> <li>• The Kurdish Question in Iraq, Iran, and Syria</li> <li>• The Iran-Iraq War and U.S. interests</li> <li>• Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and the Gulf War against Iraq, 1990-1991</li> <li>• The regional and global impact of oil and OPEC</li> <li>• American, European, and Russian policies in the Middle East</li> </ul>	8	0	8
11	Regional Issues, Wars, and International Connections, 1992 to the Present • 9/11 2001, response to terrorism in Afghanistan, and the Iraq War, 2003-2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The long-term "War on Terrorism"</li> <li>• American, Israeli, and international responses to Iran's nuclear program</li> <li>• Turkey's regional ambitions, and friction with Israel</li> <li>• The "Arab Spring" in Egypt, Libya, Syria and other countries</li> <li>• Civil war conditions in Syria and outside involvement</li> <li>• Middle Eastern lobbies and U.S. foreign policy toward the Middle East</li> <li>• Ongoing regional and international developments</li> </ul>	14	0	14
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**OUT OF CLASS ASSIGNMENTS**

- 1 essay (e.g., writing a critical analysis of the Arab-Israeli conflict, focusing on the differences between Jewish and Palestinian positions);
- 2 attend on- and off-campus lectures (e.g., attend public lecture at Glendale Public Library and write a short reflection).

**METHODS OF EVALUATION**

- 1 class participation demonstrating course exit standards;
- 2 written assignment(s) demonstrating an understanding of concepts, use of sources, and the ability to critically analyze information and interpretations in a collegiate manner;
- 3 three to four one-hour classroom examinations and a final examination requiring demonstration of course exit standards.



**METHODS OF INSTRUCTION**

- Lecture
- Laboratory
- Studio
- Discussion
- Multimedia
- Tutorial
- Independent Study
- Collaboratory Learning
- Demonstration
- Field Activities (Trips)
- Guest Speakers
- Presentations

**TEXTBOOKS**

Title	Type	Publisher	Edition	Medium	Author	IBSN	Date
An Introduction to the Modern Middle East	Required	Westview Press,	2	Print	Sorenson, David S.	9780813349220	2014
The Middle East	Required	McGraw-Hill Global Studies	14	Print	Layachi, Azzedine	9781121872721	2014

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