

History 357/Middle East & North Africa
Campbell University—Camp Lejeune

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Time: M&W/5:30-7:15pm

Course Description:

An introductory survey of the recent history, culture, and political institutions of this predominantly Islamic area. Particular emphasis will be placed on those political developments since the mid-19th century that help explain the current challenges of the countries in this area. Topics to be covered include: the Arab-Israeli conflict, area modernization efforts, Arab nationalism and the rise of Islamic fundamentalism.

Course Learning Objectives:

This course will assist you in achieving a number of goals. Through readings, classroom discussions, examinations and papers you will increase your reasoning, analytical and critical abilities. Your communication skills will also be enhanced. You will develop an appreciation of the Middle East and North Africa and be able to connect antecedent events with current situations in the region.

Required Readings:

The following book is required for the course:

Goldschmidt and Davidson. *A Concise History of the Middle East*. 8th edition.
Westview Press: Boulder, Co., 2006.

All students are subject to the academic integrity and behavioral expectations of Campbell University.

Grading Criteria:

Your grade for the course will be determined from a number of criteria: a mid-term examination (30%), a final examination (30%) and a 15-page research paper (40%).

HISTORY 357/CLASS SCHEDULE

DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT
1/9	Introduction & Pre-Islamic Arabia	Chapter 2
1/11	Muhammad & Early Arab Conquests	Chapter 3 & 5
1/16	no class	
1/18	Umayyads & Abbasids	Chapter 6
1/23	The Crusades	Chapter 7
1/25	Islamic Civilization	Chapter 8
1/30	The Ottomans	Chapter 9 & 10
2/1	1 st test	
2/6	The Roots of Arab Bitterness	Chapter 13
2/8	Modernization Rulers: Turkey, Iran & Egypt	Chapter 14
2/13	The Contest for Palestine	Chapter 16
2/15	Arab Nationalism	Chapter 17
2/20	no class	
2/22	War & Peace: A Region in Crisis	Chapter 18
2/27	Islamic Fundamentalism	Chapter 19
2/29	2 nd test & research essay due	
