

H275 HISTORY OF THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST, 1798–1991

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A survey of modern Middle Eastern history, focusing on why the contemporary Middle East is what it is. The class will run as a combination of lectures and discussions of reading materials. I expect that you will attend all classes unless you have a very good reason to be elsewhere; attendance and participation in class discussions will be part of your final grade. There will be one mid-term exam (which includes a separate map test) and a final exam. In addition, I will assign four topical essays, of which you must choose to write two.

<u>Grade breakdown</u>	Essays	40%
	Mid-term exam	30%
	Final exam	30%

Required texts:

Abrahamian, Ervand. *A History of Modern Iran*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008.
Bickerton, Ian and Carla Klausner, eds. *History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2007.
Cleveland, William and Martin Bunton. *A History of the Modern Middle East*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 4th edition, 2008.
Esposito, John. *Islam: the straight path*. New York: Oxford UP, 3rd ed., 1998.
Map: <http://www.jimapco.com/Category.asp?catcode=110AF> “Afghanistan and Central Asia”
folding map, \$6. isbn 1569140081 pub. part# 10326
Tripp, Charles. *A History of Iraq*. Cambridge University Press, 2007.

January 18 – 22 Islam 101

Monday: Introduction to course and geography
Wednesday: Spread of empire; discuss Esposito
Friday: Rise of the Turks

Reading: Cleveland/Bunton, Chpts. 1, 2. Esposito, Chpts. 1, 2

Jan. 25 – 29 End of the Golden Age

M: Ottoman decline
W: Unity and conflict in Islam
F: Napoleon in Egypt MAP TEST

Reading: Cleveland/Bunton: Chpt. 3. Ruth Roded, *Women in Islam and the Middle East* pp. 48–57, 95–114, 159–167 (handout). Esposito, Chpt. 3. *Napoleon in Egypt. Al-Jabarti's Chronicle of the French Occupation, 1798*. Princeton, 1993, pp. 19–33; 135–147 (handout).

February 1 – 6 The European challenge

M: Early Ottoman reform
W: Concepts of modernization Essay 1

F: Tanzimat

Reading: Cleveland/Bunton, Chpts. 4, 5. Jung and Piccoli, *Turkey at the Crossroads: Ottoman Legacies and a Greater Middle East*, Chpts. 2 and 3 (handout).

February 8 – 12 Era of reform

M: Qajar Persia for sale

W: Religious reform and reaction

ESSAY 1 DUE

F: Modernization and women

Reading: Cleveland/Bunton, Chpts. 6, 7. Abrahamian, Introduction and Chpt. 1. Mansoor Moaddel, “Shi’i Political Discourse and Class Mobilization in the Tobacco Movement of 1890–1892,” in Foran, *A Century of Revolution*, pp. 1–20 (handout). Esposito, Chpt. 4.

Feb. 15 – 19 Early nationalism

M: The Young Turks

W: Ferment in Persia

F: Arabs in the late Ottoman period

Essay 2

Reading: Cleveland/Bunton, Chpt. 8. Abrahamian, Chpt. 2. Tripp, Chpt. 1. Bickerton and Klausner, Introduction and Chpt. 1.

Feb. 22 – 26 World War I creates the Middle East

M: The Turks and the war

W: A peace to end all peace

F: Balfour

ESSAY 2 DUE

Reading: Cleveland/Bunton, Chpt. 9. Bickerton and Klausner, Chpt. 2. Tripp, Chpt. 2.

March 1 – 5 New countries, new problems

M: New dynasties

W: Ataturk

F: Pahlavis and the Mandates

mid-term exam

Reading: Cleveland/Bunton, Chpts. 10, 11, 13. Abrahamian, Chpt. 3.

March 8 – 12 Who’s really in charge?

M: Palestine

mid-term due

W: Iraq under the Mandate

F: Iran and the Superpowers

Reading: Cleveland/Bunton, Chpts. 12, 14. Bickerton and Klausner, Chpt. 3. Tripp, Chpt. 3. Abrahamian, Chpt. 4.

MARCH 13 – 28 SPRING BREAK

March 29 – April 2 Independence at last

M: The Free Officers

W: Suez Crisis

