

This course will consist of a midterm exam and a class presentation (5 pages) Grades for the course will be calculated on the basis of the midterm exam (45%), class presentation (45%), and class attendance (10%).

Required books are:

Monte Palmer, Politics of the Middle East, 2nd Edition, Wadsworth Publishing, 2007.

Roy Anderson, Robert Seibert, Jon Wagner, Politics and Change in the Middle East, 8th Edition, Prentice-Hall, 2007.

William Spencer, The Middle East (Global Studies), 11th Edition, McGraw-Hill, 2007.

- I. Tradition, Kinship and Tribalism
Palmer, pp. 1-11, Andersen, pp. 1-10.
- II. The Legacy of Islam
Palmer, pp. 12-27, Andersen, pp. 11-42, pp. 134-160, Spencer, pp. 19-26.
- III. The Colonial Era and the Rise of the State System
Palmer, pp. 27-35, Andersen, pp. 56-71.
- IV. Egypt
Palmer, pp. 44-86, Spencer, pp. 42-52.
- V. Israel and Palestine
Palmer, pp. 87-143, Spencer, pp. 81-95.
- VI. Syria
Palmer, pp. 144-177, Spencer, pp. 161-168.
- VII. Iraq
Palmer, pp. 221-259, Spencer, pp. 69-80.
- VIII. Iran
Palmer, pp. 261-302, Spencer, pp. 53-68.
- IX. Saudi Arabia
Palmer, pp. 178-220, Spencer, pp. 144-152.
- X. The Middle East: Political Elites and Political Leadership
Anderson, pp. 161-211.
- XI. The Middle East: The Economic Setting
Andersen, pp. 212-245.
- XII. The Middle East: International Relations
Anderson, pp. 246-340.