

Syllabus

Course Code: HIST 227

Title: Middle Eastern History

Institute: Business and Social Science

Department: History

Course Description: Increasingly, events in the Middle East have commanded more attention throughout the world. The student will understand the historical evolution of the volatile Middle East from ancient times to the crisis-ridden present. Special emphasis will be placed on such themes as pre-Islamic civilization, the rise and expansion of Islam, the conflict between modernity and tradition, the growth of the Arab nationalism, the persistence of Arab-Israeli crisis and Arab rivalries, Great Power conflicts in the region and the worldwide impact of oil. The effects of the Cold War will also be considered.

Prerequisites: READ 095 and ENGL 095 or satisfactory completion of the College's foundational studies requirement in reading and writing.

Corequisites: Click or tap here to enter text.

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

Required Textbook/Materials: See the bookstore for the most current information.

Additional Time Requirements: For information on Brookdale's policy on credit hour requirements and outside class student work refer to [Academic Credit Hour Policy](#).

Additional Support/Labs:

See <https://www.brookdalecc.edu/academic-tutoring/>

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Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify and synthesize the political, economic, religious, social, racial, and cultural developments of the Middle East from 1500 to the present, with special attention paid to those elements of its past that have a bearing on the present day. (Historical/Societal Analysis)
- Write effectively in an expository manner and in a historical context. (Communication)
- Express critical thinking skills by comparing historical analyses, and by reading, comprehending, and evaluating historical documents. (Critical Thinking) (Information Literacy)
- Recognize the enormous diversity of experiences in the Middle East in modern era. (Community and Workplace)

Course Content:**Part I: The Origins of the Modern Middle East**

Topic 1: What's the Middle East? Geographic and Cultural Overview

Topic 2: Religion in the Middle East

Topic 3: Islamic Expansion and Cultural Interactions

Topic 4: Ottoman Empire and Imperialism

Topic 5: Nationalism and World War I

Part II: The Middle East in the 20th Century

Topic 6: Modernizing States –Turkey & Egypt

Topic 7: Modernizing States – Iran, Iraq, and Others

Topic 8: Oil and the Middle East

Topic 9: Arab Israeli Conflict to the 1967 War

Topic 10: Arab-Israeli Conflict from 1967 to the Present

Topic 11: The Reassertion of Islamic Power

Topic 12: Stability in the Middle East: Current Developments

Department Policies: Click or tap here to enter text.

Grading Standard:

Students will achieve grades of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, D, or F according to the chart below:

100-93% = A

92-90% = A-

89-87% = B+

86-83% = B

82-80% = B-

79-77% = C+

76-70% = C

69-65% = D

Less than 65%= F

PLEASE SEE INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTOR ADDENDUMS FOR GRADING POLICIES

College Policies:

As an academic institution, Brookdale facilitates the free exchange of ideas, upholds the virtues of civil discourse, and honors diverse perspectives informed by credible sources. Our College values all students and strives for inclusion and safety regardless of a student's disability, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, country of origin, immigration status, religious affiliation, political orientation, socioeconomic standing, and veteran status. For additional information, support services, and engagement opportunities, please visit www.brookdalecc.edu/support.

For information regarding:

- Academic Integrity Code
- Student Conduct Code
- Student Grade Appeal Process

Please refer to the [student handbook](#) and [catalog](#).

Notification for Students with Disabilities:

Brookdale Community College offers reasonable accommodations and/or services to persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who wish to self-identify must contact the Accessibility Services Office at 732-224-2730 (voice) or 732-842-4211 (TTY) to provide appropriate documentation of the disability and request specific accommodations or services. If a student qualifies, reasonable accommodations and/or services, which are appropriate for the college level and are recommended in the documentation, can be approved.

Mental Health:

24/7/365 Resources:

- Monmouth Medical Center Psychiatric Emergency Services at **(732) 923-6999**
- 2nd Floor Youth Helpline – Available to talk with you about any problem, distress, or hardship you are experiencing. Call or text at **888-222-2228** or visit the website at <https://www.2ndfloor.org/>

Faculty Counselors:

- Students who need to make an appointment with a faculty counselor can do so by calling 732-224-1822 (non-emergency line) during business hours. Faculty counselors are licensed mental health professionals who can assist students and refer them to other mental health resources.

Diversity Statement:

Brookdale Community College fosters an environment of inclusion and belonging. We promote a safe and open culture, encourage dialogue respecting diverse perspectives informed by credible sources, and uphold the virtues of civil discourse. We celebrate all identities with the understanding that ultimately, diversity, equity, and inclusion cultivate belonging and make us a stronger Brookdale community.

**The syllabus is intended to give student guidance in what may be covered during the semester and will be followed as closely as possible. However, the faculty member reserves the right to modify, supplement, and make changes as the need arise.*