

HIST 160
HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST

3 Units
54 hours lecture; 54 hours total

Recommended Preparation: ENGL 90

An exploration of the history of the Middle East, with a focus on the period between 600 CE and the present. Topics include: The origins and expansion of Islam; the Islamic Golden Age; the Ottoman Empire; European colonialism; the two world wars; the Arab-Israeli conflict; the politics of oil; and the Arab Spring.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- A. Critically analyze primary source evidence in the context of broader historical themes and developments.
- B. Argue a historical thesis that explains the development of social, political, economic and/or cultural patterns in history, and use primary and/or secondary sources to support that thesis.