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| Description: logo | **ÇANKAYA UNIVERSITY**  **Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences Department of Political Science and International Relations**  **Syllabus** |

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| **Department** | Political Science and International Relations | | | | | | |
| **Course Code &**  **Course Name** | PSI 408/ Politics in the Middle East | | | | | | |
| **Number of Weekly Lecture Hours** | 3 | Weekly Lab/Tutorial Hours | 0 | Number of Credit Hours | 3 | ECTS Credit | 6 |
| **Academic Year** | 2020-2021 | | | | | | |
| **Semester** | Spring | | | | | | |
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| **Lecture Hours** | Monday, 13:20 – 16:10 | | | | | | |
| **Office Hour** | Monday, 12:20 - 13:10  Tuesday, 13:20 - 14:10 | | | | | | |
| **Course Web Site** | http://psi408.cankaya.edu.tr | | | | | | |

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| **Course Description** |
| The course is to provide students with a comprehensive introduction to the politics, historical and contemporary developments in the Middle East region. The course will cover mainly the Arab world, Israel and Iran. By covering those countries, major conflict areas, peace-making, nature of politics in the region together with the characteristics of state formation in key countries, opposition movements, and role of the religions will be discussed. To promote a deeper understanding of the region, orientalism, misconceptions about the society and culture of the region resulting from the orientalist and modernist perspective will be handled. |

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| **Prerequisites**  (if any) | 1st   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | 2nd   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | 3rd   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | 4th   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
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| Consent of the Instructor | |  | Give others, if any. | | |
| **Co-requisites**  (if any) | 1st   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | 2nd   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | 3rd   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | 4th   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | |
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| **Course Type** | **X** Must course for dept.  Must course for other dept.(s)  Elective course for dept**. X** Elective course for other dept.(s) | | | | | |

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| **Course Objectives** |
| The students will learn the history, politics, society and foreign policies of the Middle East countries. They will be able to explain the changes and continuities in the region by completing take home exams. The students are expected to possess the knowledge and skills required to understand the factors that affect the politics of the region. Also, they may compare the foreign policies of the states, demonstrate decision making processes and the contexts which define the foreign policy outcomes. |

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| **Course Outline** | |
| Week | Topic(s) |
| 1 | Definition of the Middle East Region |
| 2 | Pre Islamic Cultures (Until Seventieth Century) |
| 3 | The Rise of the Islamic Culture |
| 4 | Transformation Era, Reforms and Western Intervention (Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries in the Region) |
| 5 | Beginnings of the Twentieth Century (War and the Middle East) |
| 6 | The Interwar Era, Second World War and Important Developments in the Key Countries |
| 7 | Mid-term exam |
| 8 | The Middle East after the Second World War: Cold War Era and Self-Determination |
| 9 | The Middle East Region in 1970s and 1980s and Key Developments |
| 10 | The Middle East Region in 1970s and 1980s and Key Developments |
| 11 | End of the Cold War Era, New Developments in the Region and Changing Circumstances in the Politics of the Middle East |
| 12 | End of the Cold War Era, New Developments in the Region and Changing Circumstances in the Politics of the Middle East |
| 13 | 2000s in the Middle East (September 11, 2001 Event and its Effect on the Politics towards Region) |
| 14 | Challenges Facing the Middle East, Role of the Religion and Misconceptions |

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| **Grading Policy** | | | | | | | | |
| Assesment Tool | Quantity | Percentage | Assessment Tool | Quantity | Percentage | Assessment Tool | Quantity | Percentage |
| Homework |  |  | Case Study |  |  | Attendance |  |  |
| Quiz |  |  | Lab Work |  |  | Field Study |  |  |
| Midterm Exam | 1 | 40 | Class Participation |  |  | Project |  |  |
| Term Paper |  |  | Oral Presentation |  |  | Final Exam | 1 | 60 |

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| **Textbook**(s) | | | | |
| Author(s) | Title | Publisher | Publication Year | ISBN |
| W. L. Cleveland | A History of the Modern Middle East | Westview Press | 2015 | 978-0-8133-4374-7 |
| M. Kamrava | The Modern Middle East: A Political History Since the First World War | University of California Press | 2005 | 0520241509 / 0-520-24150-9 |
| A. Hourani, P. Khoury and M. Wilson | The Modern Middle East | University of California Press | 2004 | 0520082419 / 0-520-08241-9 |
| S. Telhami, M. Barnett | Identity and Foreign Policy in the Middle East | Cornell University Press | 2002 | 9780801487453 |
| R. R. Anderson, R. F. Seibert and J. G. Wagner | Politics and Change in the Middle East: Sources of Conflict and Accommodation | Prentice Hall | 2001 | 0131401939 / 0-13-140193-9 |

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| **Reference Book**s | | | | |
| Author(s) | Title | Publisher | Publication Year | ISBN |
| R. Hinnebusch, A. Ehteshami | The Foreign Policies of Middle East States | Lynne Rienner Publishers | 2012 | 1588260208 / 1-58826-020-8 |
| N. Ayubi | Overstating the Arab State, Politics and Society in the Middle East | Tauris Press | 2000 | 1850438285 / 1-85043-828-5 |
| A. R. Norton | Civil Society in the Middle East | E.J. Brill | 2000 | 9004104690) |
| R. Owen | State, Power and Politics in the Making of the Modern Middle East | Routledge | 1992 | 0415075912 / 0-415-07591-2 |

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| **Teaching Policy** |
| Students of the course are expected to attend lectures and contribute to class discussions by reading necessary materials. There will be one mid-term and one final examination. |

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| **Laboratory, Studio and Court Hall Usage** |
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| **Computer Usage** |
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| **Learning Outcomes** |
| The students of the course will have the ability to interpret and think international political issues relying upon different cases and states in the Middle East. Besides they are expected to improve critical thinking and understanding of domestic and international factors that affect issues, politics and violence in the region. |