



Course Description

Welcome to our course! This course covers the history of the Arab world, from the rise of Islam to the present, by taking into consideration the perspectives of history and related fields of inquiry. It will take a social and cultural approach to understand the different histories of Arab society. The course will attempt to balance political history and its focus on regimes and events with long term social and cultural transformations that are relevant to the ordinary peoples of the Arab world.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- 1. Understand general historical contexts and complexities concerning Arab history since the advent of Islam to modern times.
- 2. Gain insights toward understanding contemporary Arab societies, economic development and current challenges.
- 3. Apply skills in social sciences and humanities methods of inquiry to overcome simplistic views regarding the region and its religions.
- 4. Develop more complex, nuanced and intelligent ways of understanding 'self' and 'other'.
- 5. Demonstrate digital and informational literacy.

21st-Century Skills

The habits, traits, life and career skills that are demanded for success in today's world are of critical importance for students to acquire as they enter into the workforce and independent life. This course is designed to train and develop such twenty first-century skills as: idea generation, idea development, openness and courage to explore, how to work creatively and productively with others, deliver oral presentations of complex ideas, communicate through various media formats, participate meaningfully in engaging discussions, constructing argumentation and evaluation of diverse source material, assess the reliability and authenticity of information, and increase students' digital, informational, and textual literacy.