

## Global Learning Semesters

### Course Syllabus

Course: IREL-370 The Politics of the Middle East

Department: International Relations

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
IREL-370	Middle Eastern Studies	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	Nothing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
International Relations	Upper Division	English

### Course Description

The decline and retreat of the Ottoman Empire, European imperialism in the Middle East, Impact of the WWI upon the Middle East, The formation of the Turkish Republic, The Palestinian Question, WWII and the Middle East, The Arab – Israeli Wars, The Iranian Revolution, Islamic Radicalism.

### Instructor

Christos Iacovou, Ph.D.

### Course Aims and Objectives

The course aims to provide a background to contemporary Middle Eastern politics, starting from the collapse of the Ottoman Empire and ending to the Arab- Israeli peace making of 1990's. Following a brief review of the modern history of the region, it will introduce the main historical themes which have tended to trigger off and control the main political currents. Country analyses and case studies will also form part of the syllabus. Students will be offered a framework of analysis wherein various political activities in the region can be better and more deeply understood.

### Teaching Methods

Lectures, discussions, assigned readings, projects, & video films.

### Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

### Evaluation and Grading

1 test: 20%  
Final Exam: 50%

Final project: 30%

## Readings and Resources

### Required Textbooks

M. Yapp, *The Near East since the First World War*, (2nd edit., 1996), A. Hourani, *A History of the Arab Peoples* (1991)