

COURSE: HI-446-90-1 MODERN MIDDLE EAST
SEMESTER: SPRING 2013: ONLINE
01/14/13 - 05/03/13
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REQUIRED TEXT: THE HISTORY OF THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST
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Scope of Course

In providing a study of the history, politics, and culture of the modern Middle East, the student will develop an appreciation of the factors that have served to create the issues that currently face the international community in that region of the world.

Course Requirements

Since this is an online course, no specific class meetings are scheduled. Therefore, to be successful in this course, you must be willing to allocate sufficient time to access course materials, participate in online classes and discussion groups, and complete all of the assignments. Similar to traditional classroom courses, you will interact with the content, your teacher, and your classmates through course assignments and discussion as indicated in this syllabus and on the course website.

Weekly Reading Assignment Questions (Due each week on Sunday, 11 p.m. HST)

I will post a reading assignment question in the assignment section on the course website for each individual week. Each student is required to submit an essay of no less than one page and no longer than two pages answering the question, and post it in the “Drop Box” area of the course webpage in the appropriate “basket” for that week. Your opinions are welcomed and encouraged. Please feel free to include them in your responses. However some relevance to the readings should be included in your answer. A good essay will include a student’s personal opinion on the subject matter as well as thoughtful consideration of the readings and the questions posed. Quotations from the readings to back up or refute any aspect of the topic are also welcome.

Weekly Threaded Discussions (Due each week on Sunday, 11 p.m. HST)

Along with each weekly essay question, I will also post a weekly discussion question for that week. Your responses should be posted in the “Discussion” section of the webpage. Your comments must be relevant to the question or a thoughtful and researched response to a fellow student’s answer. It is not acceptable to simply post “I agree with Mary”. You will not receive credit if you do. A minimum of two posts per week is required, one as your own statement and one (or more) in response to another student’s statements/ comments.

Research Project

Requirements will be posted on the course website later in the semester. The project will be due on the last regular day of class in the semester.

Grading

- Weekly Written Assignments 300 pts.
- Weekly Discussions 150 pts.
- Final Exam 100 pts.
- Research Project 50 pts.

- TOTAL 600 pts.

A= 540-600 pts.

C= 420-479 pts.

B= 480-539 pts.

D= 360-419 pts.

Students who earn less than 360 pts. total will not pass the class.