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Chaminade University of Honolulu
Winter Evening 2002
History/Political Science 44640
Modern Middle East History, Politics & Culture
January 7-March 20, 2002
Fort Shafter—Bldg 320

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. James P. Fitzsimmons

TEXT: Congressional Quarterly Inc. The Middle East. Ninth Edition.

ORGANIZATION: This course will run for 10 weeks as outlined below. Classes—on Friday--meet from 5:30 p.m. to 9:40 p.m. Course format is lecture/discussion, but several videos will be shown and there may be a guest speaker and/or a field trip.

GRADES: Your final grade in the course will be based upon your attendance, participation and performance on the examinations and course paper. There will be two examinations, a Mid-Term and a Final, and one Course Paper, of moderate length. The Mid-Term examination will cover about half of the book, up through Chapter 5, and the Final will cover the rest of the text. Attendance, the exams and paper will each count for 25%. However, should your Final Exam and Course Paper show considerable improvement over your earlier effort, they will be given greater significance. Each exam will consist of objective and essay questions.

COURSE PAPER: The nature and content of the Course Paper will be discussed in class.

ATTENDANCE: University regulations require that attendance be taken and that instances of two (2) consecutive unexcused/unreported absences be reported to the Dean. This policy will be followed. Attendance, participation and communication with the instructor regarding absences and other course matters ARE A MUST and are part of your grade. It is practically impossible to be successful in this course without attending the classes. Please note that no one will pass the course unless the examinations and paper are successfully completed.

PROCEDURES: Please feel free to ask questions during class sessions. Your active participation in classroom discussions is greatly encouraged.

GENERAL OVERVIEW: The course will consist of an examination of the history, politics and culture of the modern Middle East, the Arab-Israeli conflict, oil, Islam and different governments and policies. A special focus will be placed on evolving government policy and programs in the new war against terrorism.

January 11: Course Introduction—Chapter 1—Introduction—

January 18: Chapter 2—Arab-Israeli Conflict—

January 25: Chapter 3—U.S. Policy in the Middle East—

February 1: Chapter 4—The Persian Gulf--

February 8: Chapter 5—Mideast Oil—MID-TERM EXAMINATION--

February 15: Chapter 6—Fourteen Centuries of Islam—

February 22: PART II—COUNTRY PROFILES—Egypt--Israel--

March 1: PART II—COUNTRY PROFILES—Jordan—Libya--

March 8: PART II—COUNTRY PROFILES—Persian Gulf States--Yemen—

March 15: Summation/Conclusion—FINAL EXAMINATION--COURSE PAPER DUE--