

**Course Code:** HIS 123 (IAI S2 920N)

**Course Title:** History of the Middle East

**Department:** Arts, Media, and Social Sciences

**Effective Date:** Summer 2026

**PCS Code:** 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

**CIP Code:** 54.9996

**Repeatability:** 0

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## Credit Hours

**Catalog Notation:** 4-0-4

**Credit Hour Distribution:**

Lecture: 4

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

**Total: 4**

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## General Course Information

### Catalog Description

Examination of origins and development of geographic, social, political, economic, and religious forces which have contributed to the formation of major institutions in the Middle East from the appearance of cultural complexity to modern times.

### General Course Objectives

Identify the geographical features and the social, political, and economic forces that have interacted with and have conditioned the historical development of the Middle East from the Neolithic era to modern times.

### Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 098	Placement out of CCS 098	None

### Prerequisites

None

### Methods of Evaluation

Students take a midterm and a final exam; both are mixed objective-essay exams. Students are required to complete a reading and writing assignment which is usually a 2,000 word research paper which makes use of both primary and secondary sources.

### Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

[A Concise History of the Middle East](#), Authors: Goldschmidt Jr., Arthur, and Al-Marashi, Ibrahim.  
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## Course Content

### General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

### Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Introduction	1. Describe the region and understand key cultural, ethnic, and geographical influences.	4	0	0
The Middle East before Islam	1. Explain the rise of civilization in the Middle East and understand how it developed from prehistoric times to the rise of Islam. 2. Comprehend the rise and influence of ancient kingdoms, ideas, and religions and their interactions in the region.	8	0	0
The Rise of Islam and Early Arab Conquests	1. Examine the life of Muhammad and the rise and spread of Islam.	8	0	0
The Turkic Empires from the Seljuks to the Ottomans	1. Understand the development of Islamic civilization, the influx of the Turks, the Crusades, and the Mongol invasions.	8	0	0
European Interests and Nationalism	1. Examine the incursions of Europeans into the region and the rise of nationalism in the Middle East.	8	0	0
World War I and Its Results	1. Describe the involvement of the Middle East in World War I and how the conflict impacted the region.	8	0	0
The Arab-Israeli Conflict	1. Examine the struggle over Palestine and the rise of Israel and Arab nationalism.	8	0	0
The Islamist Resurgence	1. Analyze the modern Middle East, the Gulf War and other conflicts, the impact of 9/11, and the Arab Spring and its aftermath.	8	0	0

#### Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
60	0	0