



## POS 4931 / IDS 4930 Contemporary Middle East

New! An intro to the politics, historical forces, and social factors that have shaped the modern Middle East and North Africa

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The Middle East and North Africa is a vast region that spans across three continents, and can include countries from Morocco to Iran, from Turkey to Yemen, and from the Mediterranean Sea to the Persian Gulf. This course examines the histories, politics, economics, and cultures of this expansive region, and analyzes the complexities and challenges of the area's past, present, and future. Specifically, the course will explore a range of topics, including colonialism, the rise

of nationalism, the formation of modern states, and the region's integration into the global economy. In addition students will learn about political systems and structures of Middle East countries, such as authoritarianism, democracy, and hybrid regimes, and how those systems interact with other dynamic cultural and social issues such as religion, identity, the role of women and youth, and the growth of social media in shaping public discourse and activism.