Advanced Arabic- S-150
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Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

Course Description

This course is based on reading, analysis, and discussion of a selection of articles from
newspapers and academic journals. Its purpose is to develop students’ understanding, writing,
listening, and speaking. The session is divided into weekly themes, and the topics to be explored
in this course include: Refugees and Statelessness, Women and Society, Islam and
Democracy, The Ecology of Climate Change, and Authoritarianism in the Time of the
Coronavirus.

A Word About Plagiarism

You must document all of your source material. If you take any text from somebody else, you
must make it clear the text is being quoted and where the text comes from. You must also cite
any sources from which you obtain numbers, ideas, or other material. If you have any questions
about what does or does not constitute plagiarism, ask! Plagiarism is a serious offense and will
be treated severely. Fortunately, it is also easy to avoid and if you are careful about giving credit
where credit is due, you should not run into any problems.

Class Attendance Policy

Your progress in this course depends upon your active engagement in class discussions and upon
acquiring information imparted by the instructor in additional to the readings. Attendance,
therefore, is mandatory. Please discuss absences to be excused with the instructor as early as
possible. More than two unexcused absences may be grounds for reduction of your participation
grade. More than three absences will result in the loss of a grade level.

Students are responsible for all information, materials, and class discussion that occurs, even in
their absence. Absent students are expected to make arrangements with other class members to
obtain notes or to be apprised of class developments when absent.

Grading and Assignments

A = 93-100, A- = 90-92, B+ = 87-89, B = 83-86, B- = 80-82, C+ = 77-79, C = 73-76, C- = 70-72,
D+ = 67-69, D = 63-6, D- = 60-62, E = 0-59

Each assignment receives a score: Excellent: 3 Good: 2 Passing: 1 Poor: 0

Attendance: 20%
Presentations: 20%
Participation: 20%
Writing: 10%
Mid-term project: 10%
Final Test: 20%

**Required Reading**

Readings listed below are to be read in preparation for the session in which they are listed. Schedule subject to changes upon announcement.

**Documentaries**

العالم في زمن كورونا
الهجرة بسبب تغير المناخ

**Course Assignments**

1) **Participation:** This class is intended to advance and improve the participant’s fluency. We will dedicate enough class time for everyone to actively participate in the discussion of the assigned readings.

2) **Leading Discussions:** Each participant will moderate the discussion once during the semester.

3) **Readings Reflections:** Each student will write one-page (single-spaced) reflection of our weekly reading.

4) **Mid-term project:** Each participant in this class will develop a project that reflects one or two of the themes explored in the semester.

5) **Final Test:** You will be tested on the skills you have learned throughout the semester.

**Schedule of Readings**

I. **Refugees and Statelessness**

May. 25, Introduction and Overview

Read:

اللاجئون في الدول المستضيفة: تحديات وفرص، دراسة حالة اللاجئين السوريين في الأردن.

Watch: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKafLeEnYtM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKafLeEnYtM)
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axlbPBQtnF8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axlbPBQtnF8)
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWggKUrGxqE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWggKUrGxqE)
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNDrujW3qA8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNDrujW3qA8)
May. 27, Statelessness

Read:

انعدام الجنسية وأزمة اللاجئين في أوروبا
حماية اللاجئين المنتمنين إلى أوروبا: مفوضية الأمم المتحدة لشؤون اللاجئين

Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10suTdUbG10
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgAjmKP4JFo
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNuFAS8ELSY
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p26cmUe2-2c

May. 29, Weekly Presentations/ discussions

II. Women and Society

Jun. 01, Read:

ماذا يحول دون التقدم المروح للمرأة في العالم العربي؟ وضع المرأة في العالم العربي - لا صلاح لمجتمع نصفه مهش ومضطهود

Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxho-WMIFzM
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSrteoNSSpA

Jun. 03, Read:

الحقوق الاقتصادية والاجتماعية والثقافية للمرأة

Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0XrqWkvDQA
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvEMnkFAD2E
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAKUXV3Qw4k

Jun. 05, Weekly Presentations/ discussions

III. Islam and Democracy

Jun. 08, Read:

الإسلام والديمقراطي: متى يقرر الفاعلون الدينيون دعم عملية التحول الديمقراطي؟
الإسلام السياسي: النشأة والتمدد والهيمنة
Jun. 10, Mid-term Projects

Jun. 12, Weekly Presentations/ discussions

IV. The Ecology of Climate Change

Jun. 15, Read:

Watch: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7g5j8T1F1dA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7g5j8T1F1dA)
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXYwrkptsmw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXYwrkptsmw)

Jun. 17, Read:

Watch: [https://madrasa.org/category/ءﺎﯿﺣﻷا/section/ﺔﺌﯿﺒﻟا-ﻢﻠﻋ/subsection/-ﻰﻟإ-ﻞﺧﺪﻣ/_Internal/科学院课本.html](https://madrasa.org/category/ءﺎﯿﺣﻷا/section/ﺔﺌﯿﺒﻟا-ﻢﻠﻋ/subsection/-ﻰﻟإ-ﻞﺧﺪﻣ/_Internal/科学院课本.html)

Jun. 19, Weekly Presentations/ discussions

V. Authoritarianism in the Time of the Coronavirus

Jun. 22, Read:

الاستبداد و الشرق الأوسط في زمن كورونا

رئيس الحكومة التونسي الأسبق: الاستبداد سيتعهش بعد كورونا
Jun. 24, Read:

Watch: https://soundcloud.com/unnewsarabic/jvbpkhd6irhr

Jun. 26, Weekly Presentations/ discussions