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
Translations: 15%
Participation: 20%
Weekly Reflections: 15%
Weekly presentation: 15%
Mid-term project: 15%
Fina Project: 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**

![YouTube video thumbnail](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKafLeEnYtM)
![YouTube video thumbnail](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axlbPBQtnF8)
![YouTube video thumbnail](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWgqKUrGxqE)
![YouTube video thumbnail](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNDrujW3qA8)

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

5) **Final Project:** Each participant in this class will develop a project that reflects the themes explored in the semester.

**Schedule of Readings**

I - Refugees and Statelessness

**June 8, Introduction and Overview**

Read:

![YouTube video thumbnail](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKafLeEnYtM)
![YouTube video thumbnail](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axlbPBQtnF8)
![YouTube video thumbnail](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWgqKUrGxqE)
![YouTube video thumbnail](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNDrujW3qA8)
June.10, Statelessness

Read:

انعدام الجنسية وأزمة اللاجئين في أوروبا. حماية اللاجئين المنتمين إلى أقليات. مفوضية الأمم المتحدة لشؤون اللاجئين.

Watch:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10suTdBG10
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqAjtKP4JFo
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNuFAS8ELSY
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p26cmUe2-2c

II – Women and Society

June.15, Read:

ماذا يتحول دول التقدم المرجع للمرأة في العالم العربي؟ وضع المرأة في العالم العربي – لا صلاح لمجتمع نصفه مهماً ونصفه مضطهد.

Watch:

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

June.17, Read:

الحقوق الاقتصادية والاجتماعية الثقافية للمرأة.

Watch:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0XqWkvDQA
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvEMnkFAD2E
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAKUXV3Qw4k

III – Islam and Democracy

June.22, Read:

الإسلام والديمقراطية: متى يقرر الفاعلون الدينيون دعم عملية لتحول الديمقراطي؟ الإسلام السياسي: النشأة والتمدد والهيمنة.

Watch:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7g5jhfIF1dA
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXYWrkptsmw
June.24, Midterm Project

IV – The Ecology of Climate Change

June.29, Read:

كيف سيبدو العالم في 2050 إذا لم نتعامل مع أزمة تغير المناخ؟
التغير المناخي: أسبابه وعواقبه
خبري أممي: تراجع بعض الدول عن قرارات حماية البيئة بسبب كوفيد-19 غير مسؤول وغير عقلاني

Watch:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wvWSBxDNiqY
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ep1KT1Shgqs

July.1, Movie and discussions

V – Authoritarianism in the Time of Coronavirus

July.6, Read:

الاستبداد والشرق الأوسط زمن كورونا
رئيس الحكومة التونسي الأسبق: لااستبداد سيتعشع بعد كورونا

Watch:

https://soundcloud.com/unnewsarabic/jybpkhd6irhr

July.8, Read:

كاتبة نيويورك تايمز.. كورونا منع القادة المستبدين فرصة لكسب لمزيد من السلطات العالم العربي في مواجهة كورونا: تغطية تفاعلية

Final Project

Watch:

https://www.noonpost.com/content/36189