

110-355 Crisis Zone: Middle Eastern Politics

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	3 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: One 1.5-hour lecture and a 1-hour tutorial per week Total Time Commitment: Total Time Commitment to Study 8.5
Prerequisites:	Completion of 12.5 points of Islamic Studies at level one.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.</p> <p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p></p>
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Subject Overview:	This subject will examine the interplay of external and internal factors in inflaming conflict and tension in the Middle East, dubbed the 'crisis zone'. It will cover the role of foreign powers in a number of case studies: the Arab/Israeli conflict; Iran-Iraq war; the Gulf War of 1990-1991; the US-led campaign in Afghanistan; and the 2003 war on Iraq and its impact on relations between the West and the Muslim states of the Middle East. These case studies will illustrate the difficulties in separating 'national' from 'international politics' and provide a nuanced appreciation of international relations in this vital region.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have an understanding of the major political issues which have shaped the modern Middle East from the early 20th century; # have an appreciation of the impact of external actors in the political history of the Middle East; # have an understanding of the ways in which religion has been used by political actors in the region;
Assessment:	A 2500 word essay 40% (due mid semester) and a final written 2 hour exam 60% (due during the examination period).
Prescribed Texts:	Baxter and Akbarzadeh, US Foreign Policy in the Middle East: the rise anti-Americanism, Routledge, 2008
Breadth Options:	<p>This subject potentially can be taken as a breadth subject component for the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Bachelor of Biomedicine (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/J07) # Bachelor of Commerce (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/F04) # Bachelor of Environments (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/A04)

	<p># Bachelor of Music (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/M05)</p> <p># Bachelor of Science (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/R01)</p> <p># Bachelor of Engineering (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2009/355-AA)</p> <p>You should visit learn more about breadth subjects (http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html) and read the breadth requirements for your degree, and should discuss your choice with your student adviser, before deciding on your subjects.</p>
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<p>Students who successfully complete this subject should</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have a critical understanding of the ways in which Middle Eastern politics are represented in the Australian/Western media; # have improved oral skills through active participation in tutorials ; # have improved writing and research skills through the completion of the essay and an enhanced ability to write under pressure through the exam .
Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:	Islamic Studies Major