

HIST90027 Middle Eastern Wars: Jihad & Resistance

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: 10 hours per week: total time commitment 120 hours
Prerequisites:	Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in history (or in a relevant program) or enrolment in a relevant coursework Masters program
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	131-415 Middle Eastern Wars: Jihad & Resistance
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering requests for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this course are articulated in the Course Description, Course Objectives and Generic Skills of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	The basic meaning of the word Jihad is "effort," one to achieve a positive goal. The effort can be personal and spiritual, to achieve piety and moral integrity, or collective and physical participation in warfare to protect or advance a moral and Islamic society. This subject studies the second of those manifestations, but with a vital awareness of the importance of the first. It explores the religious political and social context of warfare in the Middle East and North Africa between the local population and various European and "western" enemies, and in particular the ways in which wars were conducted. Using primary sources, it will examine concepts of honour and sacrifice, warfare and the notion of "just" war. It will begin with a background in the early Islamic period, but concentrating on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in order to examine concepts of pre-colonial resistance, wars of liberation and the clash of civilisations that is proposed to explain present-day conflict. Students will be asked to place the primary sources in a contemporary theoretical perspective and so develop an understanding of the ways in which warfare between Muslims and Europeans has changed during the colonial and postcolonial periods.
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # understand the relationships between religious and political motivation in military conflict. # identify the influences of culture, political organisation and geographic and economic circumstances on the form of conflict. # understand the relationship between theory based in a received conception of the past and practice.
Assessment:	A classpaper of 2000 words 40% (due during the semester) and a written researched essay of 3000 words 60% (due during the examination period).
Prescribed Texts:	A subject reader will be available.

Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # show an advanced understanding of the changing knowledge base in the specialist area. # be able to evaluate and synthesise the research and professional literature in the discipline. # have an appreciation of the design, conduct and reporting of original research.
Related Course(s):	Master of Arts in History (Advanced Seminars and Shorter Thesis) Master of International Relations Master of International Studies Master of Islamic Studies Postgraduate Diploma in International Studies Postgraduate Diploma in Islamic Studies
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Asian Studies History History History