MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES SPRING 2016

* If you find a class that is not on this approved course list but that you think is major appropriate, please check with your advisor for approval.

* Course list is subject to change.

ARAB  1115 Beginning Arabic
      1225 Beginning Arabic Continued
      2013 Intermediate Conversational Arabic
      2113 Intermediate Arabic
      2223 Intermediate Arabic Continued
      3223 Advanced Arabic Continued
      4443 Readings in Islamic Religious Texts: “Arabic Media and Politics”
      4993 Readings in Contemporary Arab Culture

ARCH  4183 Survey of Middle Eastern Architecture

COMM  2003 Communication in Non-Western Culture
      3513 Intercultural Communication
      4513 International Communication

FMS   3843 Contemporary Turkish Cinema

GEOG  2603 World Regional Geography

HEBR  1225 Beginning Hebrew Continued
      2213 Topics in Hebrew Grammar
      3223 Advanced Hebrew Continued

HIST  3113 The Crusades
      3950 Christians/Jews under Islam
      3950 How the Holy Land Became Holy

H SCI  3453 Science and Civilization in Islam

HON   2973 International Relations in the Middle East
      3993 Oil in World History
      3993 Arab Spring

IAS   2003 Understanding the Global Community
      3003 Poverty & Inequality in the Middle East
      3003 Religion & Society in the Middle East
      3003 Women & Gender in the Middle East
      3413 Iran & Islam to 1800
      4013 Capstone in International and Area Studies

Sec. 001 Global Environment/Disease Crisis, Dr. Miriam Gross

There are few larger threats to our global future than environmental and health crises. This class examines a series of global environmental and disease threats from the perspectives of
international security, economic stability, global inequality, and social and familial well-being. Likely topics include: climate change, water scarcity, food security, pollution, AIDS, SARS, state-sponsored medical care, rural health care, chronic (lifestyle) diseases, over-population, and aging.

Sec. 003 Nations & Nationalism, Dr. Afshin Marashi

Nations, nationalism, nation-states, nation-building, and ethno-national conflict are all phenomena that are increasingly at the center of contemporary international affairs. This capstone course will investigate the nature of these interrelated, yet distinct, concepts from an interdisciplinary perspective. Students will do close readings from the fields of history, sociology, anthropology, political science, and related fields in order to gain a broad understanding of the scholarly literature in the field of “comparative nationalism studies.” Students will also complete an individual research project on a specific case-study of nations and nationalism. The goal of the course is to introduce students to the social science literature in the field of nationalism studies, while also looking for ways of applying these theoretical insights to practical real-world contexts.

Sec. 004 China’s Global Quest for Resources, Dr. Bo Kong

This course conducts a systematic survey on how a rising China engages the international system to pursue and protect its raw material interests around the globe. It is organized around for overarching questions: 1) What shapes the country’s foreign resource policy, who formulates it, and how? 2) How do the government of China, its financial institutions, and its corporations – both state-owned and private – interact with each other in their pursuit and protection of the country’s foreign resource interests? 3) How do these different players confront the various challenges for the country’s raw material interests overseas? And, 4) What does the way China pursues and protects its raw material interests abroad tell us about the country’s role and impact in the international system? To help students navigate the above complex, cross-cutting topics, this course will base each discussion on empirically tested analytical frameworks drawn from international relations theory, comparative politics, and the business management literature.

MLLL 3413 Arabic Literature and Culture

MUNM 3113 World Music

RELS 2303 Islamic Religious Tradition

3533 The Qur’an

WGS 3563 Gender & Global Politics