MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES COURSE LIST SPRING 2017:

NOTE: Please make sure to pay attention to the hour requirements for your major or minor since a certain number of hours must be upper-division and some courses must be IAS designated. If you have ANY questions, please make sure to consult with an IAS Advisor.

Course list is subject to change.

ARABIC (ARAB)
4443 Readings in Islamic Texts

ARCHITECTURE (ARCH)
4283 Persian Architecture

ART HISTORY (A HI)
4273 Byzantine Icons

ECONOMICS (ECON)
4733 Economic Development in the Middle East

GEOGRAPHY (GEOG)
2603 World Regional Geography

HISTORY (HIST)
3113 The Crusades
3413 History of Ancient Israel
3943 Muslim Societies in Africa
3950 Jerusalem
3950 Modern Israel

HISTORY OF SCIENCE (H SCI)
3453 Science and Civilization in Islam

HONORS COLLEGE (HON):
2973 International Relations in the Middle East
3993 Arab Spring

INTERNATIONAL AND AREA STUDIES (IAS)
2003 Understanding the Global Community
3003 Iranian Society through Cinema
3003 Modern Turkey
3003 US-Arab Cultural Encounters
3203 The Middle East since World War I
3693 Military, State & Society
3763 Women & Gender in the Middle East
4013 IAS Capstone
Sec. 001 "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. 002 "Resource Security”, MW 1:30-2:45pm, Dr. Bo Kong
The purpose of this Senior Capstone Seminar is to examine the role of natural resources in shaping the organization and consequences of international politics. Specifically, it will explore how concerns about resource security galvanize the actions and interactions of a variety of actors, including individuals, firms, states, and international organizations, shape ideas and identities, and impact technologies and markets in a way that ultimately determine who gets what, when and how in the process.

Sec. 003 “Security: International Terrorism in Context”, Dr. Rebecca Cruise
The media and politicians are quick to label all sorts of violent activity as terrorism, yet it is difficult to fully articulate exactly what terrorism entails. In this capstone we will explore how terrorism has been studied, and what conclusions have been made about who is engaging in terrorist activities and their motivations. In this we will explore the under-studied role of women in terrorist organizations historically and today. We will also attempt to remove the concept of terrorism from isolation, examining how terrorism interacts with politics, the media and organized crime. This will be done through the use of case studies of both domestic and international terrorism. We will also explore recruiting techniques, with special attention focused on ISIS and their keen use of the internet and Dark Web to find recruits around the world.

MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND LINGUISTICS (MLLL)
3413 Arabic Literature and Culture

MUSIC FOR NON-MAJORS (MUNM)
3113 World Music
3613 Middle Eastern Music

RELIGIOUS STUDIES (RELS)
3543 Islamic Law

WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES (WGS)
3563 Gender & Global Politics (in Arezzo, Italy)