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## Course plan

**B2.524 - Middle East in World Politics**

Credits: 4.0

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## **Presentation**

### **Description**

The course Middle East in World Politics is intended to give students a strong command of the region and its importance in the current International Affairs. After completing the course, students will be able to understand and analyze the forces driving current Middle East politics. The course is based on an understanding of the region composed by a series of actors, among which Nation-States are the most relevant, whose relations generate a specific configuration or structure of power, thereby producing a network of interactions. However, in the Middle East case, the international actors, international alliances as well as the colonial past of the region, have particularly shaped and still affect both the intra-regional and international dynamics of the Middle East.

### **The course as part of the programme as a whole**

The Master's Degree in International Affairs and Diplomacy (UOC, UNITAR) is designed for diplomats and government officials involved in international affairs, as well as those persons involved in international relations or seeking a career in this field. The course Middle East in World Politics will provide students with a solid command of the theoretical and analytical tools with which the Middle East develops. After completing this course, students will be able to critically engage with the academic literature in Middle East politics with observance of the strictest academic standards and methods.

### **Professional fields it is linked to**

- National bodies (such as government ministries and departments, civil services, think-tanks, and policy advisory groups)
- Embassies and consulates
- International organizations (such as the UN, UN agencies, EU departments)
- Campaign groups, aid agencies and other nongovernmental organizations (NGOs)
- Companies operating on an international level
- Journalists and other media professionals
- Banking, financial services and corporate consultancy
- University lecturers

### **Prior knowledge**

No prior knowledge is required, although some notions of Middle East politics might be useful

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## **Objectives and competencies**

The course Middle East in World Politics help students to:

- Develop the ability to present persuasive arguments on topics related to the Middle East with observance of academic standards and methods.
- Understand the descriptive, explanatory and predictive aims of International Relations (IR )applied to the Middle East study
- Gain a command of the main theoretical and analytical tools of the Middle East study
- Develop independent research and analytical skills

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## Content

The content is based in 4 learning units:

- 1) The making of the modern Middle East
- 2) Middle East in post WWII International Relations
- 3) International Political Economy in the Middle East
- 4) The Middle East in post cold war International Relations

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## Resources

### Bibliography and information sources

International Relations of the Middle east, Louise Fawcett

Academic journals:

¿ American Journal of International Law ¿ Asia Pacific Review Asian Security ¿ Asian Journal of Political Science ¿ Australian Journal of International Affairs ¿ British Journal of Politics and International Relations ¿ Cambridge Review of International Affairs ¿ China Quarterly - 7 - ¿ Chinese Journal of International Law ¿ Contemporary Southeast Asia ¿ European Journal of International Law ¿ European Journal of International Relations ¿ European Union Politics ¿ Europe-Asia Studies ¿ Foreign Affairs ¿ Foreign Policy Analysis (FPA) ¿ Georgetown Journal of International Law ¿ Global Change, Peace & Security (Routledge) ¿ Harvard Asia Pacific Review International ¿ Harvard International Law Journal I ¿ International Studies Perspectives (ISP) ¿ International Organization ¿ International Political Sociology ¿ International Relations of the Asia-Pacific ¿ International Security ¿ International Studies Quarterly ¿ International Studies Review (ISR) ¿ International Theory ¿ Japan Forum ¿ Japanese Journal of Political Science ¿ Journal of Southeast Asian Studies ¿ The Journal of Asian Studies ¿ Journal of Contemporary China ¿ Journal of European Integration ¿ Journal of International and Area Studies ¿ Journal of Peace Research ¿ Journal of Strategic Studies ¿ Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society ¿ Latin American Politics and Society ¿ Peace Review a Journal of Social Justice ¿ Perspectives on Politics ¿ Regional Studies ¿ Review of International Studies ¿ Security Studies ¿ Southeast Asian Affairs ¿ Stanford Journal of International Law ¿ Taiwan Journal of Democracy ¿ Terrorism and Political Violence ¿ The China Quarterly ¿ The Chinese Journal of International Politics ¿ The Hague Journal of Diplomacy ¿ The International Journal of Asian Studies ¿ The National Interest ¿ The Pacific Review (Routledge) ¿ The Review of Politics ¿ The Washington Quarterly ¿ World Politics

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