



School of Arts & Science
HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT

HIST 104-01
Modern Middle East
Fall 2012

COURSE OUTLINE

The Approved Course Description is available on the web @
<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/hist.html>

Ω *Please note: this outline will be electronically stored for five (5) years only.*
It is strongly recommended that students keep this outline for their records.

1. Instructor Information

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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Set out the physical geography and natural resources of the Middle East.
2. Survey the historical development of the main societies, cultures and religions of the region.
3. Explain the historical and contemporary similarities and differences among the peoples.
4. Identify and elaborate on the impact of imperial control and inter-imperial conflict since the founding of the Ottoman Empire in the 15th century and extending through to the present.
5. Describe the popular response to imperial control and contention in the region and lay out the impact of it on the world today.
6. Assess the process of modernization of traditional societies, the changes it engenders and the challenges to the process.

3. Required Materials

Ernest Tucker, *The Middle East in Modern World History* (Boston: Pearson, 2013)
History 104 2012-13 Reading package

4. Ground Rules

- Fairness to all requires that I stipulate that students will not be allowed to do “extra work” to make up for poor grades on any one assignment or combination of assignments.
- I do not “lecture to the textbook.” That means you cannot simply attend lectures and expect that this will substitute for reading the textbook. That’s not sufficient to do well in the course. Textbook, reading package and lectures are essential components of the course, and each will be part of the exams.
- This course requires you to read regularly. Some weeks there’s a fair amount of reading. Don’t fall behind. *This especially applies to the textbook.*
- While I allow computers in lectures, I expect that you will use them to take note, not surf the web, email friends, etc. In discussion sessions, where the focus is on participation, I **do not** allow the use of computers. AND, in ALL classes, please turn off and put away from sight such infernal instruments of distraction as cell phones.

5. Desire 2 Learn (D2L) component

Each of you has access to Desire 2 Learn, Camosun College’s Learning Management System, which will be used for several aspects of this course. You’ll submit your essay and discussion questions through the **Dropbox function** in D2L; you can use D2L to view grades, including the weekly discussion participation grade. Lecture outlines will also be there. And you will see on D2L important news about the course.

Signing in to D2L: Once you’re registered in this course, use your computer to go to the following web location: <http://online.camosun.ca> The sign-in process is simple and is described on the opening page of the D2L site.

NOTE – **Please post a photo** in D2L, so the class will be able to put a face to a name. One of the most enduring aspects of your post-secondary experience will be the connections with others you form in classes. It’s also handy for informal study sessions.

6. Discussions

Beginning on September 14 and on most Fridays through the term we will have discussion sessions.

The aim of these sessions is to have a wide-ranging and informal discussion based on the readings **FROM THE READINGS PACKAGE**. For the discussion, don’t be intimidated if the meaning of some of the reading material is not clear to you. Keep in mind that pertinent questions are often as useful as thoughtful comments. Bring them to class and share them with everyone.

In addition, it is absolutely essential that you read the textbook, *The Middle East in Modern History*, in order to put the discussion readings in context. Doing this background reading **before class** is your responsibility.

Keep in mind that **you cannot expect to earn a passing grade for the discussion portion of the mark without participating regularly in the discussions.** You will be judged on the **quality** of your contributions. **Attendance alone does not constitute participation.**

For one assigned discussion through the term, each of you will be the *designated leader for the session*. What does it mean to be a discussion leader? Most importantly, you are responsible to raise relevant and thoughtful questions that help to *encourage discussion* that probes and develops key aspects of the readings.

Try to pose questions that are open-ended, don't seek only simple answers, and cause your colleagues to think more profoundly about the readings.

From my experience, two types of questions **don't work well**. One is "should" questions. These invite a moral response based on today's standards. They ask your fellow students to *judge* the past by our contemporary standards of morality. Our task as historians is to *understand* the past, not to judge it.

A second type of question that in my experience doesn't work well is "what if" ones. "Would the Armenians have been able to avoid mass slaughter if the Ottoman Empire had not gone to war?" The only response we can have is: "We don't know. The Ottoman Empire *did* go to war and Armenians were slaughtered." A more fruitful question might be how WWI contributed to the massacre of the Armenians inside the Ottoman Empire.

On the week you are the designated discussion leader, you will submit **at least three questions** to me via D2L. These questions must be submitted in **Microsoft Word format** via the **Dropbox function** in D2L **no later than 12:30pm** on the day you're the designated discussion leader.

I'll circulate a list of sessions. Each of you will sign up to be discussion leader for one session.

In addition, in the same session where you're the discussion leader, you'll also submit an essay on the discussion subject. See below.

7. Essays

Each of you will hand in an essay **based on the discussion readings** for a particular day. By 12:30pm on the day you are the designated leader of the discussion session, you will submit a written essay that *answers the question* that I pose for the discussion topic. Where will you find this question? It's in the table of contents of the reading package.

The essay must be submitted in **Microsoft Word format** through the **Dropbox function** of D2L.

The source material for the essay is the articles **in the reading package**. No other sources need to be used. (You might, of course, need to do some background reading in the textbook or other sources in order to grasp the background of the readings.)

This essay will be **1000 words** in total. The word limit is strict. I will **deduct 10%** from your grade for **each 50 words** (or part thereof) over 1000, beginning at 1050 words. **So if you have 1051 words, the deduction is 10%; 1101 words, 20%** etc.

At the opening of your essay provide the following: 1) a **title** for your essay; 2) your **name**; 3) the **topic** you are dealing with; 4) the **question** you're addressing.

You must use footnotes or endnotes (NOT APA or MLA style references) to cite the source of the ideas, important information and direct quotations you include in this essay. Failure to use footnotes appropriately will result in a **grade penalty of 10%**. There is no need for a bibliography, as the discussion reading articles are your sources.

For correct History style follow the method used in the Camosun College History style guide, which is linked to the Camosun College Humanities Department website at http://camosun.ca/learn/programs/history/style_guide.pdf

As you can see, for the week you write an essay and are the leader for the discussion, a certain level of planning is needed. You'll have to read the articles in advance, write the essay on the articles, submit the essay and the questions before the discussion session, and present thoughtful questions from the readings to your colleagues in the discussion.

Late submission of essays will result in a penalty of 5% per day.

8. Course Content and Schedule

WEEK-BY-WEEK SCHEDULE (Changes to the schedule may become necessary)

DATE	TOPIC AND REQUIRED READINGS
Sept. 5	Introduction to course and to the Middle East Reading: Tucker, <i>The Middle East</i> , pp. xix-xxix, 1-16
Sept. 7	Modern Middle East – geography and religions
Sept. 12	Modern Middle East – geography and religions, continued Reading: Tucker, <i>The Middle East</i> , pp. 17-30
Sept. 14	Discussion based on Topic 1 in Reading Package – History and cultural aspects of Islam
Sept. 19	The founding and expansion of Islam to 1900 Reading: Tucker, <i>The Middle East</i> , pp. 31-53
Sept. 21	Discussion on Topic 2 in the reading package – The Ottoman Empire in the 19 th century
Sept. 26	Western imperialism and the Middle Eastern response 1800 to 1914 Reading: Tucker, <i>The Middle East</i> , pp. 54-127
Sept. 28	Discussion Topic 3 – World War 1 in the Middle East

- Oct. 3 World War 1 and its impact
Reading: Tucker, *The Middle East*, pp. 128-153
- Oct. 5 Discussion Topic 4 – The Impact of World War 1 in the Middle East
- Oct. 10 Imperialism and anti-imperialism in the inter-war years
Reading: Tucker, *The Middle East*, pp. 153-189
- Oct. 12 Discussion Topic 5 – European mandates in Palestine, Lebanon and Syria,
1920 to 1948
- Oct. 17 Midterm exam – in class
- Oct. 19 **NOTE – no discussion today;** instead I will complete lecture on
Imperialism and anti-imperialism in the inter-war years
- Oct. 24 Western imperialism and the Middle Eastern response to it 1939-1979
Reading: Tucker, *The Middle East*, pp.190-226
- Oct. 26 Discussion Topic 6 – Israel, Palestine, Egypt and Iraq 1949 to 1968
- Oct. 31 Western imperialism and the Middle Eastern response to it 1939-1979,
continued
Reading: Tucker, *The Middle East*, pp. 226-242, 258-286
- Nov. 2 Discussion Topic 7 – The challenge of modernity in Iran
- NOTE: November 6, 2012 – last day to withdraw without a failing grade**
- Nov. 7 Israel and the Palestinians after 1949
- Nov. 9 Discussion Topic 8 – The Iranian Revolution and its impact
- Nov. 14 Iran to the 1979 revolution
Reading: Tucker, *The Middle East*, pp. 243-257
- Nov. 16 Discussion Topic 9 – Islamic and Jewish zealots
- Nov. 21 Outcomes of the Iranian Revolution and the emergence of Islamism
Reading: Tucker, *The Middle East*, pp. 287-304
- Nov. 23 Discussion Topic 10 – Afghanistan in the 20th century
- Nov. 28 Afghanistan
Reading: Tucker, *The Middle East*, pp. 305-322
See also: Imperial intervention and resistance in Afghanistan: A short
video history by John Rees at

<http://www.google.ca/search?tbm=vid&hl=en&source=hp&biw=1024&bih=571&q=Imperial+intervention+and+resistance+in+Afghanistan&btnG=Search&gbv=2&aq=f&aqi=&aql=&oq=>

Nov. 30 Discussion Topic 11 – Contemporary conflicts in the Middle East

Dec. 5 The contemporary situation
Reading: Tucker, *The Middle East*, pp. 323-368

Dec. 7 The contemporary situation, continued and review for final exam

9. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

Discussion participation	10%
Discussion leadership	5%
Essay	30%
Mid term exam (in class, Oct. 17)	25%
Final exam (in exam period)	<u>30%</u>
Total	100%

The final exam will be in the scheduled exam period, December 10-15 and 17-18. Please do not make any arrangements to leave the city in December until you know when the exam will be held.

Both mid-term and final exam must be written during the scheduled times unless a physician's medical certificate is presented to me. There will be no exceptions without a medical certificate.

10. Your responsibility

History 104 is a university level course, directly applicable to a university degree. So you must be prepared to perform at a university standard. This requires initiative and effort on your part. Specifically, you must:

- 1) be in class regularly and attentive in them
- 2) keep up with the weekly readings in the textbook and discussion reading package
- 3) think carefully about what is written in these sources and discussed in class
- 4) show evidence that you have grasped the facts and concepts from lectures and discussion

11. Grading System

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5

70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at camosun.ca for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. (<i>For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3rd course attempt or at the point of course completion.</i>)
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

12. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services or the College web site at camosun.ca.

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

