ECO39409 Economic History of the Middle East

(3 credits)

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION FROM CATALOG

Provides a historical account of Middle Eastern economies from the 19th century down to the present day. The course identifies the set of economic institutions installed by foreign powers that have mapped the progress and development patterns of these economies.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will provide a historical account of the economies of the Middle East from the 19th century down to the present day. The primary objective of the course is to identify the set of economic institutions installed by foreign powers from the Ottoman Empire to the European domination and to investigate their influence on contemporary Middle Eastern states. In doing so, the course will discuss the countries' different paths to independence focusing on the different sectors of the economy. The ultimate attention is given to the progress and development patterns of these economies.

PRE/CO-REQUISITE(S)

ECO 201, ECO 202 and WRI 102

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Describe and compare the economic institutions prevalent in the region.
2. Analyze the role of foreign powers on the economies of MENA countries.
3. Evaluate the characteristics of independence and its consequence on the economic development paths of MENA countries.
4. Analyze key demographic trends and development patterns of these economies in the last 200 years.
5. Discuss prospects of progress in achieving higher standards of living in MENA countries.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

1. N/A

I verify that I have reviewed and approved this syllabus for use in ECO39409 course.

Hugo Toledo

Dr. Hugo Toledo, Department Head, September 10, 2012

A Faculty Name

George Naufal, PhD

B Term/ Year

Spring 2011

C Sections

CRN	Course	Days	Time	Location
21165	ECO39409	UTR	8:00 – 8:50	SBM010

* Location subject to change

D Instructor Information

Instructor	Office	Telephone	Email
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Office Hours:

- Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays: 09:50 – 11:50
- Mondays and Wednesdays: 10:00 – 12:30
- Or by appointment
  - Office Hours will be posted on the office door as well as on iLearn.

E Other Instructional Material and Resources

Unfortunately, there is no comprehensive textbook that is designed specifically for this course. A course packet using a collection of chapters from the sources below has been prepared. All other resources will be provided in class or will be available from the library.

Recommended Textbooks*:*

Issawi, Charles: *An Economic History of the Middle East and North Africa*, 1st edition; (ISBN: 0231034431)

Owen, Roger: *The Middle East in the World Economy, 1800 – 1914*, Rev Sub edition (ISBN: 1850436584)

Hourani, Albert: *A History of the Arab Peoples*, paperback edition (ISBN: 978 – 0 – 571 – 22664 – 1)

Richards, Alan; Waterbury, John: *A Political Economy of the Middle East*, 3rd edition; (ISBN – 13: 978 – 0 – 8133 – 4348 – 8)

Course Website: ilearn.aus.edu (Username and Password same to access your AUS email account).

F Teaching and Learning Methodologies

The principal method of content is lecture. This course will mainly rely on in class power point notes and discussions. The notes highlight the central and issues presented in the textbook and cover current economic issues in the region. The students will be assigned several readings that will be thoroughly discussed in class. There is also a written assignment where students will learn how to reflect on economic problems in writing.

G Grading Scale, Grading Distribution, and Due Dates

Grading Scale

93– 100	4.0	A	74 – 76	2.3	C+
86 – 92	3.7	A-	70 – 73	2.0	C
83 – 85	3.3	B+	66 – 69	1.7	C-
80 – 82	3.0	B	60 – 65	1.0	D
77 – 79	2.7	B-	Less Than 60	0	F

Grading Distribution

Assessment	Weight	Due Date
Quizzes	40%	Daily
Exam 1	25%	November 18, 2012
Presentation	10%	Last week of class
Final Exam	25%	January 10, 2013
Total	100%	

H Explanation of Assessments

- Exams will be held in class during class hours. Exam 1 may consist of a set of multiple choice questions, solving problems, essay questions or a combination of all three covering the assigned material. The final exam, which includes material covered after exam 1, is scheduled by the Registrar's Office.
- Starting the second week of classes, students will be quizzed daily on the reading assignments. After each quiz, the reading material will be discussed in class to further the understanding of the covered topic.
- The students will also present a published paper of their choosing at the end of the semester. The presentation will count 10% of their final grade. The paper should be approved by the instructor and should not be part of the reading list covered in class. The presentation time is 5 minutes for each student.
- The cut offs for the letter grades are given on page one. A grade of 92.49 is a A$^-$ while a grade of 92.50 is an A. The same applies for the other cut offs. The ONLY reason for a grade change is in the case of a mistake while calculating the student's final grade. There is no extra credit at any point in this course.
- Students' grades will be posted on the course's website. On the exam days, students will be required to bring their own pencils and ID card. The instructor reserves the right to check student IDs.
- All course information (syllabus, mock exams, grades, announcements, etc.) will be available on ilearn.aus.edu. Students should access ilearn on a regular basis.

I Student Academic Integrity Code Statement

Students are advised that violations of the Student Academic Integrity Code will be treated seriously and can lead to suspension or dismissal from the university. A notation of the academic integrity code violation can become part of the student's permanent record.

Academic violations include but are not limited to:

- Plagiarism
- Inappropriate Collaboration
- Inappropriate Proxy
- Dishonesty in Examinations and Submitted Work
- Work Completed for One Course and Submitted to Another
- Deliberate Falsification of Data
- Interference with Other Students' Work

		• Copyright Violations • Complicity in Academic Dishonesty **Students MUST read the Student Academic Integrity Code outlined in the AUS Catalog and agree to abide by the standards for academic conduct, students' rights and responsibilities and procedures for handling allegations of academic dishonesty.**
J	**Student Responsibilities/ Behavioral Expectations**	• Students are required to be on time and expected to attend all lectures. For that matter, the instructor reserves the right to ask any student to leave the classroom at any point of the lecture in response to any disturbance or misconduct. The student will be responsible for both readings from the assigned textbook and class notes. • Attendance will be taken on a regular basis. A student is considered absent if the student misses a class, is late 3 times (AUS policy) and if asked to leave the classroom for disruptive behavior. Under AUS policies students who are absent 15% of the class lectures can be dropped with a failing grade (WF) in the class. • In case of a student missing an exam/quiz a grade of zero will be given on that exam/quiz. There will be no make-up exams except in extraordinary circumstances. However in case of prior knowledge of specific reason to miss an exam, a student will be allowed to take a make-up exam with the instructor prior written permission. The student has to submit a written request for a make-up and should have the instructor's signature for this permission to be valid. The instructor reserves the right to deny the request. • All mobile phones are expected to be turned off and packed away. If a student's mobile phone rings during class lecture the student will be asked to leave and the student will be considered absent. If a student's mobile phone rings during an exam the student will be asked to submit the exam and leave the room and the student's grade for that exam will be of the submitted copy. • All laptops in class are expected to be used for educational purposes related to the lecture. In case of violation of this policy, students will be asked to leave the classroom. • Audio/video recording of class lectures requires prior knowledge and permission of the instructor, otherwise is not permitted.
K	**Student – Instructor Interaction / Feedback**	Students are encouraged to contact the instructor during office hours or via email. The instructor is willing and able to provide additional tutorials to a student who is struggling with the class material. In order to gather feedback for future course improvements, suggestions, comments and concerns regarding any aspect of this course will gladly be accepted, at any time during the semester. In addition, a formal course evaluation will be administered at the end of the semester.

SCHEDULE

*Note: **Tests and other graded assignments due dates are set.** No addendum, make-up exams, or extra assignments to improve grades will be given.*

Lecture #	Date	Chapters
1	Sunday 16 September	Introduction – Syllabus
2	Tuesday 18 September	The Middle East Economy in 1500 – 1800: Introduction (B)
3	Thursday 20 September	The Middle East Economy in 1800: Chapter 1 (B)
4	Sunday 23 September	The Middle East Economy in 1800: Chapter 1 (B)
5	Tuesday 25 September	European Power and Reforming Governments: Chapter 16 (C)
6	Thursday 27 September	European Power and Reforming Governments: Chapter 16 (C)
7	Sunday 30 September	The Expansion of Trade with Europe: Chapter 3(B)
8	Tuesday 2 October	The Expansion of Trade with Europe: Chapter 3(B)
9	Thursday 4 October	The Ottoman Road to Bankruptcy 1850 – 1881: Chapter 4 (B)
10	Sunday 7 October	The Ottoman Road to Bankruptcy 1850 – 1881: Chapter 4 (B)
11	Tuesday 9 October	European Empires and Dominant Élites: Chapter 17 (C)
12	Thursday 11 October	European Empires and Dominant Élites: Chapter 17 (C)
13	*Sunday 14 October*	The Climax of European Power: Chapter 19 (C)
14	*Tuesday 16 October*	The Climax of European Power: Chapter 19 (C)
15	Thursday 18 October	The End of the Empires: Chapter 21 (C)
16	Sunday 21 October	The End of the Empires: Chapter 21 (C)
17	Tuesday 23 October	Changing Societies: Chapter 22 (C)
18	Thursday 25 October	Changing Societies: Chapter 22 (C)
19	***Sunday 28 October***	***No Class – Eid Al Adha***
20	***Tuesday 30 October***	***No Class – Eid Al Adha***
21	***Thursday 1 November***	***No Class – Eid Al Adha***
22	Sunday 4 November	National Culture: Chapter 23 (C)
23	Tuesday 6 November	The Climax of Arabism: Chapter 24 (C)
24	Thursday 8 November	Arab Unity and Disunity: Chapter 25 (C)
25	Sunday 11 November	A Disturbance of Spirits: Chapter 26 (C)
26	Tuesday 13 November	A Disturbance of Spirits: Chapter 26 (C)
27	***Thursday 15 November***	***No Class – Al Hijra***
28	**Sunday 18 November**	**Exam 1**
29	Tuesday 20 November	Agriculture Expansion: Chapter 7 (A)
30	Thursday 22 November	Agriculture Expansion: Chapter 7 (A)
31	Sunday 25 November	Development of Transport: Chapter 3 (A)
32	Tuesday 27 November	Development of Transport: Chapter 3 (A)
33	Thursday 29 November	Influx of Foreign Capital: Chapter 4 (A)
34	***Sunday 2 December***	***No Class – UAE National Day***
35	Tuesday 4 December***	Influx of Foreign Capital: Chapter 4 (A)
36	Thursday 6 December	Population, Level of Living, Social Development: Chapter 6 (A)
37	Sunday 9 December	Population, Level of Living, Social Development: Chapter 6 (A)
38	Tuesday 11 December	Migration and Minorities: Chapter 5 (A)
39	Thursday 13 December	Migration and Minorities: Chapter 5 (A)
40	Sunday 16 December	Institutions and Policy: Chapter 9 (A)
41	Tuesday 18 December	Institutions and Policy: Chapter 9 (A)
42	Thursday 20 December	Petroleum: Transformation or Explosion: Chapter 10 (A)
43	Sunday 23 December	Petroleum: Transformation or Explosion: Chapter 10 (A)
44	**Tuesday 25 December**	***No Class – Christmas***

45	Thursday 27 December	Challenge and Response 1800 – 1980: Chapter 1 (A)
46	Sunday 30 December	Challenge and Response 1800 – 1980: Chapter 1 (A)
47	***Tuesday 1 January***	***No Class - New Year***
48	Thursday 3 January	Challenge and Response 1800 – 1980: Chapter 1 (A)
49	Sunday 6 January	Presentations
50	Monday 7 January*	Presentations
51	Tuesday 8 January	Presentations
52	Wednesday 9 January *	Last Lecture

Books: Issawi (A) / Owen (B) / Hourani (C)

***Deadline to withdraw from a course without a grade penalty 5 pm