



Short Syllabus



Course Title	Credits
Israel: Past and Present (core)	4
Lecturer	
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Semester	
Fall 2022 (Sunday and Wednesday, 16.00-18.00)	
Short Description	
<p>This course addresses questions surrounding the history of Zionism and contemporary Israel. Central to these are the origins of Zionism a European national liberation movement embedded in the Middle East; The history of the mandate years between colonialism and national conflict; and the emergence of the “New Jew” cultural ideal. This course seeks to answer such questions through a broad and deep analysis that spans the 19th and 20th centuries, pays close attention to Israel's social and cultural composition and politics, and imbeds modern Israel into the global context. Following the historical introduction, the second half of the course deals with contemporary Israel focusing in particular on its social tensions and cultural dilemmas, like minorities, gender, feminism, ethnic tensions and globalization. We explore a variety of sources ranging from communication, literature and political thought to Middle East and Jewish Studies.</p>	
Final grade components	
Participation: Mandatory attendance and participation	20%
Midterm: An in-class exam	19%
Final Requirement: A short essay on a topic of your choice, using academic sources (2500-3000 words)	61%
Attendance	
Attendance is mandatory. Students are permitted a maximum of three unauthorized absences without penalty. Any additional absences will affect the final grade and may result in failure of the course.*	
Academic Conduct	
Plagiarism is taken extremely seriously. Any instance of academic misconduct which includes: submitting someone else’s work as your own; failure to accurately cite sources; taking words from another source without using quotation marks; submission of work for which you have previously received credit; working in a group for individual assignments; using unauthorized materials in an exam and sharing your work with other students, will result in failure of the assignment and will likely lead to further disciplinary measures.*	



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Final assignment

Exam dates and submission deadlines are published on the Liberal Arts website. Students requiring an extension for a final paper must submit an Academic Committee Request Form to the Liberal Arts office in advance of the deadline. Late papers will be subject to a point deduction.*

Additional requirements

No cell-phones in class

* See Liberal Arts academic handbook for further details