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College of Social Science and Humanities
Department of History and Heritage Management

Course outline

Program History and Heritage Management
Course code: HiHm2046
Course title **Survey of the Islamic World to the 1920s**
Degree program BA in History and Heritage Management
Module Name Global History
Module code HiHm2041

Course Description

This course is designed to help students understand the major political, social, economic and religious developments that unfolded in the Middle East and the Islamic World since the 1920s.

It will also equip students with the background information and knowledge about the basic Historical themes and theoretical articulations unfolding in the history of the Islamic World and the Middle East.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course students will be able to:

- Understand the background history of religious institutions.
- Grasp the major socio- economic developments and trends in the Islamic World since the 1920s
- Explain the major features that characterize the Islamic world and the Middle East.
- Explore the history of religious institutions and appreciate their role on the overall culture of peoples of the region.
- Recognize the dynamics of change and continuity through assessing the roots of the present political problems of the Palestine Arabs and Jews
- Understand how Islam provided strong bonds and ideological base to many peoples of the Middle East regardless of their racial and ethnic background.
- Understand how the historical developments in Europe during the pre-20th century and Jewish holocaust of the early decades of the 20th century had exerted an enduring impact on the Jewish communities living scattered in different parts of the world.

1. Background

- 1.1 general description of the *Middle East*
- 1.2 Geography, peoples and cultures of the region

2. Pre-Islamic and Islamic Arabia

- 2.1. Geography and cultures of pre-Islamic Arabia
- 2.2. Origins of Islam
 - 2.2.1. Sources
 - 2.2.2. Response of early preaching
 - 2.2.3. Belief and practices of Islam

3. Arab Conquest and Expansion

- 3.1. Apostasy
- 3.2. Succession Struggle and Islamic division
- 3.3. Emergence of Caliphate Dynasties
- 3.4. Motives for expansion beyond Arabia
- 3.5. The realm of conquest and reasons for the Arab success
- 3.6. Effects of the Arab conquest

4. From Abbasid to the outset of Islamic Empires

- 4.1. Civilization of the medieval Middle east
- 4.2. The Crusade

5. The emergence of Islamic Empires

- 5.1. Ottoman Empire
- 5.2. Mughal Empire
- 5.3. Safavid Empire

6. The Middle East and the West before WWI

- 6.1. European interest in Pre and post Napoleonic period
- 6.2. The Middle East in the 19th century

7. The Middle East and Islamic World on the eve of WWI and the Peace Settlements

- 7.1. War aims and political strategies
- 7.2. War time secret treaties and agreements
- 7.3. Post war peace settlements in the Middle East