

**Wollo University**  
**College of Social Sciences and Humanities**  
**Department of History and Heritage management**

**Course outline**

Course code:	HiHm2047
Course title	<b>The Middle East since the 1920s</b>
Degree program	BA in History and Heritage Management
Module Name	Global History
Module code	HiHm2041

**Course Description**

The modern Middle East is one of the most crucial courses offered to history students. The course covers some of the major historical events that occurred in this region since 1920. The Geography, peoples, cultures and religions of the Middle East It tries to look into the external pressures imposed by the great powers. And it tries to assess the peace settlement after WWI. The Middle East and the West before WWI assess the emergence of nationalism, and Zionism and the consequence that resulted from their animosity. Discuss the effects of radical Islamism, and oil in the Middle East politics. The effect of WWI on the Middle East; It deals with the rise of nationalism, the impact of Israeli and Palestinian nationalism, the petroleum factor, the Islamic Revolution in Iran. the Arab Israel conflicts This course examines processes of modernization in the Arab world, Turkey and Iran by analyzing the transition from empires to nation states in the 19th and 20th centuries

**Course Objectives**

After taking this course, students will be able to:-

- describe the geography, people, religion and cultures of the Middle East,
- assess the political and socio-economic developments in the Middle East before WWI
- explain the transformation of the Middle East between the Inter-war period,
- Elaborate the establishment of Israel and its consequences in the history and politics of the Middle East.
- Describe how oil is the main source of conflict in the region

- Suggest possible alternatives for protracted the conflict
- Recapitulate great power rivalry in the Middle East,
- Analyze the geo political significance of Middle East,
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## **CHAPTER ONE: PEOPLE AND RELIGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST**

### **1.1 Territories and Regions of the Middle East**

### **1.2. People and Languages of the Middle East**

### **1.3. Religion of the Middle East**

### **1.4. Significance of the Middle East**

## **CHAPTER TWO-MIDDLE EAST AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR**

### **2.1. Middle East on the Eve of the First World War**

### **2.2. War Time Peace Treaties and Agreements**

### **2.3. Britain Agreement with the Arabs**

### **2.4. The Arab Revolt**

### **2.5. Military operation in the Middle East**

#### **2.5.1. The Ottoman Front**

#### **2.5.2. The Sinai and Palestinian Front**

#### **2.5.3. The Arabian Front**

#### **2.5.4. The Mesopotamian Front**

## **CHAPTER THREE: ARAB NATIONALISM**

### **3.1. Ideology of Arab Nationalism**

### **3.2. Arabs under Ottoman Rule**

### **3.3. Committee of Union and Progress**

## **CHAPTER FOUR: ZIONISM AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL**

### **4.1. Zionism Movement in the World**

### **4.2. The Haskalah**

### **4.3. Types of Zionism**

## **CHAPTER FIVE: CONFLICTS AND WARS IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

### **5.1. Arab Israeli war of 1948**

### **5.2. The Suez war of 1956**

### **5.3. The Six days war**

### **5.4. The Yom Kippur war of 1973 (Oil /Energy Crisis)**

5.5. The Iran-Iraq war of 1980-88

5.6 The Gulf war

## **CHAPTER SIX: ISLAMIC REVIVAL AND IRANIAN REVOLUTION**

6.1. Islamic Revival and Iranian Revolution

6.2. Historical Background of Iranian Revolution

6.3. Opposition groups and Organizations

## **CHAPTER SEVEN: OIL IN THE MIDDLE EAST- OPEC**

## **CHAPTER EIGHT: MIDDLE EAST IN THE LATE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY AND EARLY 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

8.1. Peace Accords

### **Assessments**

- Continuous assessment-----50%
- Final exam-----50%
- **TOTAL** **100%**

### **References**

Perez, Don. *The Middle East Today*, New York, 1968

Ursula, Charlotte and Maurine. *A History of Asia: Empire, Western penetration and the Rise of New Nations, Since 1600s*, 1963