

# COURSE DETAIL

## HISTORY OF THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

University of Cambridge, Pembroke College

**Program(s)**

Summer in Cambridge

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Near East Studies History

**UCEAP Course Number**

110

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

HISTORY OF THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

HIST/MOD MID EAST

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.30

## **Course Description**

In 1800, two empires dominated the region of the Middle East: the Ottoman and Qajar Empires. Today, there are seventeen nation-states in the Middle East. How and why did this happen? This course serves as an introduction to the history of the modern Middle East with an emphasis on developing an understanding of how the region we call the Middle East came to take its current shape. Students explore the encounter with European modernity and subsequent European imperialism, modernisation efforts, responses to colonialism, the rise of new ideologies such as nationalism, and the role of religion in politics and political discourse. The course focuses on the Arab provinces of the Ottoman Empire, Iran, Turkey, and the Middle East in the 20th and 21st centuries.

## **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

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## **Host Institution Campus**

## **Host Institution Faculty**

Arts and Humanities

## **Host Institution Degree**

## **Host Institution Department**

## **Course Last Reviewed**

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