COURSE DETAIL

COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Country

Egypt

Host Institution

American University in Cairo

Program(s)

The American University in Cairo

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

116

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title

COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

UCEAP Transcript Title

COMP POL/MID EAST

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course offers an introduction into the field of comparative politics with specific focus on the government and ideologies, social stratification, and institutions in the Middle East. It also includes a study of the problems of modernization and political development. It studies the similarities and differences between political systems by examining in-depth themes of analysis in order to provide certain patterns and dynamics to create a comparative framework tool in order to better understand the nature and dynamics of governance in the region. Themes include: Arab nationalism, democratization, personal rule, military involvement in politics, the politics of violence, and why civil war emerges. Specific country case studies are used as a basis to provide an in depth framework of understanding and analyzing the Middle East. The course creates an overall framework for students to navigate understanding of the region and develop a better understanding not only of individual political systems, but also an overall knowledge within that realm.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

POLS 3408

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COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Political Science

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