# **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** 

#### **Host Institution Course Title**

COMPARATIVE POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

### **Host Institution Campus**

**Host Institution Faculty** 

**Host Institution Degree** 

# **Host Institution Department**

Political Science

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