

COURSE DETAIL

MIDDLE EAST URBANISM(S)

Country

Egypt

Host Institution

American University in Cairo

Program(s)

The American University in Cairo

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Urban Studies Near East Studies

UCEAP Course Number

140

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

MIDDLE EAST URBANISM(S)

UCEAP Transcript Title

MID E URBANISM(S)

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course introduces urban studies in the Middle East, drawing on textual, visual, and collaborative resources to critically explore contemporary urban life in the region. It situates the region within broader discussions on the global “urban age,” an era where purportedly half of the world’s growing population lives and works in cities. The course explores the structural and everyday forces and actors—states, people, culture, nature, wars, and disasters—that shape and connect cities across the region. It draws on debates and methodologies in urban sociology, political economy, and anthropology. The course blends theory and practice through collaborative, experiential methods such as urban diary writing, visual ethnography, and field visits.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

MEST 4301

Host Institution Course Title

MIDDLE EAST URBANISM(S)

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Middle East Studies Program

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