# COURSE DETAIL

## THE CONTEMPORARY MIDDLE EAST: PATTERNS OF CHANGE AND CONTINUITY (1990-2025)

**Country**
France

**Host Institution**
Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

**Program(s)**
Sciences Po Paris

**UCEAP Course Level**
Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**
Near East Studies History

**UCEAP Course Number**
142

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

**UCEAP Official Title**
THE CONTEMPORARY MIDDLE EAST: PATTERNS OF CHANGE AND CONTINUITY (1990-2025)

**UCEAP Transcript Title**
CONTEMP MIDDLE EAST

**UCEAP Quarter Units**
4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**
3.00

**Course Description**

This course analyzes the major upheavals that have shaped the Middle East and North Africa's strategic landscape in the post-Cold War era. It is structured around three key modules. The first provides a chronological overview, from the 1990s "Unipolar Moment" to the collapse of the Syrian regime in December 2024. The second focuses on the persistence of authoritarianism, along with the violent backlash and counterrevolutions that followed the Arab Spring. The third examines U.S. foreign policy and the Global War on Terror. Special attention is given to the Proxy Wars and Culture Wars that will define the future of the region, to the shifting alliances within a context of competitive multipolarity, and to civil societies, literature, cinema, cultural and intellectual fault lines.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
DAFF 25A46

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**Host Institution Course Details**
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**Host Institution Campus**

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**
Seminar

**Host Institution Department**

International Relations

**Course Last Reviewed**
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