

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

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Seminar

Host Institution Department

International Relations

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