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International Relations of the Middle East

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Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group learning activities on campus for the second half-year, while keeping an online version available for those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face and online activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

130cp at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

POL278 or POIR2780 or POIX278 or POIX2780

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit will introduce students to the key questions in the area of the International Relations of the Middle East. The course will emphasise the interrelatedness of national, regional and international dimensions to the understanding of the making of the contemporary Middle East. Major themes to be explored include globalisation and neo-liberalism, Political Islam, Democratisation and the crisis of government legitimacy across the region. The course will also examine the legacies of the Ottoman Era, Colonialism, the Cold War and the “War on Terror” on the shaping of the modern relations of the Middle East at both the regional and the international levels. The course will generally adopt a synoptic view of the region, by integrating historical and analytical frameworks. The final weeks will be dedicated to the analysis of the relevant case studies as well to the international political economy and the role of other global actors in the Middle East.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Undertake independent learning and research throughout the semester.

ULO2: Outline and critically evaluate theoretical debates related to the international relations of the Middle East.

ULO3: Outline the contemporary international relations of the Middle East.

ULO4: Raise awareness of the importance of a critical approach to the study of the international relations of the Middle East.

ULO5: Effectively communicate their understanding and analytical ability in both spoken and, particularly, polished written form.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Reflective journal	40%	No	Ongoing
Essay	60%	No	23 October, 2020

Reflective journal

Assessment Type ¹: Reflective Writing

Indicative Time on Task ²: 50 hours

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **40%**

Students are to keep a weekly journal where they reflect on the readings and the topic for the week.

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Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 50 hours

Due: **23 October, 2020**

Weighting: **60%**

Write an essay of 2500 words. Choose one essay question provided by the Convenor. Students

are expected to utilise the required readings in the unit and undertake independent research.

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- Effectively communicate their understanding and analytical ability in both spoken and, particularly, polished written form.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Delivery: This unit has one 1 hour lecture per week that all students are expected to attend or listen to via echo. There is also one 2 hour seminar per week that each student must also attend.

Resources: The study guide in iLearn contains a list of resources for you to consult. Other resources will be made available on iLearn.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)

- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide

appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.