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International Relations of the Middle East

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General Information

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Credit points
4

Prerequisites
Admission to MIntRel or PGDipIntRel or PGCertIntRel or MIntCommMIntRel or MIntBusMIntRel or MIntRelMIntTrdeComLaw or MTransInterMIntRel

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit provides a study of the international relations of the Middle East in both its regional and global aspects, including in the 'New World Order'. After a study of the special epistemological issues involved in Middle Eastern studies and the Middle East in International Relations, the unit investigates key themes such as colonialism, nationalism, the Cold War, Political Islam, democratisation and globalisation.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

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

- Undertake independent learning and research throughout the semester.
- Outline and critically evaluate theoretical debates related to the international relations of the Middle East.
- Outline the contemporary international relations of the Middle East.
- Effectively communicate their understanding and analytical ability in both spoken and, particularly, polished written form.
- Participate in and, when necessary, lead in class discussions.
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Raise awareness of the importance of a critical approach to the study of the international
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**Assessment Tasks**

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**Seminar Presentation**
Due: **Ongoing**
Weighting: **10%**

You are to select a topic from the list provided in this unit guide. This will be decided in the first seminar with your tutor. You are to lead the in-class discussion for your selected week. This should not simply entail a summary of the readings but also to critically engage with the arguments being made in them. It is also advisable that you read beyond the compulsory articles. You will also need to submit a short paper (approx. 750-1000 words) **ONE WEEK AFTER** your presentation summarising your presentation to the class.

**Externals:** Each week a student will nominate him or herself to lead the discussion. You are to post on iLearn at the beginning of your allocated week a 750-1000 word discussion paper that responds to one or two questions listed in the unit guide. Your peers will then respond to your submission.

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Class Participation
Due: Ongoing
Weighting: 20%
This is assessment is ongoing throughout the semester. It will assess your in-class participation. You are expected to demonstrate that you have read the material assigned for each week and can make insightful contributions to class discussion. You will not be allocated any marks for simply attending each seminar - even if you come to class every single week.

Externals: As you do not have in-class sessions, your weekly contributions should be made on iLearn. You are to respond each week to the work posted by the student(s) leading the discussion and also make independent contributions. This work is assessable on a weekly basis. You must contribute to the discussion as the week progresses as you will not have a chance to do so later in the semester. The discussion will be closed at the end of each week.

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Review Essay
Due: 28/8/13, 5pm
Weighting: 20%
Two articles have been posted on iLearn. The first is “The Roots of Muslim Rage” (1990) by Bernard Lewis. The second is “The Clash of Ignorance” (2001) by Edward Said. You are asked to choose one of the two pieces and then write a review article of 1000 words on the article you have chosen.

Please see your unit guide for further details.

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Research Essay

Due: 30/10/13, 5pm
Weighting: 50%

This essay should assess your ability to research the literature, form a thesis, analyse the material and then present a coherent and compelling argument as a polished academic essay. Essays should refer to a range of material in addition to the required reading. In other words, you are expected to do your own research. The basis of this additional material should be academic works.

Please see your unit guide for further details and a list of the essay questions.

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Delivery and Resources

Delivery: This unit has one 1 hour lecture per week that all students are expected to attend. There is also one 2 hour seminar per week that each student must also attend. The seminars are compulsory and it is university policy that you must attend 80% of your seminars. You will instantly fail this unit if you attend less than 80% of seminars.

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

Unit Schedule

Week 1: Introduction
Week 2: *Orientalism and its Critics*

Week 3: International Relations of the Middle East

Week 4: Introduction to the Middle East

Week 5: Post WWII Order

Week 6: The Middle East and the Cold War I

Week 7: The Middle East and the Cold War II

Week 8: The Middle East and the Cold War III

Week 9: *The International Relations of Political Islam*

Week 10: The Israel Lobby and US Foreign Policy

Week 11: Reading Week - no classes

Week 12: Globalisation and the Middle East

Week 13: Democratisation and the Middle East

**Policies and Procedures**

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- **Special Consideration Policy** [http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/special_consideration/policy.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/special_consideration/policy.html)

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the **Learning and Teaching Category** of Policy Central.

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of Academic Student Support Services. Details of these services can be accessed at: [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

**UniWISE provides:**

- Online learning resources and academic skills workshops [http://www.students.mq.edu.au/support/learning_skills/](http://www.students.mq.edu.au/support/learning_skills/)
- Personal assistance with your learning & study related questions.
- The Learning Help Desk is located in the Library foyer (level 2).
- Online and on-campus orientation events run by Mentors@Macquarie.
Student Enquiry Service
Details of these services can be accessed at http://www.student.mq.edu.au/ses/.

Equity 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.

IT Help
If you wish to receive IT help, we would be glad to assist you at http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/.
When using the university's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students and it outlines what can be done.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills
Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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Assessment tasks

• Class Participation
• Review Essay
• Research Essay

PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

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Assessment tasks

• Seminar Presentation
PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

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**Assessment tasks**

- Seminar Presentation
- Review Essay
- Research Essay

PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues.

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**Learning outcomes**

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**Assessment tasks**

• Seminar Presentation  
• Class Participation

**PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative**

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives. This graduate capability is supported by:

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**Assessment task**

• Seminar Presentation