



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2024

6,304: The Middle East Conflict - and No End?

ECTS credits: 4

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

decentral - Analog written examination, Analog, Individual work individual grade (50%, 90 mins.)

Examination time: Term time

decentral - Written work, Digital, Individual work individual grade (50%)

Examination time: Term time

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[6,304,1.00 The Middle East Conflict - and No End?](#) -- English -- [Davis James Warren](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

Students should have a good command of the English language and a basic understanding of the current dynamics of Middle East regional politics.

Learning objectives

- Students will acquire an overview of the modern history of the Middle East.
- Students will be able to identify the key players in the international politics of the Middle East and their interests.
- Students will be able to discuss the competing narratives of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Course content

The October 7, 2023 terrorist attacks on Israel provoked a military response in Gaza that has inflamed passions around the world. What are the issues driving Middle East politics and how can we make sense of current developments?

The course will be divided into three sections. First, we will discuss the modern history of the Middle East. Second, we will analyze the various conflicts plaguing the region with particular focus on the current war in Gaza. Third, we will discuss possible future scenarios for the region.

Course structure and indications of the learning and teaching design

The course will be structured around a common set of readings, guest presentations, and class discussions.

Course literature

Students should purchase two books. Additional literature will be made available via Studynet.

Purchase:

James L. Gelvin, *The Modern Middle East: A History*, 5th Edition. Oxford University Press.

Neil Caplan, *The Israel-Palestine Conflict: Contested Histories*, 2d Edition. Wiley Blackwell.



Additional course information

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Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/2)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Analog written examination
Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Written exam
Examination mode	Analog
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Synchronous
Examination location	On Campus
Grading type	Individual work individual grade
Weighting	50%
Duration	90 mins.

Examination languages

Question language: English
Answer language: English

Remark

In class final exam (essay)

Examination-aid rule

Closed Book

The use of aids is prohibited as a matter of principle, with the exception of pocket calculator models of the Texas Instruments TI-30 series and, in case of non-language exams, bilingual dictionaries without any handwritten notes. Any other aids that are admissible must be explicitly listed by faculty members in the paragraph entitled "Supplementary aids" of the course and examination fact sheet; this list is exhaustive.

Procuring any aids, as well as ensuring their working order, is the exclusive responsibility of students.

Supplementary aids

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2. Examination sub part (2/2)

Examination modalities

Examination type	Written work
Responsible for organisation	decentral
Examination form	Written work
Examination mode	Digital
Time of examination	Term time
Examination execution	Asynchronous
Examination location	Off Campus



Grading type	Individual work individual grade
Weighting	50%
Duration	--

Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Remark

Students will write a short essay during the break

Examination-aid rule

Free aids provision

Basically, students are free to choose aids. Any restrictions are defined by the faculty members in charge of the examination under supplementary aids.

Supplementary aids

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Examination content

Students will write an essay during the break on a topic they will identify according to guidelines distributed in class.

The final exam will be conducted as an essay.

Examination relevant literature

Course readings and any additional literature students wish to consult.



Please note

Please note that only this fact sheet and the examination schedule published at the time of bidding are binding and takes precedence over other information, such as information on StudyNet (Canvas), on lecturers' websites and information in lectures etc.

Any references and links to third-party content within the fact sheet are only of a supplementary, informative nature and lie outside the area of responsibility of the University of St.Gallen.

Documents and materials are only relevant for central examinations if they are available by the end of the lecture period (CW21) at the latest. In the case of centrally organised mid-term examinations, the documents and materials up to CW 13 are relevant for testing.

Binding nature of the fact sheets:

- Course information as well as examination date (organised centrally/decentrally) and form of examination: from bidding start in CW 04 (Thursday, 25 January 2024);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for decentralised examinations: in CW 12 (Monday, 18 March 2024);
- Examination information (supplementary aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised mid-term examinations: in CW 13 (Monday, 25 March 2024);
- Examination information (regulations on aids, examination contents, examination literature) for centrally organised examinations: Starting with de-registration period in CW 15 (Monday, 08 April 2024).