



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Monarchies and Republics in the Arab World: Domestic Policies and Regional Order - 56142*

*Last update 03-09-2022*

*HU Credits: 2*

*Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)*

*Responsible Department: Political Science*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 2nd Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

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Course/Module description:

The course deals with basic issues derived from the concept of “politics” in the Arab sphere, and it focuses on the manifestations of this concept on political and social organization. The discussion will be on two parallel levels, the theoretical and the historical. In relation to the first level, the course will explore central theories and concepts that played pivotal roles in conceptualizing “politics” and it will focus on their influence on and contribution to the formation of the institutions of the modern Arab states. On the historical level, the course will explore central events and turning points in the modern history of the Arab world. The aim is to provide the students with tools to understand and analyze the politics of the modern Arab world.

Course/Module aims:

analyze the politics of the modern Arab world.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

The course will enable students to understand and analyze central events in the modern history of the Arab world.

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

Selected subjects:

Political Theories in Islam

Regime, institutions and reforms in the Ottoman Empire during the 19th century

Nation-states in the Arab world

Political Islam

Liberalism

The Arab League

Republicanism and revolution

The Gulf States: regime, institutions and political economy

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Required Reading:  
selected bibliography:

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Dawisha, Adeed. *Arab Nationalism in the Twentieth Century: From Triumph to Despair*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2003. 252-281.

Beblawi, Hazem. "The Rentier State in the Arab World." In *The Arab State*, edited by Giacomo Luciani, 85-98. London: Routledge, 1990.

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### Additional Reading Material:

#### Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 80 %  
Presentation 0 %  
Participation in Tutorials 10 %  
Project work 0 %  
Assignments 0 %  
Reports 0 %  
Research project 0 %  
Quizzes 0 %

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*Other 10 %  
presentation*

*Additional information:*