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| Course Code EUS-425 | Course Title European Union-Middle East Relations | ECTS Credits 6 |
| Department European Studies and International Relations | Semester Fall, Spring | Prerequisites None |
| Type of Course Elective | Field International Relations | Language of Instruction English |
| Level of Course 1 st Cycle | Year of Study 3 rd – 4 th | Lecturer(s) Dr Farid Mirbagheri |
| Mode of Delivery face-to-face | Work Placement N/A | Co-requisites None |

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Provide a general survey of the relations between the European Union and the Middle East.
- Assess the goals and the institutions of the EU.
- Illuminate the significant role the Middle East plays in the foreign policy formulation of the European states.
- Analyse the approach of the EU to Middle Eastern conflicts and the pursuit of their national interest/s in competition with other world actors.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the role of multidisciplinary theories and methods in explaining, analysing and critically approaching Europe as a field of study.
2. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the tension between universalistic and particularistic ideas in the processes of integration in Europe, as well as Europe's historical, political, social, economic and cultural development.
3. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the European Union and its institutional organisation.
4. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Europe and its role in the World both in a historical perspective and in the contemporary era of Globalisation.
5. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the field of International Relations (the major debates, issues, and actors in global politics).
6. Present orally and in writing on topics related to European affairs and International Relations.
7. Organise the available time and cope with deadlines.
8. Report in the English language both orally and in written form at a high level of competence.
9. Use IT skills (word processing, powerpoint and Internet) as study and communication tools.
10. Illustrate the ability to continue learning in a self-directed manner and work on an academic level within the intended professional field.
11. Use libraries, bibliographical material and academic research in an efficient manner.

Course Contents:

- EU as a Political Actor
- The Middle East: Geography and History
- The Arab and the Non-Arab Middle East
- The Sunni/Shi'a Division
- Strategic Aspects
- Cultural Aspects
- Economic Aspects
- The Arab-Israeli Dispute
- The Iran-Iraq War
- The Iraqi Invasion of Kuwait
- The American-led Occupation of Iraq
- Regionalism and/or Nationalism in the EU and the Middle East

Teaching Methods:

Lectures and discussions, Sessions with visiting speakers, Self-study.

Assessment Methods:

Attendance and participation, Presentation and discussion, Essay, Mid-term Test, Final Exam.

Required Textbooks:

| Authors | Title | Publisher | Year | ISBN |
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| Doesnrode, Soren et al. | The European Union and the Middle East | UACES | 2002 | |
| Mallat, Chibli | The Middle East in the 21 st Century | Ithaca | 1997 | |
| Brown, Carl (ed.) | Diplomacy in the Middle East | I.B. Tauris | 2004 | |

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

| Authors | Title | Publisher | Year | ISBN |
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| Yambert, Karl (ed.) | The Contemporary Middle East: A Reader | Westview Press | 2006 | 0-8133-4339-9 |