A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: WRIT 131 Writing I or equivalent, or have instructor's permission.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci, Goal 08 - Global Perspective

The course is for students who wish to gain an understanding of the political, economic, religious, and social roots of the conflicts in the region. Students examine the conflicts between Israel and Palestine, US wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the rise of terror groups like the Islamic State and Al-Qaeda.

B. Course Effective Dates: 05/06/2016 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Can critique contending perspectives on U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East at an upper division college level.
2. Can evaluate the relative importance of religion, economics and politics in understanding current developments at an upper division college level.
3. Can write critically and analytically at a level consistent with upper division university standards.
4. Understands the relationship between historical, cultural and political forces and their impact on specific Middle East Middle East issues and conflicts.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
3. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.
4. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

Goal 08 - Global Perspective

1. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural, social, religious and linguistic differences.
2. Analyze specific international problems, illustrating the cultural, economic, and political differences that affect their solution.
3. Describe and analyze political, economic, and cultural elements which influence relations of states and societies in their historical and contemporary dimensions.
4. Understand the role of a world citizen and the responsibility world citizens share for their common global future.

G. Special Information