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Course title: [History of the Modern Middle East \(1800 to the present\)](#)

Course content

The Middle East has always been in the headlines throughout the modern history. This course will help you understand why by explaining the political, economic, and strategic significance of the Middle East since the early nineteenth century.

Chronologically, the course starts with the Napoleonic invasion of Egypt (1798-1801) and continues into the present times. During the semester, we will discuss the Ottoman modernization, the intervention of colonial powers in the Middle East, the coming of the First World War, the Armenian Genocide, the end of the Ottoman empire and the simultaneous foundation of the Turkish Republic and the rise of Arab nationalism, the establishment of dictatorial/authoritarian regimes across the region, oil and its politics, the Arab-Israeli conflict and the question of Palestine, the Iranian Revolution, the Arab Spring, ISIS, and many other major and minor issues which have been globally influential. All lectures will deal in varying degrees with Islam, Muslims, and their cultures.