

Course title	<b><i>International relations in North Africa and the Middle East</i></b>
Credits	6
University	UCM
Language of the course	Spanish, English
Learning outcomes	<p><b>LO2.</b> be able to develop an inter disciplinary approach to European External action focused in a concrete region</p> <p><b>LO3.</b> be able to reflect on the role of Europe in MENA region (complex multi-dimensional historical and contemporary relations between Europe and these countries and societies)</p> <p><b>LO5.</b> To express themselves in Spanish, a European language besides their mother tongue and English</p> <p><b>LO6.</b> To be immersed in a multi-disciplinary, multi-multilingual and multi-cultural study environment, in order to understand and communicate issues from and across different perspectives; to process knowledge and information in a timely, accurate, and efficient way</p> <p><b>LO7.</b> To acquire analytical skills to conduct research and to present knowledge concerning questions of European Studies</p>
Course objectives	<p>The objective of this course is to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to understand the international relations of the Maghreb and the Middle East. The course will provide analysis tools for the knowledge of the main actors in the region, external actors and their policy towards the area, and internal dynamics and interaction.</p> <p>Similarly, cooperation, conflict and regional integration relations will be studied. The design of the course considers three interrelated levels of analysis: The nature and performance of the main actors in the regional scene. The most relevant topics on the regional agenda. And the role of the most influential external actors</p>
Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conceptual approach to the North Africa and Middle East region. Fundamental parameters. A geopolitical vision of the region.</li> <li>2. Colonization and decolonization of the region</li> <li>3. Main actors       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 The States of the MENA region. Political systems. Economic structures of the region. Social structures: diversity, demographics. Foreign policy of relevant actors. Dynamics of cooperation and conflict</li> <li>3.2 Regional and sub regional organizations in the MENA region</li> <li>3.3 Non-state actors</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. The pro-democratic revolts of 2011 and their regional impact</li> <li>5. Conflicts. The Israeli-Palestinian question. The question of Western Sahara. The wars in Iraq. The conflict in Syria. Libya after 2011. The civil conflict in Yemen. The eastern Mediterranean as a scene of confrontation</li> <li>6. Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Israel; regional powers and rivalries</li> <li>7. International actors in the MENA region. USA. European Union, Euro-Mediterranean and Euro-Arab relations. Spain. Russia. China</li> </ol>
Work format(s)	Teaching will consist of a combination of formats i.e. : lectures, classes taught by guest lecturers, hands-on workshops, responsive teaching classes, case reports, permanent analysis of current affairs through the media
	Students are expected to be present, demonstrate active participation during contact hours and prepare courses in case of responsive teaching sessions.
Manner of assessment	<p>Written examination (50%)</p> <p>Continuous assessment: written comments, text analysis, conjuncture analysis (50%)</p>

Literature (required/ recommended)	<p>Academic bibliography (in several languages), news, video materials, case reports.</p> <p>Basic bibliography:</p> <p>AKBARZADEH, Shahram (ed) (2019): <i>Routledge handbook of International Relations in the Middle East</i>. Routledge.</p> <p>ARURI, Naseer H. (2014): <i>Bitter legacy. The United States in the Middle East</i>. Haymarket.</p> <p>FAWCETT, Louise (ed) (2016, 4<sup>a</sup> ed): <i>International Relations of the Middle East</i>. Oxford University Press.</p> <p>HALLIDAY, Fred (2005): <i>The Middle East in International Relations. Power, Politics and Ideology</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>HORST, Jakob; JÜNEMANN, Annette; ROTHE, Delf (2013): <i>Euro-Mediterranean relations after the Arab Spring. Persistence in times of change</i>. Ashgate.</p> <p>HINNEBUSCH, Raymond; EHTESHAMI, Anoushiravan (ed) (2014): <i>The foreign policies of Middle East states</i>. Lynne Rienner Publishers.</p> <p>ROWE, Paul S. (ed.) (2018): <i>Routledge Handbook of Minorities in the Middle East</i>. Abingdon: Routledge.</p> <p>TELHAMI, Shibley Z.; BARNETT, Michael (ed.) (2002): <i>Identity and Foreign Policy in the Middle East</i>. Cornell University Press.</p> <p>SADDY, Fehmy (2016): <i>The Arab World and Latin America: Economic and Political Relations in the Twenty-First Century</i>. London, IB Tauris.</p> <p>SZMOLKA, Inmaculada (ed) (2017): <i>Political change in the Middle East and North Africa after the Arab Spring</i>. Edinburgh University Press.</p> <p>TAWIL KURI, Marta (ed) (2016): <i>Latin American Foreign Policies towards the Middle East. Actors, Contexts, and Trends</i>. Palgrave.</p> <p>TYLER, Mackenzie; BOONE, Anthony M. (ed.) (2012): <i>Rivalry in the Middle East. Saudi Arabia and Iran</i>. Gazelle Books.</p> <p>VOLK, Lucia (2015): <i>The Middle East in the world. An introduction</i>. Routledge</p>
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