

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
HIS 252 – HISTORY OF MIDDLE EAST CIVILIZATION II (3 CR.)**

Course Description

Surveys intellectual, cultural, social, economic and religious patterns in the civilizations of the Middle East. Covers Semitic, Indo-European, and Turkic-speaking peoples from pre-Islamic to the present. Part II of II. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

Investigates social, political, religious and cultural institutions of the Middle Eastern states past and present. Designed to provide a wide range of course experiences to meet the needs of the NOVA student population.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None.

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a) Provide students with an understanding of Middle Eastern social, cultural, economic, political, and religious institutions.
- b) Examine the origins and evolution of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam from a Middle Eastern perspective.
- c) Provide students an opportunity to complete an independent study project.
- d) Foster interdisciplinary and critical thinking.

Major Topics to be Included

- a) Reform in the Ottoman empire
- b) Greek rebellion
- c) Tanzimat
- d) Young Ottomans
- e) Young Turks
- f) World War I in the Middle East
- g) Nationalist movements and decolonization
- h) Rise of republican Turkey
- i) Iran since World War I
- j) Zionism and the creation of Israel
- k) Political and economic changes in the North African states, Syria, and Iraq
- l) Americans in the Middle East

