

## COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
International Relations of the Middle East	TRSA3126

Lecturer(s)	Department(s) where the course unit (module) is delivered
Coordinator: assist. Ieva Koreivaitė	Institute of International Relations and Political Science

Study cycle	Type of the course unit (module)
First cycle	Elective

Mode of delivery	Period when the course unit (module) is delivered	Language(s) of instruction
Seminars, self study	7 semester	Lithuanian

Requirements for students	
<b>Prerequisites:</b> None	<b>Additional requirements (if any):</b> None

Course (module) volume in credits	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
5	130	32	98

### Purpose of the course unit (module): programme competences to be developed

The purpose of this course is to provide students with an advanced knowledge and skills necessary to analyze the international relations in the Middle East.

This course aims to develop subject specific competences, such as the ability to explain concepts and theories related to the field of Middle Eastern studies, ability to interpret processes that are taking place in the Middle East; also, generic competences such as: ability to work and study individually, ability to collect relevant information and data and to assess it critically, ability to analyze and present findings in coherent form, ability to seek for quality.

Learning outcomes of the course unit (module)	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
Will be able to explain and analyze a number of factors that have a significant impact on the ME region countries' decisions	Face-to-face lectures, discussions	Assessment of work during seminars
Will be able to interpret processes of that are taking place in the Middle East	Independent reading , exam	Assessment of exam
Will be able to analyze transnational identity and other ideologies in the region	Research methods ( texts analysis, preparation for presentation)	Assessment of presentation

Content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours				Self-study work: time and assignments	
	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Assignments
1. Mystification of the Middle East			2	2	5	Compulsory reading and analysis of: M. Boroujerdi, Iranian Intellectuals and the West. Syracuse University Press, 1996, p. 1-19. E. Davis, 10 Conceptual Sins in Analyzing Middle East Politics // 2009, < <a href="http://new-middle-east.blogspot.com/2009/01/10-conceptual-sins-in-analyzing-middle.html">http://new-middle-east.blogspot.com/2009/01/10-conceptual-sins-in-analyzing-middle.html</a> >
2. International relations			2	2	5	Compulsory reading and analysis of:

theories and Middle East						F. Halliday, <i>The Middle East in International Relations</i> , Cambridge University Press, 2005, p. 1-30. M. Valbjørn, Towards a 'Mesopotamian Turn': Disciplinarity and the Study of the International Relations of the Middle East // <i>Journal of Mediterranean Studies</i> , 2004, Vol. 14, No. 1/2, p. 47-75.
3. The formation and evolution of regional Middle East international relations system			2	2	5	Compulsory reading and analysis of: F. G. Gause III, <i>Systemic Approaches to Middle East International Relations</i> // <i>International Studies Review</i> . 1999, Vol. 1, No. 1, p. 11-31. C. L. Brown, <i>International Politics and the Middle East: Old Rules, Dangerous Games</i> . Princeton University Press, 1984, p. 3 – 21. A. H. Hourani, <i>The Emergence of the Modern Middle East</i> . Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1981, p. 1-18.
4. The fall of Ottoman empire and the formation of Westphalian state model			2	2	5	Compulsory reading and analysis of: F. Halliday, <i>The Middle East in International Relations</i> . Cambridge University Press, 2005, p. 41 – 96. E. L. Rogan, <i>The Arab Entry to International Relations</i> // L. Fawcett, <i>International Relations of the Middle East</i> . New York: Oxford University Press, 2005, p. 17 – 41.
5. Nationalism in the Middle East			2	2	5	Compulsory reading and analysis of: M. Kramer, <i>Arab Nationalism: Mistaken Identity</i> . Daedalus, 1993, p. 171-206. A. AbuKhalil, <i>A New Arab Ideology: The Rejuvenation of Arab Nationalism</i> // <i>Middle East Journal</i> , 1992, Vol. 46, No. 1, p. 22-36.
6. Historical excursion: cold war in Middle East			2	2	5	Compulsory reading and analysis of: F. Halliday, <i>The Middle East in International Relations</i> , Cambridge University Press, 2005, p. 97-130. P. Sluglett, <i>The Cold War in the Middle East</i> // L. Fawcett, <i>International Relations of the Middle East</i> . New York: Oxford University Press, 2005, p. 41-58.
7. Historical excursion: Middle East after the Cold War			2	2	5	Compulsory reading and analysis of: F. Halliday, <i>The Middle East in International Relations</i> . Cambridge University Press, 2005, p. 130-167. B. Korany, <i>The Middle East Since the Cold War</i> // L. Fawcett, <i>International Relations of the Middle East</i> . New York: Oxford University Press, 2005, p. 59-76.
8. Theoretical approaches: realism			2	2	5	Compulsory reading and analysis of: F. G. Gause III, <i>Balancing What? Threat Perception and Alliance Choice in the Gulf</i> // <i>Security Studies</i> , 2003, Vol. 13, No. 2, p. 273-305. S. M. Walt, <i>The Origins of Alliances</i> (Cornell Studies in Security Affairs). Cornell University Press, 1990, p. 40-58.
9. Conflicts and security dilemmas			2	2	5	B. Miller, <i>Balance of Power or the State-to-Nation Balance: Explaining Middle East War Propensity</i> // <i>Security Studies</i> , 2006, Vol. 15, No. 4, p. 658-705.
10. Theoretical approaches: liberalism and political economy			2	2	5	Compulsory reading and analysis of: F. Halliday, <i>The Middle East in International Relations</i> . Cambridge University Press, 2005, p. 261-299. L. Fawcett, <i>Alliances, Cooperation, and Regionalism</i>

						in the Middle East // L. Fawcett, International Relations of the Middle East. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005, p. 173-193.
11. Theoretical approaches: constructivism			2	2	5	Compulsory reading and analysis of: R. Hinnebusch, The Politics of Identity in Middle East International Relations // L. Fawcett, International Relations of the Middle East. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005, p. 151-172. F. Halliday, The Middle East in International Relations, Cambridge University Press, 2005, p. 193-229. S.Telhami, M. Barnett (eds.), Identity and Foreign Policy in the Middle East. Cornell University Press, 2002, p. 1-26.
12. Transnational activism and ideologies: pan-arabism, pan-Islamism, terrorism			2	2	5	Compulsory reading and analysis of: D. E. Lee, The Origins of Pan-Islamism // American Historical Review, Vol. 47, No. 2, 1942, p. 278-287. M. Mufti, Sovereign Creations: Pan-Arabism and Political Order in Syria and Iraq. Cornell University Press, 1996, p. 197-231.
13. Contemporary Middle East: The case of Iran power growth			2	2	5	Compulsory reading and analysis of: G. Luciani, Oil and Political Economy in the International Relations of the Middle East and Clement M. Henry, The Clash of Globalization in the Middle East // L. Fawcett, International Relations of the Middle East. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005, p. 79-127. L. Anderson, The State in the Middle East and North Africa // Comparative Politics, Vol. 20, No. 1, 1987, p. 1-18.
14. Contemporary Middle East: political reforms and social revolutions			2	2	5	Compulsory reading and analysis of: F. Halliday, The Middle East in International Relations, Cambridge University Press, 2005, p. 229-261. F. Ajami, The End of Pan-Arabism // Foreign Affairs. 1978, Vol. 57, No. 2, p. 355-373.
15. Contemporary Middle East: the case of arab-Israel conflict and its consequences to the international community			2	2	5	Compulsory reading and analysis of: M. Barnett, Culture, Strategy, and Foreign Policy Change: Israel's Road to Oslo // European Journal of International Relations, 1999, Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 5-36. J. G. Stein, War and Security in the Middle East // L. Fawcett, International Relations of the Middle East New York: Oxford University Press, 2005, p. 195-214. F. Halliday, The Middle East in International Relations. Cambridge University Press, 2005, p. 167 – 193.
Essay I and Essay II		1		1	16	Preparation of essay I and essay II
Presentation		1		1	7	Preparation for the presentation
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>98</b>	

Assessment strategy	Weight, %	Deadline	Assessment criteria
Evaluation of work during the seminars	30%	Throughout the semester	Active participation in seminars (5%), Essential and relevant comments (10%), Ability to refer to assigned academic literature (5%), Critical thinking and ponderable argumentation (10%)
Essay I	25%	End of semester	Depth of analysis of the topic (10%); Reasonable argumentation, comprehensive conclusions (5%) Appropriate selection of information and literature (5%) Correspondence to methodological requirements (5%)

Essay II	25%	End semester	of	Depth of analysis of the topic (10%); Reasonable argumentation, comprehensive conclusions (5%) Appropriate selection of information and literature (5%) Correspondence to methodological requirements (5%)
Presentation	20%	End semester	of	Ability to employ theories and methods discussed throughout the course (5%), Ability to present results in an appropriate coherent form (5%) Ability to respond to colleagues comments efficiently (5%) Style: clearness, consistency, academic vocabulary (5%)

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing place and house or web link
<b>Compulsory reading</b>				
AbuKhalil, A.	1992	A New Arab Ideology: The Rejuvenation of Arab Nationalism	Vol. 46, No. 1	Middle East Journal
Ajami, F.	1978	The End of Pan-Arabism	Vol. 57, No. 2	Foreign Affairs
Anderson, L.	1987	The State in the Middle East and North Africa	Vol. 20, No. 1,	Comparative Politics
Barnett, M.	1999	Culture, Strategy, and Foreign Policy Change: Israel's Road to Oslo	Vol. 5, No. 2	European Journal of International Relations
Boroujerdi, M.	1996	Iranian Intellectuals and the West		Syracuse University Press
Brown, C. L.	1984	International Politics and the Middle East: Old Rules, Dangerous Games		Princeton University Press
Davis, E.	2009	10 Conceptual Sins in Analyzing Middle East Politic		< <a href="http://new-middle-east.blogspot.com/2009/01/10-conceptual-sins-in-analyzing-middle.html">http://new-middle-east.blogspot.com/2009/01/10-conceptual-sins-in-analyzing-middle.html</a> >
Fawcett, L.	2005	International Relations of the Middle East		New York: Oxford University Press
Gause III, F. G.	1999	Systemic Approaches to Middle East International Relations	Vol. 1, No. 1	International Studies Review
Gause III, F. G.	2003	Balancing What? Threat Perception and Alliance Choice in the Gulf	Vol. 13, No. 2	Security Studies
Halliday, F.	2005	The Middle East in International Relations		Cambridge University Press
Hourani, A. H.	1981	The Emergence of the Modern Middle East		Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press
Kramer, M.	1993	Arab Nationalism: Mistaken Identity		Daedalus
Lee, D. E.	1942	The Origins of Pan-Islamism	Vol. 47, No. 2	American Historical Review
Miller, B.	2006	Balance of Power or the State-to-Nation Balance: Explaining Middle East War Propensity	Vol. 15, No. 4	Security Studies
Telhami, S., M. Barnett (eds.)	2002	Identity and Foreign Policy in the Middle East		Cornell University Press
Valbjørn, M.	2004	Towards a 'Mesopotamian Turn': Disciplinarity and the Study of the International Relations of the Middle East	Vol. 14, No. 1/2	Journal of Mediterranean Studies
Walt, S. M.	1990	The Origins of Alliances (Cornell Studies in Security Affairs)		Cornell University Press
<b>Optional reading</b>				
Shakman Hurd, E.	2008	The Politics of Secularism in International Relations		Princeton: Princeton University Press

Luciani, G. (ed.)	1990	The Arab State		London: Routledge
Salem, P.	2008	The Middle East: Evolution of a Broken Regional Order		Carnegie Endowment Paper
Mufti, M.	1996	Sovereign Creations: Pan-Arabism and Political Order in Syria and Iraq		Cornell University Press