

**Course Objectives/Course Outline**  
**Spokane Community College**

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**Course Title:** History of the Middle East  
**Prefix and Course Number:** HIST 240

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**Course Learning Outcomes:**

**By the end of this course, a student should be able to:**

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**Course Outline:**

- I. Introduction to the Middle East
  - A. Geography
  - B. Resources
  - C. Peoples
  - D. References
- II. Pre-Islamic Political and Social Development
  - A. Early Civilizations and Empires
  - B. The Hellenistic and Roman Presence
  - C. Judaism and Christianity
- III. Rise and Spread of Islam
  - A. Muhammad
  - B. Establishment of the Muslim State
  - C. Umayyads and Abbasids
- IV. Islamic Civilization
  - A. Dogma, Theology and Law
  - B. Culture and Society
  - C. The Medieval Middle East
- V. The Ottoman Empire
  - A. Origins
  - B. Expansion
  - C. Institutions and Culture
  - D. Transformation and Decline
- VI. Social, Economic and Political Changes, 19<sup>th</sup> Century
  - A. Nationalism
  - B. European Ambitions
  - C. Revolutions
  - D. World War I
- VII. Introduction to 20<sup>th</sup> Century
  - A. Turkey
  - B. Iran
  - C. Egypt, Sudan and Libya
  - D. Lebanon, Syria Iraq – Mandate System
  - E. Palestine, Transjordan
- VIII. World War II and the Middle East

- A. Partition of Palestine
- B. The State of Israel
- C. Diplomatic Trends
- D. Independence
- IX. The Major States 1950-Present
- X. The Minor States 1950-Present
- XI. The Present