



Science in the Middle East & Central Asia

Medieval and Modern Histories

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course deals with the medieval and modern histories of learning, science and engineering in the Islamic world encompassing the Middle East, North Africa, and Central-South Asia, currently with a population of nearly 800 million. During the medieval ages of Europe, science, mathematics, engineering and medicine enjoyed a glorious period in the Islamic world, which later also exerted a great impact on Europe's Renaissance. The rise and the subsequent fall of science and learning in Middle East & Central-South Asia is a significant historical phenomenon with implications for a scientific renaissance and development in this part of the world today. Through integrating the past and modern histories of science and learning in the region, we will also trace the little known connections between the Islamic world and the West, and the common good and challenging issues in this encounter.

This cross-disciplinary course would be of interest to students in Middle East Studies, Asian Studies, international relations, history, religion, and science.

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Online Course
3 credit hours

Requirements

- Weekly readings
- 2 quizzes
- 1 book report
- 1 country review assignment
- 1 research paper*

*2 for graduate students

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