

Syllabus

for course at first level

Middle Eastern and North African Politics and Economy
Mellanöstern och Nordafrikas politik och ekonomi

**15.0 Higher Education
Credits**
15.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	ABPEGF
Valid from:	Autumn 2018
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Department	Department of Asian and Middle Eastern studies
Main field:	Mellanösterns språk och kulturer
Specialisation:	G2F - First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was developed by the Faculty Board of Humanities 2012-03-16 and revised by the Board of the Department of the Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies 2018-03-14.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

A minimum of 60 ECTS credits, of which 30 ECTS credits must be in the same subject.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
MN01	Middle Eastern and North African politics and economy	15

Course content

The course gives an introduction to the politics and economy of the Middle East and North Africa as well as the obstacles and possibilities for political and economic development in the region.

Learning outcomes

In order to pass the course, students are expected to be able to:

- Show knowledge about the various types of regimes and state structures that exist in the Middle East and North Africa, as well as knowledge about the role of civil society in the region.
- Show knowledge of some of the key theories on democratization.
- Analyse, by using the knowledge acquired in the learning outcomes above, some of the obstacles and possibilities for democracy in the Middle East and North Africa.
- Show knowledge of the economic conditions that characterize the political economy of the region, as well as a knowledge of some of the development strategies that have been used in the region.
- Analyse, by using the knowledge acquired in the learning outcomes above, some of the obstacles and possibilities for economic reform in the Middle East and North Africa.
- Show knowledge of the closely interwoven relation between economic and political development in the region.
- Show basic knowledge of various perspectives of social science, particularly focusing on actor-based, structural and institutional explanations, in broad terms.

Education

Instruction is given in the form of lectures and seminars. Attendance at all teaching sessions is obligatory.

Instruction is given in the language specified for each respective course offering.

For more detailed information, please refer to the course description. The course description will be made available at least one month before the course starts.

Forms of examination

a) The course is examined on the basis of a written essay assignment. When the course is offered in English, the language of examination is English. For more detailed information, please refer to the course description. The course description will be made available at least one month before the course starts.

b) Grades will be set according to a seven point scale related to the learning objectives of the course:

A = Excellent

B = Very good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Adequate

Fx = Inadequate

F = Totally Inadequate.

c) Students will be informed of the written grading criteria when the course starts. Once set, the grading criteria related to the learning objectives of the course are binding.

d) In order to pass the course, students must receive a grade of E or higher, alternatively a passed grade, on all examination assignments and meet the attendance requirement of 80%. Under special circumstances, the examiner may, after consulting with the coordinating teacher, grant the student an exemption from the obligation to participate in certain mandatory course elements. The student can then be assigned a compensatory assignment.

e) At least two examination opportunities should be offered for each course. At least one examination opportunity should be offered during a semester when the course is not given. Students who receive the grade Fx or F twice by the same examiner are entitled to have another examiner appointed for the next examination, unless there are special reasons to the contrary. Such requests should be made to the department board. Students who receive the grade E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade. Students who receive the grade E or higher may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade.

f) This course does not include any opportunities to complete a supplementary assignment in order to convert the grade Fx into a passing grade.

Interim

When the syllabus is discontinued, or the course content substantially changed, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester during a transition period of three semesters, within the limits set under e. above. A request should be made to the board of the department.

Limitations

This course may not be included in a degree together with a course, taken in Sweden or elsewhere, of identical or partially similar content.

Required reading

For up-to-date information about required reading, please refer to the department website at www.su.se/asia. The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.