



# Short Syllabus



Course Title	Credits
Global Heating: A View from the Middle East	4
<b>Lecturer</b>	
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<b>Semester</b>	
Spring	
<b>Short Description</b>	
<p>Climate collapse is the greatest challenge of the twenty-first century and we have entered it with a mindset forged in the nineteenth. This is one reason why approaching this global crisis from a historical perspective is so insightful. Attending specifically to the Middle East, where environmental collapse happens at a faster rate than the global average, allows focusing on a “hot spot” both in terms of temperatures and in terms of the conflicts they exacerbate. The course will examine the history of climate change from the early nineteenth century until today, looking at relevant cases from The Arabian Peninsula, Egypt, and Israel-Palestine among other settings.</p>	
<b>Final grade components</b>	
<p>Minor assignments: Short oral presentations of the weekly reading materials, active class participation (11% of final grade) Midterm: 5-page essay (19% of final grade) Final requirement: 6,000 words research paper (70% of final grade). Submission dates are set by the university and the Liberal Arts program and extension requests can only be granted by the program’s academic committee.</p>	
<b>Attendance</b>	
Attendance is mandatory. Students are permitted a maximum of three absences without penalty. Any additional absences will affect the final grade and may result in failure of the course.	
<b>Academic Conduct</b>	
<p>Plagiarism is taken extremely seriously. Any instance of academic misconduct which includes: submitting someone else’s work as your own; failure to accurately cite sources; taking words from another source without using quotation marks; submission of work for which you have previously received credit; working in a group for individual assignments; using unauthorized materials in an exam and sharing your work with other students, will result in failure of the assignment and will likely lead to further disciplinary measures.</p>	
<b>Additional requirements</b>	



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