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COURSE SYLLABUS

PPOG 641

U.S. MIDDLE EAST FOREIGN POLICY

COURSE DESCRIPTION

U.S. Middle East Foreign Policy will build upon PPOG 640, providing a detailed analysis of the foundations, motivations, formation and impact of U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East. The course will study the history and status of U.S.-Israeli relations, the substance of U.S. foreign policy, and the mechanics of how that policy is communicated, negotiated and carried out.

RATIONALE

This course will provide public policy students with a foundational understanding of the history, trends, and substance of U.S. foreign policy involving the Middle East nations. This course expands the degree program's foreign policy offerings, specifically addresses some of the most important global issues facing U.S. policy makers, and will assist public policy students in becoming well-rounded practitioners in their chosen field.

I. PREREQUISITE

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the [Academic Course Catalog](#).

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Microsoft Word
(Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Analyze policies in the Middle East that impact United States foreign policy.
- B. Explain historical interactions between the United States and the Middle East.
- C. Analyze the United States' national interests in the Middle East.
- D. Examine the United States' relationship with the State of Israel.
- E. Evaluate United States Middle East foreign policy in light of legal, practical, and biblical principles.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations
- B. Course Requirements Checklist
After reading the Syllabus and [Student Expectations](#), the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.
- C. Discussion Board Forums (5)
The student is required to provide a thread in response to the provided prompt for each forum. Each thread must be at least 400–500 words and demonstrate course-related knowledge. In addition to the thread, the student is required to reply to 2 other classmates’ threads. Each reply must be at least 200–250 words.
- D. William E. Blackstone Research Paper
The student will write a 5–7-page research-based paper in current Turabian format that focuses on William E. Blackstone. The paper must include at least 5 references in addition to the course textbooks and the Bible.
- E. Presidential Leadership Research Paper
The student will write a 5–7-page research-based paper in current Turabian format that focuses on presidential leadership in the context of U.S. Foreign Policy toward the Middle East. The paper must include at least 5 references in addition to the course textbooks and the Bible.
- F. Current Events Research Paper
The student will write a 5–7-page research-based paper in current Turabian format that focuses on current events as outlined in the course. The paper must include at least 5 references in addition to the course textbooks and the Bible.
- G. Midterm Exam
The Midterm Exam will cover the Reading & Study material for Modules/Weeks 1–4. The exam will be open-book/open-notes and contain 2 essay questions with no time limit.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

Course Requirements Checklist	10
Discussion Board Forums (5 at 50 pts ea)	250
William E. Blackstone Research Paper	200
Presidential Leadership Research Paper	200
Current Events Research Paper	200
Midterm Exam (Modules 1–4)	150
Total	1011010

B. Scale

A = 940–1010 A- = 920–939 B+ = 900–919 B = 860–899 B- = 840–859
 C+ = 820–839 C = 780–819 C- = 760–779 D+ = 740–759 D = 700–739
 D- = 680–699 F = 0–679

C. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online's Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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Textbook: Oren, *Power, Faith, and Fantasy* (2007).

MODULE/ WEEK	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	40 Maps Exercise—Getting to Know the Middle East	Course Requirements Checklist Class Introductions DB Forum 1	10 0 50
2	Oren: chs. 1–4 1 presentation	DB Forum 2	50
3	Oren: chs. 5–7 1 presentation	DB Forum 3	50
4	Oren: chs. 8–12 1 presentation	William E. Blackstone Research Paper	200
5	Oren: chs. 13–16 1 presentation	Midterm Exam DB Forum 4	150 50
6	Oren: chs. 17–22 1 presentation	DB Forum 5	50
7	Oren: chs. 23–26 1 presentation	Presidential Leadership Research Paper	200
8	Oren: ch. 27, 28 Epilogue 1 presentation	Current Events Research Paper	200
TOTAL			1010

DB = Discussion Board

NOTE: Each course week begins on Monday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Sunday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.