

# POL 312 : Politics of the Middle East

More than any other region in the developing world, the Middle East has experienced internal crises and stirred emotion in the West. Do crises like the persistent Arab-Israeli conflict, the rise of political Islam, the terrorist attacks of September 11th and the Gulf Wars point to something unique in the civilizations of the Middle East, or are these crises the result of political processes shared by all modern states? The goal of this course is to critically analyze a wide range of answers to this important question.

**Credits** 4

**Prerequisites**

- One 100-level or 200-level POL course

**Semester Offered**

Offered spring of every third year