**Valencia College**

**Middle Eastern Humanities**

**HUM2403-21327**

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course covers topics such as Middle Eastern religions, philosophy, literature, architecture, visual arts, music, and the effects of modernity on the Middle East. Gordon rule course in which the student is required to demonstrate college - level writing skills through multiple writing assignments. Minimum grade of C required if used to satisfy Gordon Rule requirement.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

As a result of taking this course, students will be able to:

• Analyze literary and visual works of art including film as reflections of Middle Eastern social values and  
ideas.  
• Analyze the religious doctrines of the peoples of the Middle East.  
• Analyze the impact and influence of Middle Eastern philosophical works on other civilizations.

CREDIT HOURS: 3

PREREQUISITE: There are no prerequisites for this course.

ONLINE COURSE ENVIRONMENT

An online course is a course in which all of the content is delivered online at Valencia using the college-approved course management system. Online courses can provide opportunities for students to attend anytime from anywhere; however, the online student must take responsibility for his or her own learning. In any distance education program, the capacity for self-directed learning is crucial. While instructors and fellow students can provide some support, the online distance learner is expected to provide the internal motivation to manage his or her own learning during the course of study and have a basic grasp of Internet navigation skills and word processing skills. Canvas is used to deliver all instruction in this online course and the student is responsible to learn to use this delivery system. Students should visit the course at least every 48 hours to remain up-to-date on communications from the instructor and fellow students.

REQUIRED TEXT

Great News, we are using an Online Free Resources!

[Keys to Understanding the Middle East: Diverse Perspectives by Payind, Alam and Melinda McClimans](https://ohiostate.pressbooks.pub/key2mideast/)

You can download this book in a PDF format on your computer by accessing the link above, beneath the image of the book; you will see "Download this book."

BASIS OF EVALUATION

Students will be evaluated on the basis of a point system. Each assignment, quiz, and test will be worth a certain number of points. Grade distribution will be as follows:

Points Earned Final Grade

90-100 % A

80-89% B

70-79% C

60-69% D

Less than 60% F

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance in an online class is based on a student's completion of assignments, quizzes, discussion board postings, and tests. A missed deadline for submitting an assignment counts as an absence. **After a student has failed to complete six assigned items (whether assignments, discussions, quizzes, or exams) they will receive a warning. Upon the seventh absence (seventh missed assignment), the student will automatically be withdrawn from the course by the instructor.**

 For severe medical conditions that result in excessive absences, consult the Dean of Students concerning Valencia’s medical withdrawal policy.

If you are an international student (Links to an external site.) , or [a student on financial aid )](https://valenciacollege.edu/finaid/getting-started/attending-and-withdrawing.php), it is your responsibility to know how a "W" will affect your status.

STUDENT WITHDRAWAL POLICY / WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE

March 25th at 11:59 pm is the deadline for withdrawing from a class for the Spring 2022 term. If you withdraw from a course prior to this date, you will automatically receive a “W,” regardless of the grade you were earning at the time. (See the Attendance Policy above for how absences--in the form of missed assignments or discussions--will affect a student's status in the course.)

INTERRUPTED QUIZZES OR EXAMS

Occasionally it happens that your server, computer, or Canvas has an error while you are taking a quiz or an exam, and you need to have the exam or quiz reset. If that happens, you can contact me to help you if I am able to—only if the deadline has not passed. Please be aware of and take into account my office hours. If you email me at 11:55 pm when your quiz is due by 11:59 pm that same day, you should not expect a response from me before the deadline. By the following morning, when I read your email, the deadline will have passed and you will not be eligible to retake or take the quiz you missed. Please plan accordingly.

GUIDELINES AND GRADING CRITERIA FOR DISCUSSION BOARDS

Students are required to post to the Discussion Board on a regular basis, as this is the only way to create a "classroom" atmosphere. (See ["Guidelines and Grading Criteria for Discussion Boards"](https://valenciacollege.instructure.com/courses/132934/pages/guidelines-and-grading-criteria-for-discussion-posts) page in the Orientation Module for detailed instructions for posting.)

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Plagiarism is defined as taking ideas, writing, etc., from another and passing them off as one's own. It is morally and academically indefensible. Any assignment showing signs of plagiarism will receive a zero.

VALENCIA PHOTO ID

Every student must have a new Valencia photo ID in order to check out library books or to use any of the facilities in the library such as the Testing Center. You can get a new ID card in the Security Office on the second floor of building 5 on East Campus.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH FOOD/HOUSING/FINANCIAL NEEDS

Any student who has difficulty accessing sufficient food to eat, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live, and believes this may affect his or her performance in the course, is urged to meet with a Counselor in the Advising Center for information about resources that may be available from the college or community.