The course is intended to reconstruct American diplomacy in the Middle East as it unfolded during the last five decades. In addition to analyzing major issues and developments, such as Secretary of State Henry Kissinger’s shuttle diplomacy in the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War of October 1973, the Camp David Conferences of 1978 and 2000, and the Gulf War of 1991, it will seek to integrate the Arab-Israeli framework into the broader analytical framework of such issues as alliance formation, alliance politics, and patron-client relations.

1. Introduction

**Required Reading**

**Recommended Reading**

2. Early Historical Background; The Truman Era

**Required Reading**

3. The Eisenhower Era:
   (a) The Bachdad Pact; the Alpha Plan; the Sinai 1956 War


**Recommended Reading**
4. **The Eisenhower Era:**
   (b) From Divergence to Convergence: the 1958 Jordan Crisis and its ramifications; the collapse of the Baghdad Pact

**Required Reading**

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5. **The Kennedy Era:** Kennedy and Egypt; the consolidation of the American-Israeli alliance and the sale of American arms to Israel (the Hawk sale); the Johnson Palestinian initiative

**Required Reading**
Ben-Zvi. *Decade of Transition*, pp. 97-129.

**Recommended Reading**

Spiegel. *The Other Arab-Israeli Conflict*, pp. 94-117.

6. **Johnson, Israel and Egypt; the 1967 Arab-Israeli War: Global and Regional Ramifications; the conclusion of UN Resolution 242; the politics of arms sales to Israel**

**Required Reading**


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**Recommended Reading**
8. Nixon, Ford and Kissinger: The incremental road from crisis management to phased conflict resolution: The December 1973 Geneva Peace Conference; the disengagement agreements, the reassessment and the October 1975 Egyptian-Israeli interim agreement

**Required Reading**
Ben-Zvi. The United States and Israel, pp. 77-102.

**Recommended Reading**

Spiegel, The Other Arab-Israeli Conflict, pp. 219-314.

9. The Carter Era: The Search for comprehensive settlement; the October 1, 1977, superpower initiative; President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative and the September 1978 Camp David conference

**Required Reading**
Spiegel. The Other Arab-Israeli Conflict, pp. 315-380.

**Recommended Reading**

10. The Reagan Era: From the Lebanon War to the first intifada

**Required Reading**

**Recommended Reading**


11. The Bush Era and the Gulf War of January 1991; the loan guarantees and the “new world order”

**Required Reading**
Ben-Zvi, *The United States and Israel*, pp. 191-213.

12. Clinton, George W. Bush and the post-Cold War international system; from the Oslo Accords to Camp David

**Recommended Reading**

13. Summary and Conclusions

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