This course is intended to examine the root causes, evolution and main issues which comprise the Arab-Israeli conflict. Among the issues to be discussed and elucidated are: Jewish and Arab nationalism and state building; exile, diaspora, and migration; armed conflicts; peace processes (abortive and successful); peace-making strategies and great power involvement.

1. Introduction: The Actors: (a) long-term historical perspectives on the Jews and the Arabs in the Middle East and Palestine; (b) questions of ethnicity, religious affiliation, nationalism, diaspora and migration.

Required Reading
(the required books are available at the bookstore)


Recommended Reading


2. From the beginning of the Jewish immigration to the establishment of British rule (1882-1920). The waves of Jewish immigration; Zionist visions and plans; the great powers; negotiations and agreements during and in the wake of World War I.

Required Reading

Bickerton and Klausner, A Concise History, pp. 21-45; 57-64.
**Recommended Reading**


3. **Mandatory Palestine (1920-1945).** Arab reaction and violent resistance to the British Mandate; the Zionist project and Jewish immigration; the consolidation of two politically-organized ethnic communities; demography, economy and incipient nationalism; the British position; the Arab rebellion against the British; political options.

**Required Reading**


**Recommended Reading**


4. **Partition and war (1945-1958).** The Holocaust; Jewish refugees and the crisis in Palestine; the growing American role; the Jewish rebellion; the UN Special Committee (UNSOP) and the solutions discussed; the Partition Resolution; the outbreak of inter-communal war and the subsequent Arab-Israeli War; the Jewish victory and the creation of the refugee problem.

**Required Reading**


**Recommended Reading**

5. The consequences of ramifications of the War. The Armistice agreements; the prospects of peace; the impact of defeat on the old Arab regimes; border infiltration and violence; Israeli policy and retaliatory raids; the great powers and the Middle East.

Required Reading

Morris, Righteous Victims, pp. 259-272.

Recommended Reading


6. From the 1956 War to the 1967 War. The Nasserist regime in Egypt; the 1956 War and its regional ramifications; the rise and fall of pan-Arabism; the 1967 Crisis and the outbreak of war.

Required Reading


Recommended Reading

Sela, The Decline of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, pp. 3-8; 31-41.

7. From the 1967 War to the 1973 War. The rise of Palestinian nationalism and of the PLO: local and global perspectives; the occupied territories; deepening superpower involvement and the quest for settlement; the 1973 War.

Required Reading

Quandt, Peace Process, pp. 55-129.
Recommended Reading
Morris, Righteous Victims, pp. 329-386.
Spiegel, The Other Arab-Israeli Conflict, pp. 150-218.


Required Reading
Bickerton and Klausner, A Concise History, pp. 185-212.
Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 117-228.

Recommended Reading

9. The departure of the Arab states—the return of communal and sectarian conflict (1982-1993). The Lebanon War; the first Intifada: local and global perspectives; the first Gulf War.

Required Reading
Quandt, Peace Process, pp. 245-318.

Recommended Reading
Morris, Righteous Victims, pp. 561-610.


Required Reading
Morris, Righteous Victims, pp. 611-651.

Recommended Reading
Stein, Heroic Diplomacy, pp. 257-268.
11. The collapse of the Oslo process and the second intifada.

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**Grades**

- Class participation — 70%
- Final exam — 30%