Course Syllabus

Teaching About the Middle East:
The Arab Uprisings

Offered cooperatively by the Middle East Studies Center
and the Graduate School of Education / Continuing Education Department at Portland State University

| TITLE: | Teaching About the Middle East |
| DATE: | Friday, July 12-Sunday, July 14 |
| DEPT: | Curriculum & Instruction (CI) |
| LEVEL: | 810 |
| NUMBER: | 82329, 82331 |
| TERM: | summer 2013 |
| CREDITS: | 1-2 |
| GRADING: | A-F |

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COURSE REGISTRATION:
To register, please follow the instructions here: http://www.pdx.edu/ceed/coop-registration. Please submit your CEED registration form by email or bring it to the first day of the Institute. Note: All students must have a PSU ID number in order to receive credit for the course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Beginning in December, 2010, a wave of demonstrations, protests, and revolutions spread throughout the Middle East and North Africa. Over two years later, the world is still trying to understand what led to this moment, why these events occurred, and how they have and will continue to impact the region. By exploring these questions, this workshop will provide teachers with a context and framework for teaching about the Arab Uprisings.

ACCOMODATIONS:
If you require accommodations, please inform your instructor immediately. Students with disabilities should register with the PSU Disability Resource Center (503-725-4150; TTY or Relay 503-725-4178) to document their need for accommodations and obtain support services.
COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Attend the Middle East Studies Center Summer Institute: The Arab Uprisings on July 12-14, 2013

Assignments:

1. Read one book relevant to the content of the Institute. See list of suggested books below.  
   *Book may be read before or after the workshop.* Write a 2-3 page response paper reflecting on the book you read. Submit paper to instructor via email by **Monday, July 22, 2013 at 5pm.** Consider the following:
   i. What is the book about?
   ii. How does the book complement the information received from the Summer Institute?
   iii. How does this book impact your understanding of the Arab Uprisings?
   iv. What did you think of the book?

2. Lesson Plan: Complete the lesson developed on the final day of the Institute, including the following:
   - Detailed lesson plan with goals and objectives
   - Relevant standards (Common Core State Standards and/or Oregon State Standards)
   - Assessment tools
   - Necessary handouts, worksheets, etc.
   - Helpful resources for teachers
   - Other necessary materials

   Email assignment in Word or PDF format to the instructor, Elisheva Cohen, at e.cohen@pdx.edu by **Monday, August 5, 2013 at 5pm.** Put “Credit for Teaching about the Middle East” in the Subject line of your email.

GRADES, RECEIPTS, & TRANSCRIPTS:

Grades will be available on the PSU website starting on August 3, 2013. Note that PSU does not mail receipts.  
*After your registration and payment have been processed,* you can print a receipt from the PSU website. For instructions on accessing your grade, obtaining a receipt, or getting transcripts, visit [www.pdx.edu/ceed/co-op](http://www.pdx.edu/ceed/co-op) and click on “Information for Students” on the left menu. If you need assistance accessing your student records (grades, transcripts, receipts), contact Paul Beaulieu at beaup@pdx.edu or 503-725-8279. If you have billing or payment questions, contact Mark Mentzer at mentzerm@pdx.edu or 503-725-4825.
Suggested books about the Arab Uprisings

Books connected to the Summer Institute:

- *Democracy's Fourth Wave?: Digital Media and the Arab Uprisings*, by Philip Howard and Muzammil Hussain
- *Heavy Metal Islam: Rock, Resistance, and the Struggle for the Soul of Islam*, by Mark LeVine
- *The Arab Uprising: The Unfinished Revolutions of the New Middle East*, by Marc Lynch
- *Rock the Casbah: Rage and Rebellion Across the Islamic World*, by Robin Wright

Books for your students:

- *Tweets from Tahrir*, Edited by Nadia Idle and Alex Nunns
- *Revolution 2.0: The Power of the People Is Greater Than the People in Power: A Memoir*, by Wael Ghonim
- *Rebels by Accident*, by Patricia Dunn

Other Books (suggested by the Project on Middle East Political Science)

- *The Arab Spring and the Gulf States*, by Mohamed Althani
- *After the Spring: Economic Transitions in the Arab World*, by Magdi Amin
- *The Invisible Arab: The Promise and Peril of the Arab Revolutions*, by Marwan Bishara
- *Beyond the Arab Spring: Authoritarianism and Democratization in the Arab World*, by Rex Brynen, Peter Moore, and Basel Salloukh
- *The Struggle for Egypt: From Nasser to Tahrir Square*, by Steven Cook
- *The Arab Spring: The End of Postcolonialism*, by Hamid Dabashi
- *Arab Spring Dreams: The Next Generation Speaks Out for Freedom and Justice from North Africa to Iran*, by Nasser Weddady
- *The Arab Spring Change and Resistance in the Middle East*, by Mark Haas and David Lesch
- *Sandstorm: Libya in the Time of Revolution*, by Lindsey Hilsum
- *Of Empires and Citizens*, by Armaney Jamal
- *The Fall of the House of Assad*, by David Lesch
- *The Battle for the Arab Spring: Revolution, Counter-Revolution and the Making of a New Era*, by Lin Noueihed and Alex Warren
- *The Arab Awakening: America and the Transformation of the Middle East*, by Kenneth Pollack
- *Arab Spring, Libyan Winter*, by Vijay Prashad
- *The Rise and Fall of Arab Presidents for Life*, by Roger Owen
- *Politics and Power in the Maghreb: Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco from Independence to the Arab Spring*, by Michael J Willis