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Agreement Framework for implementing a

Blended Intensive Programme within Erasmus+, funded with call 2024

2024-1-TR01-KA131-HED-000196978-4

Title of the blended intensive programme	International Relations of the Middle East
Period of the physical mobility	10.05.2026- 16.05.2026 (including arrival&departure days)
City of the venue	Bodrum, Turkey
Types of participants targeted	Students
Study Cycle	MA and BA
Field of education targeted	Political Science and/or International Relations Security Studies Social Science Other fields
Main teaching language	English
Number of ECTS credits awarded	6
Coordinating institution: Receiving University	TOBB University of Economics and Technology TR ANKARA10, OID E10189098
Partner institution 1: Sending University	Humboldt Universitaet zu Berlin, D BERLIN13, OID E10208714
Partner institution 2: Sending University	National Defence College "G.S. Rakovski", BG SOFIA 34, OID E10064185
Partner Institution 3: Sending University	University of Macedonia (Department of Balkan Slavic and Oriental Studies) OID E10208918 / Erasmus ID Code G THESSAL02
Partner Institution 4: Sending University	Vilnius Business College LT - VILNIUS08, OID E10204111
Partner Institution 5: Sending University	PISA University OID E10208816 / Erasmus ID Code I PISA 01
Partner Institution 6: Co-Host	Bodrum Institute, BI SOLUTIONS, Organisation ID: E10366101
Subject/ Topic of the program	International Relations/World Politics
Number of participating students	TOBB University of Economics and Technology 1 student + 2 academic
	Humboldt Universitaet zu Berlin 12 students + 1 staff
	National Defence College "G.S. Rakovski" 10 students+ 1 staff



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	University of Macedonia (Department of Balkan Slavic and Oriental Studies) 3 students	
	Vilnius Business College 2 students	
	Pisa University 5 students	
	Bodrum Institute 1 staff	



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<p>Objectives and description of the programme</p>	<p>This course will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of modern Middle Eastern politics. By looking at the critical historical turning points, as well as current developments and debates, the course aims to discuss the regional and international politics of the region. The course will focus on the Middle Eastern regional order, regional conflicts, alliances, wars, and peace-making as well as the state-society dynamics. The course will cover the Arab world, Iran, and Israel.</p> <p>This course is mainly for International Relations, Political Science, and Middle Eastern Studies majors and students of Social Sciences. Yet, there is no prerequisite for the course and students with different backgrounds can take the course.</p> <p>The course is at the Master's level yet undergraduate students with a GPA of 3.00 and above can take the course. PhD students are especially welcome as one-to-one office hours with lecturers can be arranged to discuss thesis work. All students must have sufficient English language level (B1).</p> <p>A list of required and suggested readings will be provided for students. The course will also discuss and use examples of literature, documentaries, and movies within the context of regional developments.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>The objective of this course is to provide students with the analytical perspective and essential knowledge to understand the major actors, issues, and processes of Middle East politics. The course aims at</p>	



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	<p>supporting the students in their academic work and further their research projects and ideas.</p> <p>Learning Outcomes By the end of the course students will get acquainted with the major themes of Middle East politics which encompasses a broad spectrum of discussions including state formation, war and conflict, political economy, identity, authoritarianism, and democratization as well as foreign policies of regional and extra-regional actors in the making of the Middle East.</p>
Content	Courses: 21 hours online and 21 hours in person
Assessment	<p>Students are expected to attend lectures regularly. Attendance constitutes 20% and active participation constitutes 20 % of the grade. Additionally, the students will submit a final paper (60 %).</p> <p><u>Final Papers</u> Once enrolled to the BIP Course, students should choose a unique topic pertaining to contemporary issues of Middle East politics that will be approved by the course lecturer. Word limit for the final paper is 1500 words (-250, +500). A 100-word abstract and a bibliography are required. You should add at least 5 sources to the bibliography mainly from the required readings on the syllabus. Further academic sources can also be cited. All written assignments will be uploaded to Turn-It-In programme to ensure academic integrity. Academic writing rules must be followed strictly. Please follow the guidelines of the Journal of International Relations for academic writing and referencing. The link to the guidelines: https://www.ir-journal.com/for-authors/guidelines</p> <p><u>Presentation Video</u> Students are also required to submit a 5 to 7 minutes video recording of themselves whilst presenting their final papers. More information on the presentation format will be provided during the course. Students will receive 6 ECTS credits only if they fulfill requirements of in-person attendance and submission of all written assignments. Students who fail to fulfil ECTS requirements will be given a signed certificate of attendance.</p>
Virtual component description (The days will be announced on the syllabus)	21 hours online lessons via Zoom (3 hours each day) (tentative subjects-the details of the course content will be announced on the syllabus)
27 April-8 May 2026	Introduction Debating the Security of the Modern Middle East



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27 April-8 May 2026	Creation of the Modern Middle Eastern States Making of the Middle East Regional Order
27 April-8 May 2026	Ideologies in the Middle East Regional Order – the Troubled 1950s and 60s
27 April-8 May 2026	Issues of War and Peace in the Middle East The Iranian Revolution Political Islam in Regional Politics
27 April-8 May 2026	Post-Cold War Middle Regional Order Rise and Fall of Euphoria of Peace Debates on the “globalizing Middle East”
27 April-8 May 2026	“The New Middle East” - 9/11 and Beyond Discussion on Sectarianism in Regional Politics
27 April-8 May 2026	Call for Change in the Regional Order - Post-Arab Spring Politics
Phsyical Mobility	21 hours in Bodrum/Türkiye (3 hours each day)
10 May 2026	Arrivals
11 May 2026	Meeting and Introduction Iranian Politics and Foreign Policy Israeli Politics and Foreign Policy Gaza and the Palestinian Issue – What Next?
12 May 2026	Discussion on the Current issues in Middle East Politics
13 May 2026	Iran and the Middle East Iran and the World <i>Quo Vadis</i> the Civil Wars in the region? Syria, Libya, Yemen PANEL: Middle East in Global Politics
14 May 2026	Re-thinking the Middle East Regional Order
15 May 2026	Radical Movement and Groups in the Middle East Radicalism and Countering Radicalism in the Middle East
16 May 2026	Departures
tbd	On-Demand Feedback Session for Final Exam Papers