

**UNITES STATES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY-AFRICA**  
**SUMMER QUARTER**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS**  
**IR 4055: U.S./AFRO-ARAB RELATIONS**  
**CREDIT: 4 UNITS**  
**DAY/TIME:**  
**LECTURER:**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Survey of US foreign policies towards African nations, including trade and foreign aid policies; examination of US policies in the Middle East with emphasis on Arab-Israeli conflicts and oil diplomacy.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of the course is to enable students to:

- apply theories to specific issue areas as they affect the Middle East and Africa.
- identify causes of conflict in Africa.
- understand the functions of the regional and continental organizations in relation to the individual Middle East States.

**COURSE CONTENT**

**Week.1**

US and the league of Nations Mandate System

**Week.2**

Decolonization and self determination after World War II

**Week.3**

US and the Founding of Israel

**Week.4**

US, and Nassir in the Middle East

**Week.5**

The US, the Algerian and Mau Mau Wars

**MID-QUARTER EXAMINATION**

**Week.6**

The Making of Oil Crisis

**Week.7**

The US, and White Minority Governments in Africa

**Week.8**

The US and Iran

**Week.9**

Peace-Making in the Middle East

**Week.10**

The Gulf-War

**TEACHING METHODOLOGY**

Lectures, Discussions and class presentations.

**COURSE TEXTS**

John King, *Handshake in Washington: The Beginning of Middle East Peace?* (Reading, UK: Ithaca Press, 1994.)

Bruce R. Kiniholm, *The Origins of the Cold War in the Near East: Great Power Conflict and Diplomacy in Iran, Turkey and Greece* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994.)

Ian S. Lustick, *Arab-Israel Relations in World Politics* (New York: Garland Publisher, 1994.)

John K. Cooley, *Payback: America's Long War in the Middle East* (London: Macmillan, 1991.)

Lester H. Bonne, *America and the Iraqi Crisis, 1990-1992: Origins and Aftermath* (Claremont, California: Reginal Books, 1993.)

Marshall Clough, *Free at last? US Policy Towards Africa in the End of the Cold War* (New York: Council on Foreign Relations, 1992.)

Macharia Munene, J.D. Olewe-Nyunya, and Korwa Adar, editor, *The United States and Africa: From Independence to the End of the Cold War* (Nairobi: East African Educational Publishers, 1995.)

**COURSE EVALUATION**

Participation	- 10%
Term Paper and Presentation	- 20%
Mid-Term Examination	- 30%
Final Examination	- 40%

**GRADING**

90 - 100 A

87 - 89 A-

84 - 86 B+

80 - 83 B

77 - 79 B-

74 - 76 C+

70 - 73 C

67 - 69 C-

64 - 66 D+

62 - 63 D

60 - 61 D-

0 - 59 F