

Understand Arab Culture

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Section: OL1

CRN

34692

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Course description:

This course focuses on understanding elements of the Arab culture. The course will focus on topics like Arab values, women and men, religion, language, and many other topics. You are encouraged to give examples from your own experience interacting with Arabs or your own culture. You are highly encouraged not to try to understand Arab values and traditions through your own cultural lens, but instead in the context of the target culture. This helps you make sense of certain values and traditions that might seem strange or foreign to you. We might discuss some controversial topics, and you might not agree with each other on specific points. However, we need to be able to listen to each other and respect our different opinions. You should approach this course as a learning journey where we all learn from each other.

Academic honesty/integrity statement:

Students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. All work submitted must be original and properly cited. Plagiarism, cheating, or any form of academic dishonesty will result in immediate consequences as outlined in the university's academic integrity policy.

Core IMPACTS statement(s) (if applicable):

This is a Core IMPACTS course that is part of the Humanities area. Core IMPACTS refers to the core curriculum, which provides students with essential knowledge in foundational academic areas. This course will help students master course content, and support students' broad academic and career goals. This course should direct students toward a broad Orienting Question:

- How do I interpret the human experience through creative, linguistic, and philosophical works?

Completion of this course should enable students to meet the following Learning Outcome:

- Students will effectively analyze and interpret the meaning, cultural significance, and ethical implications of literary/philosophical texts or of works in the visual/performing arts.

Course content, activities, and exercises in this course should help students develop the following Career-Ready Competencies:

- Ethical Reasoning
- Information Literacy
- Intercultural Competence