1	**Course title**	Arab political Systems and Human Rights
2	**Course number**	(3002711)
3	**Credit hours (theory, practical)**	3 hours
	Contact hours (theory, practical)	3 hours
4	**Prerequisites/corequisites**	
5	**Program title**	Master of Human Rights and Human Development
6	**Program code**	02
7	**Awarding institution**	The University of Jordan
8	**School**	Prince Al Hussein bin Abdullah II School of International Studies
9	**Department**	International Development
10	**Level of course**	Master Level
11	**Year of study and semester (s)**	
12	**Final Qualification**	
13	**Other department (s) involved in teaching the course**	---
14	**Language of Instruction**	English Language
15	**Date of production/revision**	

16. Course Coordinator:

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CLASS HOURS: 5:00-8:00 Sunday

17. Other instructors:

Office numbers, office hours, phone numbers, and email addresses should be listed.
None

18. Course Description:

This course gives analytical examination of Arab politics with emphasis on legitimacy crises of Arab regimes. The course analyses structures and political processes of Arab political systems and their impact on human rights in the Arab world. It focuses on the social and cultural context of the political process and power relationship between the three branches of governments and the impact of that on human rights in the Arab world. It also focuses on the causes behind the emergence and development of constitutional rights, concepts, and practices. Emphases are on the analysis of civil, economic, and political rights. Through some case studies (Jordan and Egypt), the course analyses the status quo of human rights and its relation to the political systems.

19. Course aims and outcomes:

A- Aims:

The objectives of this course are:

1. To understand structures and political processes of Arab political systems and their impact on human rights in the Arab world
2. To understand legitimacy crises facing Arab regimes.
3. To understand the social and cultural context of the political process and power relationship between the three branches of governments and the impact of that on human rights in the Arab world.
4. To understand the causes behind the emergence and development of constitutional rights, concepts, and practices in the Arab world.
5. To understand the dynamic relationship between politics, human rights, and legitimacy crises.
6. To develop an understanding of human rights issues in the Arab world, particularly in Jordan as representing the monarchical systems and Egypt as representing the republic systems.
7. To help develop skills in writing term papers.
8. To provide practice in oral presentations, and to sharpen the analysis of current events.

B- Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs): Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to

1. Analyses, assesses and contributes to the issues of human rights development and humanitarian development in the institutions of the international and local community, United Nations organizations and non-governmental organizations.
2. Formulates concepts and terminology in economic issues in the field of human development and international humanitarian law
3. Analyses and assesses qualitative sources of information in the area of human rights and humanitarian development.
4. Contributes to the awareness of society through various means of the importance of the subject of human rights and humanitarian development, and the active contribution to the building of society
5. Employs research methods in the preparation and dissemination of scientific research and in the preparation of studies related to human rights and humanitarian development.
6. Employs knowledge, principles and theories in the field of human rights and humanitarian development in reading and analysing local, regional or international political events

20. Topic Outline and Schedule:

Topic	Week	Instructor	Achieved ILOs	Evaluation Methods	Reference
Introduction & General description of the course, and Arab politics and Human Rights	Sept., 27	Prof. Dr. Abdelmajed Al-Azzam			

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Perspectives.					
The Legitimacy Problem in Arab politics.	Oct.,4				(Hudson: 1-30)
The Elements of Arab Identity.	Oct.,11				(Hudson: 33-55)
Cultural Pluralism in the Arab World. Crises of Authority.	Oct., 18 & Oct., 25				(Hudson: 56-81) (Hudson: 82-106)
Modernization and Its Consequences	Nov., 1				.(Hudson: 126-162)
The Modernizing Monarchies.	Nov., 8 & Nov., 15				(Hudson: 165-182, 209-229) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics_of_Jordan *http://countrystudies.us/jordan/52.htm*
Midterm Exam					
The Republics of the Pan-Arab Core.	Nov., 22				(Hudson: 230-251) and (389-404)
The Effects of External Forces on Jordan's Process of Democratization	Nov., 29				(Ali Kassay in Joffe', George ed. :45-62) Liberalization or Democratization? (Ranjit Singh in in Joffe', George ed. : 66-82)
Jordan's Democratic process	Dec., 6				(Makhadmeh, Dhiyab in Hourani and Abu-Rumman eds.

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					: 31-47) Regional and Internal Factors and Their Impact on Jordan's Democratic Process (u'nis in in Hourani and Abu-Rumman eds. : 49-64). Jordan's Political System and Local Factors (Al-Nimri, Jamil in Hourani and Abu-Rumman eds.: 65-72). The Judiciary, Human Rights and Democracy (Sweiss, Suleiman in Hourani and Abu-Rumman eds.: 131-159)	
Government and the State in Egypt Today	Dec., 13				(Ayubi, Nazih in Trippand Owen eds. : 1-18) NegativThe State Against Individual Liberties and Groups (Kienle : 89-130) http://www.123independenceday.com/egypt/political-system.html	

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					http://country studies.us/egy pt/105.htm
Career Week	Dec., 20				Guest speakers from NGOs
Paper discussion Term paper Due	Dec., 27				
Paper discussion Final Exam to be Arranged According to University schedules	Jan., 3				

21. Teaching Methods and Assignments:

Development of ILOs is promoted through the following teaching and learning methods:

Use of lecturing and class discussion
Writing – for research paper

22. Evaluation Methods and Course Requirements:

Opportunities to demonstrate achievement of the ILOs are provided through the following assessment methods and requirements:
Coursework will be weighted as follows:
1. Mid-term exam (20 pts.)
2. Oral presentation (10 pts.)
3. Term paper (20 pts.)
4. Final Exam (40 pts.)
5. Attendance and participation (10 pts.)

   Attendance will be graded as follows:
   1. One and or no absences   10 pts.
   2. Two absences   8 pts.
   3. Three absences   5 pts.
   4. Four or more absences   F (failing the course).

23. Course Policies:

A- Attendance policies:
Class attendance is mandatory. Attendance will be taken each session. Legitimate reasons for any absence will be accepted and must be accompanied with documentation.

B- Absences from exams and handing in assignments on time:

C- Health and safety procedures:

D- Honesty policy regarding cheating, plagiarism, misbehavior:
Plagiarism WILL NOT BE TOLERATED! If it is determined one has plagiarized, loss of all points for TOTAL paper.

E- Grading policy:
Coursework will be weighted as follows:
1.   Mid-term exam (20 pts.)
2.   Oral presentation (10 pts.)
3.   Term paper (20 pts.)
4.   Final Exam (40 pts.)
5.   Attendance and participation (10 pts.)

   Attendance will be graded as follows:
1.   One and or no absences   10 pts.
2.   Two absences   8 pts.
3.   Three absences   5 pts.
4.   Four or more absences   F (failing the course).

F- Available university services that support achievement in the course:

24. Required equipment: (Facilities, Tools, Labs, Training….)

25. References:

E. Required text

1. Hudson, Michael (1977), Arab Politics, The Search For Legitimacy. New Haven and London: Yale University.
2. -Joffe', George ed. (2002), Jordan in Transition 1900-2000. London: Hurst and Company.
3. Horani, Hani and Hussein Abu-Rumman eds.(1996) , The Democratic Process in Jordan, Amman: Al-Urdun Al-Jadid Research Center:..
4. Kienle, Eberhard , (2001), A Grand Delusion: Democracy and Economic Reform in Egypt.London and New York: I. B. tauris Publishers.
5. Tripp, Charles and Roger Owen eds., (1989), Egypt Under Mubarak. London and New York:Routledge
6. http://www.123independenceday.com/egypt/political-system.html
7. http://countrystudies.us/egypt/105.htm
8. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics_of_Jordan
9. http://countrystudies.us/jordan/52.htm

26. Additional information:

Name of Course Coordinator: ----------------------------------Signature: ------------------ Date: ------------

Head of curriculum committee/Department: ---------------------------- Signature: -------------------------

Head of Department: --- Signature: ----------------------

Head of curriculum committee/Faculty: -- Signature: -------------------

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