

**Gulf Studies PHD Courses and their course description**

Core Courses	Course Description
<p>GULF 600 Conceptual and Theoretical Approaches to Gulf Studies Prerequisite for the Thesis Course</p>	<p>The course is intended to study the conceptual and theoretical frameworks related to social, political and economic aspects of the Gulf region. The central objective is to provide the students with the necessary tools to conduct analysis and evaluation on the intellectual framework within the field of Gulf studies</p>
<p>GULF 601 Quantitative Research Mythology in the Social Sciences Prerequisite for the Thesis Course</p>	<p>This course is intended as a critical appreciation of different quantitative research methods as used in the social sciences. Focus is given on design, application, analysis and evaluation of data is covered in the course. Attention is also given on the application of quantitative modeling procedures to data.</p>
<p>GULF 602 Qualitative Research Methods in the Social Sciences Prerequisite for the Thesis Course</p>	<p>This course is intended as a review of different qualitative research methods as used in the social sciences. Focus is given on design, application, analysis and evaluation of data is covered in the course. Attention is also given on the application of computer programming modelling procedures to analyzing data.</p>
<p>GULF 611 Foreign Policy Analysis of the Gulf States</p>	<p>This course provides an in-depth theoretical and empirical analysis of the foreign policies of the Gulf States. The course begins with a theoretical and conceptual analysis, focusing mainly on foreign policy analysis and International Relations theories. Following this analysis, it explores the foreign policies of all Gulf states including Iran, Iraq and Yemen. In addition, it provides critical analysis of the relations between the Gulf and</p>

	<p>other regions such as Europe, the US, Latin America, Africa, and Asia. The course aims to combine both theoretical and empirical analysis of each individual state in the Gulf and its external behavior.</p>
<p>GULF 612 Culture and Society in the Gulf</p>	<p>This course provides an in-depth analysis of culture and society of the Gulf. It begins with a detailed theoretical and conceptual analysis related to culture and society. The course will explore diversity, complexity, and dynamism of social life and culture in 'the region'. It shall discuss a range of social forms and identities constructed, de-constructed, consumed, contested, and reconstructed by and about the peoples of the Gulf. In addition, tribalism from a cultural perspective will be analyzed and examined to understand the relationship between different segments of the state and society. In addition, the course will provide analysis of the history of the intellectual role in the early socio-political transformation; cultural organization, social and political affiliation.</p>
<p>GULF 614 Contemporary Issues in Gulf Studies</p> <p>Prerequisite for:</p> <p>GULF 624</p> <p>GULF 625</p> <p>Gulf 629</p> <p>GULF 634</p> <p>GULF 635</p> <p>GULF 639</p> <p>GULF 643</p> <p>GULF 644</p> <p>GULF 645</p> <p>GULF 646</p>	<p>The course offers an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary study to the contemporary issues in Gulf studies. The course will allow students to explore the contemporary issues in the Gulf studies within the social science conceptual frameworks and analytical analysis. It will cover different disciplines and several topics within a single course. The course will allow students to develop their interest and preference for further specialization in Gulf studies. In particular, it will analyze the historical, political, economic and</p>

GULF 649	social evolutions of the Gulf States and the trends in Gulf studies.
GULF 615 Energy and Natural Resources in the Gulf	The purpose of this course is to provide exposure to students to the interplay of energy and resources along with the most pressing economic issues confronting the Gulf sub-region in the contemporary period. The course will focus on energy and renewables, petroleum, mining and natural resources. The changes and challenges in the economic climate of these countries will be analyzed and interpreted in view of the challenges posed by the development of other energy and natural resources in other regions and the competition thereof to the Gulf states. The course will be taught with an interdisciplinary emphasis by considering historical, political, social and cultural aspects
<b>Elective Courses</b>	<b>Course Description</b>
GULF 623 Human Rights and the Gulf States	The course seeks to unpack the interplay of human rights in the international and domestic politics of Gulf countries. It examines the interplay of the theory and practice of human rights in this region. It explores the philosophical foundations of human rights, accounting for multidisciplinary approaches. One aim is to critically assess them by revisit Universalist, particularist, and relativist perspectives. A second aim is to equip students with the conceptual and methodological skills for study of the development of human rights

	norms, and their application in the region.
GULF 624 Women and Gender Issues in the Gulf	This course explores and highlights the main issues of women and gender in the Gulf and wider Middle Eastern society from an interdisciplinary perspective. The course will focus on the following topics; Arab women in orientalism and colonial legacies, place of women in traditions and religion, women and economy, women and political participation, impact of colonization over changing perception of women in Arab societies, feminism in the Gulf, and role of women in a patriarchal societies in the Gulf. In particular, it will explore the development of women and gender issues in the region since the formations of the Gulf States.
GULF 625 Youth Issues in the Gulf	The course will offer an innovative approach to the study of youth issues in the Gulf from an interdisciplinary perspective. It will apply social science in theoretical and conceptual frameworks in studying youth in the Gulf. It will map out youth and their demographic growth through the population boom in the 1970s and 1980s. It will study youth complex social and political attitude, youth leaderships and their various strategies for development. The course will also consider how young people in the Gulf contend socially and culturally speaking with competing imperatives from globalization, Westernization and the desire to preserve traditional culture and values. It will consider the cultural, socio-economic and political issues that affect the youth in the Gulf and the reasons for success and radicalization.
GULF 629 Special Topics 1	This course covers special topics in the Social Sciences and Humanities area and will be offered

	<p>depending on student interest and faculty specializations. This course offers the opportunity to explore in more depth topics from a variety of thematic areas.</p>
<p>GULF 634 Food and Eater Security in the GCC and Middle East</p>	<p>The course will tackle the chronic issue of food and water security in the GCC and the Middle East. It will explore the nexus of water and food security in the GCC and the Middle East within the global water and food shortages. The course will offer a study of the history of water and food regimes, the strategic significance of water and food provision and different forms of water polices and land tenure since the 19th century and how they have affected security. Further, it will analyze the contemporary food security challenges and relate them to broader economic development in general and water and energy issues in particular. The course will provide knowledge of organizations and institutions that play a crucial role in the world of water and food politics and consider GCC States policies in ensuring water and food security</p>
<p>GULF 635 Economics Development and Diversification</p>	<p>The course will offer a conceptual and analytical examination and analysis of the GCC states; economic development and diversification. The course begins with a detailed analysis of theories of development. It will provide an understanding for the urgent need for economic development and diversification because of the overdependence on the finite energy resources to propel their economic development. It will examine GCC states policies and strategies in pursuing their path for economic development and diversification.</p>

	<p>The course will critically analyze the GCC states development model, path dependency and evaluate their diversification strategies. The role of government, private sector and society will be fully examined and it will consider the industrialization efforts as well as the policies of the development of human capital and knowledge economy.</p>
GULF 639 Special Topics 2	<p>This course covers special topics in the Energy and Economics areas and will be offered depending on student interest and faculty specializations. This course offers the opportunity to explore in more depth topics from a variety of thematic areas</p>
GULF 643 Political Islam	<p>This course focuses on the study of political Islam in the Gulf. It will examine contemporary political thought of Islamist movements in the region and the historical context and conditions in which these movements have emerged. Political Islam course combines historical and socio-political enquiry with analysis of (changing) political paradigms that have been associated with the rise of Islamism as from the turn of the 20th century. Academic (and political) approaches and contending understandings of the phenomenon of political Islam will be examined including perceiving Islamism as a merely spiritual/salvational momentum, social-movement-theory groups, politically-pragmatic parties, or apocalyptic and/or terror-inspired associations - driven by a blend of internal and external factors.</p>

<p>GULF 644 Politics and Society of Iran</p>	<p>This course focuses on the characteristics and evolution of the Iranian society and politics, as well as the international behavior of Modern Iran, mainly since the Islamic Revolution in 1979. The course aims to explain the traditional and modern elements of the Iranian society that made the Islamic Revolution possible. It will also explain the internal and international impact of the revolution, as well as the operation of diverse religious and political personalities and factions in the intra-elite power struggle throughout republican history. Special attention will be given to the institutional and factional framework, with particular focus on the electoral processes</p>
<p>GULF 645 The Gulf Global Powers</p>	<p>This course provides an advanced and comprehensive understanding of the foreign relations of the Global power and the Gulf region. The course begins with an in-depth theoretical and conceptual analysis, focusing mainly on foreign policy analysis and International Relations theories. Following this analysis, it explores the relations between the Gulf and Global Powers from the Cold War era, and continues up to the current period. It will examine the main institutions, agency and actors which influence the bilateral relations and will particularly provide in-depth analysis on US, EU, China, Russia, India and as well as other rising global powers like the BRICS and other Asian countries relations with the GCC states as well as Iran and Iraq.</p>
<p>GULF 646 Governance and Globalization in the Gulf</p>	<p>The course provides an advanced introduction to the field of globalization and governance and its relevance to the Gulf. The course will critically</p>

	<p>review and evaluate contemporary international relations and the international political economy conceptual debates on this topic. The course will examine the complexity of the global political and economic system and how power and equity are distributed and will consider how the Gulf States are situated within the system. Globalization and global governance will be related to regional, national and local governance and the impact on particular actors, including governments; industry; civil society groups will be examined. The course will also examine and explore the development of the governance and institutions in the Gulf. In particular, it seeks to help students to understand the role of electoral processes, political reform and political participation, governmental institutions, civil society institutions, good governance.</p>
GULF 649 Special Topics 3	<p>This course covers special topics in the Politics and International Relations areas and will be offered depending on student interest and faculty specializations. This course offers the opportunity to explore in more depth topics from a variety of thematic areas.</p>