

Faculty of Economics and Political Science

Society and Politics in Egypt

Information :

Course Code : PSC 108

Level : Undergraduate

Course Hours : 3.00- Hours

Department : Faculty of Economics and Political Science

Area Of Study :

This course introduces the relationship between the Egyptian society and politics in modern history of Egypt. The course starts with the impact of the French invasion on the understanding of societal and political institutions, and continues with Muhammad Ali, the Egyptian Renaissance (Nahda), and the revolutions of Orabi, 1952 and 2011. Throughout this, the course keeps a straight focus on the interactions and changes in the political systems.

Course Goals:

• Drawing the main argument from a text

• Presenting original ideas both verbally and in short written passages.

• Formulating a critical response to existing claims.

• Being conversant on Egypt's contemporary political trends and their historical antecedents.

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Course outcomes :

a. Knowledge and Understanding: :

- 1 - Define the role of civil society and non-governmental organization in the society.
- 2 - Identify the theories of civil society and modernization.

b. Intellectual Skills: :

- 1 - Synthesize various media theories as well as various views upon their positive and negative implications.
- 2 - Prepare critical observations regarding new forms of political participation that emerge through the new media.

c. Professional and Practical Skills: :

- 1 - Demonstrate an understanding of the social forces affecting political development and change in Egyptian society.
- 2 - Examine how interactions between individuals in society, and the groups they compose, shape politics in Egypt.
- 3 - Use theories and key concepts like; nation, collective identity, social structures, the politics of culture, the role of religion in society, social activism and political mobilization, gender and sexuality, the Western notion of civil society and its relevance to prospects for democracy.

d. General and Transferable Skills: :

- 1 - Enhance presentation skills.

2 - Analyze texts critically.

Course Topic And Contents :

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
Introduction: Overview of the Course Requirements & Syllabus	3	1	
Land, Power, and Redistribution	6	2	
Economic development	6	2	
Mid Term Exam		1	
Political Parties	6	2	
Elections and Opposition	3	1	
Islam and the State	6	2	
Poverty	3	1	
Egyptian politics and Society after January 25 Revolution	6	2	
Final Exam		1	

Teaching And Learning Methodologies :

Data show and computer in lectures

Demonstration videos

Group discussion

Research Paper

Course Assessment :

Methods of assessment	Relative weight %	Week No	Assess What
Course Work (Attendance, Participation, Assignments, Quizzes, Research Paperé)	30.00		To assess theoretical background of the intellectual and practical skills
Final Exam	40.00		To assess knowledge and intellectual skills.
Midterm Exam	30.00		To assess professional skills.

Periodicals :

Maria Cristina Paciello, Egypt: Changes and Challenges of Political Transition, MEDPRO Technical Report, No. 4, May 2011.

Sheri Berman, Islamism, Revolution, and Civil Society, Carnegie Endowment, No. 2, Vol. 1, June 2003.