

Faculty of Economics & Political Science

Egyptian Foreign Policy

Information :

Course Code : PSC 406

Level : Undergraduate

Course Hours : 3.00- Hours

Department : Department of Economics

Instructor Information :

Title	Name	Office hours
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Area Of Study :

This course explores the factors that influence the Egyptian policies towards other countries and the impact of these policies especially after the January 25 Revolution. It covers the determinants and the phases of Egyptian foreign policy, the domestic, regional and international settings, decision making and involvement in ongoing regional conflicts. It also treats the Egyptian foreign policy towards key Middle Eastern players and Egyptian policy towards protracted conflicts.

Course Goals:

- Learn the history of Egyptian international relations.
- Understand the Egyptian foreign policy decision making process, on the individual, domestic, international and global levels, with case studies from Egyptian history.
- Illuminate the change and the continuity in Egyptian policies and policymaking.
- Provide with the background and the perspective required to understand contemporary issues and future challenges for Egyptian foreign policy.

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Course outcomes :

a.Knowledge and Understanding: :

1 -	Define the processes and institutions relevant to foreign policymaking in Egypt.
2 -	Compare and contrast competing theories of international relations that relate to Egypt foreign policy as well as specific theories foreign policymaking, and explain how these theories help us understand Egyptian foreign policy

b.Intellectual Skills: :

1 -	Write reports expressing their views and analyses.
2 -	Use contemporary case studies to highlight the dynamics and complexities of foreign policy.
3 -	Examine the role leaders' play in foreign policy decision-making.

c. Professional and Practical Skills: :

1 -	Discover the history and evolution of Egyptian foreign policy, the political and bureaucratic actors involved, the major frameworks for analyzing foreign policy decisions and the public sources of foreign policy.
2 -	Illustrate the historical development of Egypt foreign policy, including key historical events that have shaped and were shaped by Egypt foreign policy, and apply this historical context to contemporary issues in Egypt foreign policy.

d. General and Transferable Skills: :

1 -	Explain the Egyptian foreign policy decisions, on the individual, domestic, international and global levels and apply them to the latest news, and analyze current events and forecast possible future decisions in Egyptian foreign policy using the tools that they have learned in this course.
2 -	Support theoretical principles from international relations and foreign policy analysis to explain and understand why Egypt created and implemented specific foreign policy decisions.

Course Topic And Contents :

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
A Historical Background: General Overview	3	1	
Determinants of Egyptian Foreign Policy	3	1	
Phases of Egyptian Foreign Policy	12	4	
Midterm		1	
Egyptian Foreign Policy toward Key Middle East Players	12	4	
Moving Forward: The Direction of Egyptian Regional Foreign Policy	9	3	
Final Exam		1	

Teaching And Learning Methodologies :

Data show and computer in lectures
Group discussion
Research Paper

Course Assessment :

Methods of assessment	Relative weight %	Week No	Assess What
Course Work (Attendance, Participation, Assignments, Quizzes, Research Paper...)	30.00		To assess understanding, and to assess theoretical background of the intellectual and practical skills.
Final Exam	40.00	15	To assess knowledge and intellectual skills.
Midterm Exam(s)	30.00	7	To assess professional skills.

Recommended books :

Nael Shama, Egyptian Foreign Policy from Mubarak to Morsi: Against the National Interest, Routledge, New York, 2014.
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Periodicals :

Abdul-Monem Al-Mashat ,The Regional Foreign Policy of Egypt: The Necessity of Moderation (Under Publication).

Chen Tianshe, Four Points toward the Understanding of Egypt's Foreign Relations, Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies (in Asia), Vol. 5, No. 1, 2011.