

*Course Title:* Contemporary Issues in the MENA Region

*Course Description:* A one-week exploration of emerging issues, challenges, and opportunities in the North Africa region. A central theme in the course will be an analysis of the precipitates of the Arab Spring, as well as the implications of the uprising for peace, stability, security, and development in the region. The course will introduce students to the politics, economy, society and the culture of the region, with emphasis on how these factors are intertwined to shape contemporary North Africa.

*Tentative Course Structure:*

*Monday:* A General Overview of Emerging Issues in the MENA Region

*Tuesday:* Political Economy and Cultural Snapshots of Libya, Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia

*Wednesday:* Terrorism, Religious Extremism, and Security in North Africa

*Thursday:* Public Lecture on US/MENA Relations (Geoff could propose a different topic he's interested in discussing).

*Friday:* Post-Arab Spring Reconstruction and Transitions in the MENA Region

READING LIST:

Geoff could assign a couple of articles per day or a major book, plus some articles for the entire week.

COURSE CREDIT:

This is a one-credit course, and students could be graded with the following rubrics:

Term Paper: 50% (length of paper and grades to be determined by Geoff).

Students Daily Journal Records & Response to Readings: 20%

Daily Pre-Class Short Quizzes: 15%

Attendance and Class Participation: 15%

Geoff will be responsible for grading the term papers, while Steve will handle the rest of the rubrics.

OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES:

In addition to the lectures, Geoff could also undertake the following tasks:

1. Guest Lecturer in Steve's FS 201 course (1 hour on Tuesday and Thursday morning)
2. Guest Lecturer in Shanna's courses (1 hour on Tuesday or Thursday afternoon; another 1 hour on Wednesday or Friday afternoon)
3. Office Hours: 1 hour before each class
4. One lunch-time career talk (possibly on Wednesday)