

**THE PALESTINIAN ARABS UNDER THE MANDATE: POLITICS,  
SOCIETY, AND CULTURE**

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Short description:

We will commence by historical introduction, starting with the late Ottoman period and its transformations until WWI. We will continue studying the political events from the British occupation, the forming of Muslim—Christian societies, the Palestinian Arab executive committee and the Muslim Supreme Council, the Grand Mufti function, through the 1929 events, the early 1930s strikes and demonstrations, the al-Qassam movement and the Palestinian Arab rebellion (1936-1939), until WWII, the reorganization of the Palestinian Arab national movement, and the first months of the 1948 war until the British evacuation (“the civil war”). At the same time, we will study the development of the Palestinian Arab economy, the social changes from agricultural to wage labor and the rise of a new middle class, and cultural development until 1948.

Assessment:

Minor assignments:

Short oral presentations: 20%

Mid Term:

Short paper: 20%

Final requirement:

Final paper: 8-10 pages, 50%

Participation:

Active participation: 10%.

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory. Students are permitted a maximum of three absences without penalty. Any additional absences will affect the final grade and may result in failure of the course.

Academic conduct:

Plagiarism is taken extremely seriously. Any instance of academic misconduct which includes: submitting someone else’s work as your own; failure to accurately cite sources; taking words from another source without using quotation marks; submission of work for which you have previously received credit; working in a group for individual assignments; using unauthorized materials in an

exam and sharing your work with other students, will result in failure of the assignment and will likely lead to further disciplinary measures.