

Unveiling the Arab Legacy: Past and Present Perspectives

Course Description

This five-day course offers an engaging exploration of the Arab world, both past and present, by examining various aspects of its rich history, culture, and contributions to the global community. Students will delve into topics such as an introduction to the Arab world and its language, ancient Egyptian language, Arab cuisine and eating manners, the Arab world's contributions to the Western world during the Middle Ages, and a brief overview of the ancient Near East. Through hands-on workshops, presentations, and interactive discussions, students will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for the Arab world and its diverse heritage.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will develop a foundational understanding of the Arab world's history, culture, and contributions to the global community.
2. Students will gain practical skills and knowledge in various aspects of the Arab world, such as language, cuisine, and historical achievements.
3. Students will enhance their critical thinking and analytical skills by examining the Arab world from various perspectives and time periods.

Course Outline

Day 1: Introduction to the Arab World and Language

In this session, students will explore the Arab world and its people, gaining insight into their origins, culture, and linguistic heritage. The session will provide a brief overview of the Arabic language, its structure, and key phrases.

Day 2: Workshop on Writing Ancient Egyptian Language

Students will participate in a hands-on workshop that teaches them the basics of the ancient Egyptian writing system, hieroglyphics. They will learn how to read and write simple phrases using this ancient script, deepening their appreciation for the region's historical significance.

Day 3: Arab Cuisine and Food with Eating Manners

This session introduces students to the rich culinary traditions of the Arab world, focusing on regional dishes, ingredients, and techniques. Students will also learn about traditional eating manners and customs, giving them insight into the social and cultural aspects of dining in the Arab world. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to taste and experience a selection of authentic Arab snacks and beverages, further enriching their understanding of the region's culinary heritage.

Day 4: The Contributions of Arabs in the Middle Ages to the Western World

In this session, students will explore the significant contributions made by the Arab world during the Middle Ages, including advancements in science, mathematics, medicine, and philosophy. Through engaging presentations and discussions, students will gain an understanding of how these achievements have shaped the world we know today.

Day 5: Brief Introduction to the Ancient Near East

The course concludes with an overview of the ancient Near East, covering the region's early civilizations, such as Mesopotamia and Ancient Egypt, and their lasting impact on the development of human society. Students will learn about key historical events, figures, and cultural achievements of these ancient societies.

Assessment

40% Participation

30% Homework / Presentation

30% In-class writing