The purpose of this course is to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, its origins, development, sustaining factors, and trajectory. Along with participation (10% of the overall grade), students will be graded on a 7-8 page paper on an approved topic (30% of the overall grade), a presentation of the paper (10% of the overall grade), quizzes (20% of the overall grade), and a final exam (30% of the overall grade).

Mandatory Texts:


Course Sections

One: Facets of Collective Identity

Two: Theory and Empirical Analysis

Three: The Jewish-Muslim Conflict

Four: From the Arab-Israeli Conflict to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Five: Politics of Israel

Six: Palestinian Politics
Seven: The Role of Territory in the Conflict

Eight: The Role of Refugees in the Conflict

Nine: Resolving the Conflict

Ten: Demographic Shifts and the Future of the Conflict

Words to the Wise

I will dock late assignments one-letter grade per day. IMPORTANT: I will not tolerate plagiarism and academic dishonesty.

I will announce weekly readings in class.

During class put your cell phones on silent and do not use them.

Grades are earned not given.