The Arab Society and Arab Education in Israel
Course number: 34602

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The course would seek to provide students an understanding of Palestinian society and education under the Ottoman Empire and the British Mandate. Students will learn about the impact of Israel’s establishment on Palestinian society, in particular the formation of the Palestinian Israeli education system as a separate entity in Israel. Students will evaluate the educational system and historical narratives used in schools and the use of education as a means of advancement or control. Students will learn the main challenges for education and the internal dynamic among Palestinian Israelis regarding culture, religion, and language. Students will learn about the status of Palestinian Israeli teachers as an agent of change or control. Students will gain a view of women in Palestinian society and the education system. Finally, students will discuss whether or not Palestinian Israeli education in Israel addresses the multi-cultural and multi-religious challenges of the people.

Requirements

Participation 10%
Mid-term Essay 20%
Final Assignment 70%

Main Topics

1. Introduction to Palestinian history
2. Introduction to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict
3. Palestinian Arab education during the British Mandate
4. The impact of the 1948 war on the Palestinian Arab population
5. Palestinian Arab education in the formative years of the State of Israel
6. Challenges in Palestinian Arab education
7. The politics of control in Palestinian Arab education
8. Multi-culturalism and Gender in Palestinian Arab education
9. Specific Challenges for Palestinian Christian schools in Israel
Readings


9. Jabareen, A. The Palestinian Education system in Mandatory Palestine


