

**The American University in Cairo**  
**Political Science 422/4422: Seminar: Twentieth Century Egypt**  
**MR 2:00 -3:20 (Spring 2016)**

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### **Course Objective**

This course offers an in-depth analysis of the nature and dynamics of modern Egyptian politics. In order to familiarize students with post-1952 Egypt, assessments of Egypt under Mohamed Ali, imperialism, and King Farouk will constitute the introductory theme of this course. Once the trends and general imprints of each era are established, this course will then focus on the major issues and themes confronting and shaping a republic and eventually leading to Egypt's post 2011 political arena. Such themes will include but are not limited to the following: The fall of Mubarak regime, the rise of the second republic, and the subsequent parliamentary and presidential elections. This second part of this course will analyze the patterns of civil participation, the role of the military, as well as the role of Muslim Brotherhood and their fall from power after the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

### **Course Requirement**

Class participation is mandatory. This will not only indicate whether students have done their assigned work, but equally important, it will prove useful in allowing participants to sharpen their analytical skills. Therefore attendance is imperative. As per AUC policy, “a student who misses more than the equivalent of three weeks of class meetings during a semester for any reason may be assigned a reduced grade for the course — including the grade of “F” — solely on the basis of inadequate attendance, regardless of excuse... Students are personally responsible for making up any academic tasks and assignments missed due to their absence.” **There are no exceptions to this rule.**

### **Course Format**

Students are expected to present a 15-minute presentation pertaining to a topic of their choice based on the course subject matter. A midterm exam will be held in class and students will be expected to answer two essay questions from a choice presented in the exam. The same applies to the final exam that will be held on the last day of classes. A research paper of between 2500 to 3000 words will also be submitted on the last day of class, the topic of the paper can be derived from your presentation topic or another topic of your choice.

### **Grade Distribution**

Class Attendance and Participation:	15%
Presentation	10%
Research paper	15%
Midterm Paper	30%
Final Paper	30%

**Course Grading:**

Please note that the course is based on the following grading system:

A Category (A, A-)	100-90%
B Category (B+, B, B-)	89-80%
C Category (C+, C, C-)	79-70%
D Category	69-60%
F Category	59 and Below