Introduction to the Middle East, Africa, Asia
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Satisfies Core and Global Diversity Requirement.

What is the origin of the term ‘the Middle East’?

What do Buddhism and Islam have in common?

What is Highlife music and why is it crucial to understanding West African history?

What are Africans and Arabs calling for in the streets of Tunisia, Egypt, and Bahrain?

Learn the answer to these questions and many more. In this course we will explore the histories of Iran, Egypt, Rwanda, Pakistan, and more. This course will help students graduate with a deep understanding of the most critical issues of our times.

We use video, on line magazines from the region, poetry, novels, articles, oral histories and more.

This unique course uses contemplative practices such as meditation and open questioning, creating space for you to connect to the material in deep and personal ways.

This course is connected to Africa Alive, a community based collaborative effort to jumpstart African Studies at WSU. Become an Intern as part of your course work and learn organizational skills, meet people from the regions, become a global expert, learn how to find authentic
sources and contribute to the richness of your life and of our community.