

Fall 2010

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THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE: 1300-1800

The Ottoman Empire was one of the most important non-Western political entities to survive from medieval to modern times, and played a vital role in European and the world history. At its height, its borders stretched from Hungary and the Ukraine in the north, to Algeria in the West, to the Caucasus and Iraq in the east, and Yemen and the Sudan in the south. The legacy of the Ottoman Empire continues to affect the peoples of **the Middle East, the Balkans, and Central and Western Europe** to the present day.



Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, TURKEY

This course will introduce the main periods and characteristics of Ottoman history. Topics to be covered include: the emergence of the Ottomans (c.1300); the nature of the Ottoman state; the rise of Ottoman dynasty and its structure; the **relation of Islam and politics**; central and provincial administration; the land system; the **middle eastern concept of state** and the class system; the Ottoman army, the **Janissaries** & the palace school; **Muslim & Christian relations; Islam, Christianity & Judaism** in the Ottoman Turkey; justice and tolerance in Ottoman society; aspects of socio-economic life; the Ottoman cities and their populations; and **more on the**

Ottoman Middle East & Pax-Ottomanica.

No previous knowledge of Turkish history or language is required.

This course (#34726) will meet Mo/We, 5:30-7 p.m.

Students who successfully complete this course qualify for a scholarship towards a future U.H.

Study Abroad Course/Trip to Turkey!

Questions regarding the course may be directed to the instructor, Dr. Süleyman Demirci
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