CMEN04, Middle Eastern Studies: Field Course  
(15.0 credits) Fall 2019

Course Description

An essential component of writing a thesis is the collection of data. Data collection, and the drafting of an initial report, are the purposes of the Field Course (CMEN04).

This course can either be conducted as an internship, or independent field work, in or about the Middle East. The topic should be related to the student’s research interest in consultation with the appointed advisor.

An internship can be chosen if it facilitates access to field work and data collection. Methodological and theoretical approaches acquired during coursework should be appropriately applied during fieldwork. The student shall demonstrate the ability to write a report about the internship or field work. The student is expected to provide a critical assessment of their selected methodology, and a critical reflection of their social positionality.

The course may be taken during a part of, or the duration of an entire semester. The entirety of the coursework must amount to 8-10 weeks of full-time work (40 hours/week). If taken on half-time the student shall devote 16-20 hours/week for 20 weeks. The course must be completed anytime during the period of September 2, 2019 - January 19, 2020.

Course Dates

Start Date: September 2, 2019 - End Date: January 19, 2020

Assignments

The course is examined individually and consists of two parts:

1. A project plan (email or one-page outline). The project plan should be handed in to the advisor no later than September 10th, 2019. The advisor needs to provide feedback within two weeks.
2. A project report (maximum 3000 words) describing setup, realization, and result. The report should also contain an evaluation of the student’s own performance and a critical analysis of the student’s own performance.

The advisor sets the deadlines for the submission of drafts, assignments, and feedback, but the course formally ends on January 20, 2020. Final feedback and grades will be given no later than February 09, 2020.
Course Grading

The Grading scale is pass or fail

For the grade of Pass, the student must fulfil the learning outcomes specified for the course. At the start of the course, students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied on the course.

The advisor is responsible for examination and grading.