This intensive, week-long summer course will seek to introduce students to an understanding of some of the key challenges facing the global system from security threats. It will address the ways in which those challenges are presented, and evaluate the efforts to counter threats in a Canadian domestic context.

Among the topics to be covered will be the following:

- The global and Canadian security environments
- Terrorism and Counter-terrorism
- Espionage and its impacts
- The Canadian intelligence and security system
- Cyber aggression and cyber security
- Security and democracy

The course will be led by Professor Wark, one of Canada’s leading experts on security and intelligence issues. Invited guest experts will join the course for selected topics.

Students will also have an opportunity to develop applied skills through the presentation of a contemporary threat assessment brief.

The learning environment is a unique feature of the summer program course. There will be an emphasis on seminar style presentations and discussions to maximize student engagement. The course is available to graduate students seeking University credit towards their degrees, as well as to senior undergraduates who are entering their final year of studies. The course is also open to professionals and interested members of the public who can join for the entire week or choose to study specific topics.

An initial pool of spaces for graduate and undergraduate students from the University of Ottawa will be available on a first come, first serve basis. This pool will be kept open until Monday, July 9. The final deadline for admission is Monday, July 23.

Interested participants seeking more information about the course may contact Professor Wark at Wesley.Wark@uottawa.ca. For registration inquiries please contact France Prud’Homme at frprud@uottawa.ca
The Middle East is one of the key regions of the world, and a source of much of its instability today. How did this part of the world come to be so integral to the stability of the planet, and so deeply in flux?

This intensive Capstone course will give students a comprehensive introduction to the modern Middle East. It will provide the necessary historical background for students to be able to understand where today’s crises and problems come from, as well as an understanding of the key social, political and economic drivers of the Middle East today.

Among topics to be covered will be the following:

- The history, geography and peoples of the Middle East
- The emergence of the Middle East state system
- The Arab-Israeli dispute and its impact on the region and the world
- The economic and social structure of the Middle East
- The Iranian Revolution
- The emergence of radical Islam and the Arab Spring
- The emerging Middle East (the “Sunni/Shi’a” split; the Israel-Saudi-Iran triangle; the evolving social and political order).

The course will be led by Professor Peter Jones, one of Canada’s leading experts on the region, and a former official who has been deeply involved in regional negotiations. Invited experts will also join the course for selected topics.

The course will be structured as a seminar, with emphasis on discussions and inter-active assignments. The course is available to graduate students seeking University credit towards their degrees, as well as to senior undergraduates who are entering their final year of studies. The course is also open to professionals and interested members of the public who can join for the entire week or choose to study specific topics.

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