# Trial Course or New Course Proposal

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See [http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/cd/credit.html](http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/cd/credit.html) for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

## 1. Action Desired

- [ ] Trial Course
- [X] New Course

## 2. Course Identification

- **Dept:** RELG
- **Course #:** F193
- **No. of Credits:** 1.0

Justify upper/lower division status & number of credits:

Course content represents “100” level. Course will have 800 contact hours.

## 3. Proposed Course Title

Isaac v. Ishmael: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

## 4. Cross Listed?

- [ ] Yes
  - If yes, Dept:
- [ ] No

(Requires approval of both departments and deans involved. Add lines at end of form for such signatures.)

## 5. Stacked?

- [ ] Yes
  - If yes, Dept:
- [ ] No

## 6. Frequency of Offering:

- [ ] As Demand Warrants
- [ ] (Every or Alternate) Fall, Spring, Summer - or As Demand Warrants

## 7. Semester & Year of First Offering (if approved)

- [ ] Fall 2011

## 8. Course Format

**NOTE:** Course hours may not be compressed into fewer than three days per credit. Any course compressed into fewer than six weeks must be approved by the college or school’s curriculum council. Furthermore, any core course compressed to less than six weeks must be approved by the core review committee.

**Course Format:**

- [ ] 1
- [ ] 2
- [ ] 3
- [ ] 4
- [X] 5
- [ ] 6 weeks to full semester

**Other Format (specify):**

Mode of delivery (specify lecture, field trips, labs, etc)

- [ ] Lecture

## 9. Contact Hours Per Week:

- [ ] 3/5 Lecture hours/week
- [ ] Lab hours/week
- [ ] Practicum hours/week

**Note:** # of credits are based on contact hours. 800 minutes of lecture=1 credit. 1600 minutes in non-science lab=1 credit. 2400-4800 minutes of practicum=1 credit. 2400-8000 minutes of internship=1 credit. This must match with the syllabus. See [http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/cd/credits.html](http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/cd/credits.html) for more information on number of credits.

**Other Hours (specify type):**

## 10. Complete Catalog Description including dept., number, title and credits (50 words or less, if possible):

**RELG F193**  Isaac v. Ishmael: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict  **(S)**

1 Credit  Offered As Demand Warrants

This course investigates the strife in its interlocking historical, political, religious, ethnic and...
archaeological dimensions. Competing claims to the land are scrutinized through the prisms of Judaism and Islam, the history, and other ideological movements. (1+0)

11. COURSE CLASSIFICATIONS: (undergraduate courses only. Use approved criteria found on Page 10 & 17 of the manual. If justification is needed, attach on separate sheet.)

H = Humanities  N = Natural Science  S = Social Sciences  X

Will this course be used to fulfill a requirement for the baccalaureate core?  

YES  X  NO

IF YES, check which core requirements it could be used to fulfill:

O = Oral Intensive,  W = Writing Intensive,  Natural Science, Format 6

Format 7

12. COURSE REPEATABILITY:

Is this course repeatable for credit?  

YES  X  NO

Justification: Indicate why the course can be repeated (for example, the course follows a different theme each time).

How many times may the course be repeated for credit?  

TIMES

If the course can be repeated with variable credit, what is the maximum number of credit hours that may be earned for this course?  

CREDITS

13. GRADING SYSTEM:

LETTER: X  PASS/FAIL: [ ]

14. PREREQUISITES

None

These will be required before the student is allowed to enroll in the course.

RECOMMENDED

Classes, etc. that student is strongly encouraged to complete prior to this course.

15. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS, CONDITIONS

None

16. PROPOSED COURSE FEES

$0

Has a memo been submitted through your dean to the Provost & VCAS for fee approval? Yes/No

17. PREVIOUS HISTORY

Has the course been offered as special topics or trial course previously? Yes/No

If yes, give semester, year, course #, etc.:  

Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011 F193P

18. ESTIMATED IMPACT

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

None

19. LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Have you contacted the library collection development officer (ffk1j@uaf.edu, 474-6695) with regard to the adequacy of library/media collections, equipment, and services available for the proposed course? If so, give date of contact and resolution. If not, explain why not.

No  X  Yes  [ ]

No services needed

20. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS

What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?

Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)
No programs/departments will be affected by this course.

21. **POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS**
   Please specify positive and negative impacts on other courses, programs and departments resulting from the proposed action.

There are no negative impacts on any other programs.

JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED
The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize course change and new course applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed course.

One credit RELG courses have been offered for the past few semesters, and have had a growing interest. This particular topic is timely with world issues. Students have appreciated this forum for knowledge acquisition and discussion.

APPROVALS:

| Signature, Chair, Program/Department of: | Date 10-18-10 |
| Signature, Division Chair CRCD of: | Date |
| Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for: | Date 10-18-10 |
| Signature, Dean, College/School of: | Date 10/21/10 |

Signature of Provost (if applicable)
Offerings above the level of approved programs must be approved in advance by the Provost.

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE

<p>| Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee | Date |</p>
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ATTACH COMPLETE SYLLABUS (as part of this application).
Note: syllabus must follow the guidelines discussed in the Faculty Senate Guide http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/cd/syllabus.html.

The department and campus wide curriculum committees will review the syllabus to ensure that each of the items listed below are included. If items are missing or unclear, the proposed course change will be denied.

**SYLLABUS CHECKLIST FOR ALL UAF COURSES**

During the first week of class, instructors will distribute a course syllabus. Although modifications may be made throughout the semester, this document will contain the following information (as applicable to the discipline):

1. **Course information:**
   - Title, number, credits, prerequisites, location, meeting time (make sure that contact hours are in line with credits).

2. **Instructor (and if applicable, Teaching Assistant) information:**
   - Name, office location, office hours, telephone, email address.

3. **Course readings/materials:**
   - Course textbook title, author, edition/publisher.
   - Supplementary readings (indicate whether required or recommended) and any supplies required.

4. **Course description:**
   - Content of the course and how it fits into the broader curriculum;
   - Expected proficiencies required to undertake the course, if applicable.
   - Inclusion of catalog description is strongly recommended, and Description in syllabus must be consistent with catalog course description.

5. **Course Goals (general) and Student Learning Outcomes (more specific)**

6. **Instructional methods:**
   - Describe the teaching techniques (eg: lecture, case study, small group discussion, private instruction, studio instruction, values clarification, games, journal writing, use of Blackboard, audio/video conferencing, etc.)

7. **Course calendar:**
   - A schedule of class topics and assignments must be included. Be specific so that it is clear that the instructor has thought this through and will not be making it up on the fly (e.g. it is not adequate to say “lab”. Instead, give each lab a title that describes its content). You may call the outline Tentative or Work in Progress to allow for modifications during the semester.

8. **Course policies:**
   - Specify course rules, including your policies on attendance, tardiness, class participation, make-up exams, and plagiarism/academic integrity.

9. **Evaluation:**
   - Specify how students will be evaluated, what factors will be included, their relative value, and how they will be tabulated into grades (on a curve, absolute scores, etc.)

10. **Support Services:**
    - Describe the student support services such as tutoring (local and/or regional) appropriate for the course.

11. **Disabilities Services:**
    - The Office of Disability Services implements the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and insures that UAF students have equal access to the campus and course materials.
    - State that you will work with the Office of Disabilities Services (203 WHIT, 474-7043) to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities."
COURSE INFORMATION:

Title: **Isaac versus Ishmael—The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

Department/Number: RELG-F110  Credits: 1

Prerequisites: None

Location: UAF– Community & Technical College

Meeting Time/Dates: W 6-9pm for 5 weeks

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

Name: Dr. Paul Korchin

Office Location: None (adjunct faculty)  Office Hours: By appointment

Telephone: (907) 374-8870  E-Mail: pdkorchin@gmail.com

COURSE READINGS / MATERIALS:

Course Textbook:  *Israel/Palestine*  
(Global Political Hot Spots series)

Author: Alan Dowty
Publisher: Polity: Cambridge UK & Malden MA, 2008 (2nd edition)

Supplementary Readings: Primary documents, media articles, and maps will be provided via photocopied handouts

Any Supplies Required: None
COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Why is contemporary Arab-Israeli hatred so bloody and intractable? This course investigates the strife in its interlocking historical, political, religious, ethnic, and archaeological dimensions, exploring how past events and traditions are conceived—and reconceived—by opposing peoples in the light and shadow of their present situations and future aspirations. Competing claims to the land and its holy places are scrutinized through the prisms of Judaism and Islam, including their respective sacred texts (the Bible and the Quran). Governance of the region is examined in terms of its ancient, medieval, and modern conquests and political structures (ranging from the Davidic kingdom, to the Muslim caliphate, to Israeli statehood and the occupied territories). Ideological movements including Zionism, Fatah, Hamas, and Hezbollah are considered via their tenets and tactics (such as settlements, bulldozing, rocket attacks, and suicide bombings). Plans and prospects—both past and pending—for an enduring peace are evaluated.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF GOALS:

The instructor’s goals for this course are, simply, to foster the student learning outcomes and objectives—namely:

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES:

By the conclusion of this course the diligent student will possess a foundational knowledge about the historical and contemporary catalysts that fuel suspicions and hostilities between (and among) Israelis and Palestinians. The student will also come to appreciate the thorny complexities generated by the intersecting geographic, religious, and political dynamics of contending ethnic groups. Furthermore, the student will acquire useful analytical tools to assess and contextualize future geopolitical developments in the region.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:

This course will be conducted in a lecture format, featuring presentations and questions by the instructor designed to engage the students in discussions about the material and topics at hand. Visual media will be incorporated (chiefly PowerPoint, photographs, maps) to provide a more vivid context for reflection and conversation.

COURSE CALENDAR:

1st week: CLASS 1: Zionism’s Dawn & Caliphate’s Twilight
The conflict’s modern origins & ancient catalysts.

Readings:
Dowty, 1–68
Handouts (maps, articles)
2nd week: **CLASS 2:** Ottoman Sanjaq to British Mandate  
Empire’s last gasp (1914-1947).

Readings:  
Dowty, 69–80  
Handouts (maps, articles)

3rd week: **CLASS 3:** Independence & Catastrophe  

Readings:  
Dowty, 80–104  
Handouts (maps, articles)

4th week: **CLASS 4:** David Begets Goliath  

Readings:  
Dowty, 105–130  
Handouts (maps, articles)

5th week: **CLASS 5:** Convulsions  

Readings:  
Dowty, 130–161  
Handouts (maps, articles)  
Final (for credit) Project assignment (DUE: 2 weeks after the last class)

6th week: **CLASS 6:** Isaac & Ishmael in the 21st Century  
Can Abraham’s offspring ever reconcile?

Readings:  
Dowty, 162–218  
Handouts (maps, articles)

**COURSE POLICIES:**

This single credit course is an elective, designed to appeal to students who are attracted to its subject matter and/or to fulfilling core academic requirements toward UAF Associate and/or Bachelor degrees. For students who audit, the standards are ultimately self-imposed. For those who take this course for credit, consistent and prompt attendance is mandatory, as is timely reading of the assignments. The final project is also required, as well as a *bona fide* intellectual curiosity and respectfulness toward the subject matter and fellow class participants. Plagiarism and other academic dishonesty are intolerable, and will be forwarded to the appropriate college authorities for disciplinary measures.
EVALUATION:

Auditing is permitted. Letter grades for credit will be determined according to the following formula:

- **20%** Class preparation (readings and reflections upon the texts and secondary literature).
- **30%** Class participation (attendance, questions and comments, active involvement in the discussion of material).
- **50%** Final project (short paper [5–7 pp.] required for credit; students will have a choice from among a limited number of relevant topics/motifs provided and/or approved by the instructor).

According to the following scale:

- A+ 98–100
- A  94–97
- A- 91–93
- B+ 88–90
- B  84–87
- B- 81–83
- C+ 78-80
- C  74–77
- C- 71–73
- D+ 68–70
- D  64–67
- D- 61–63
- F  0–60

SUPPORT SERVICES:

TVC Student Assistance and Academic Advising Center: (phone) 907-455-2800; (toll-free) 877-882-8827; (e-mail) fytvc@uaf.edu

DISABILITIES SERVICES:

UAF has a Disability Services office that operates in conjunction with the College of Rural and Community Development's (CRCD) campuses and UAF's Center for Distance Education (CDE). Disability Services, a part of UAF's Center for Health and Counseling, provides academic accommodations to enrolled students who are identified as being eligible for these services.

If you believe you are eligible, please visit http://www.uaf.edu/disability on the web or contact a student affairs staff person at your nearest local campus. You can also contact Disability Services on the Fairbanks Campus at (907) 474-5655 or (907) 474-1827 TTY, fydso@uaf.edu, Whitaker Building rm. 208.