

SOCI 4039A Course Outline
Women in Contemporary Arab Middle East Societies
Fall 2021

Course Objectives:

This Seminar seeks to introduce students to the lives and experiences of women in some Middle Eastern countries. By refusing the Orientalist, Eurocentric and Islamophobic perception of Arab/Muslim women, our discussions hope to reconstruct the real lives of these women by studying their lived reality, listening to their own voices and considering their own experiences. In addition to this general overview of women in the Middle East, this course focuses on Palestine and the struggle of Palestinian women under Israeli settler colonialism and Apartheid. Issues discussed include Palestinian women's socio-economic, political, and cultural experiences. Class, Race, gender, sexuality, and identity will be discussed.