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NMC471HS Advanced Topics in Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations: Warfare and Military Traditions in Islamic History

This course is a survey of the military history of the Islamic world from the rise of Islam to the zenith of the Ottoman Empire in the sixteenth century. Throughout this course we will examine several themes through reading primary sources in translation and research conducted by scholars in the field. These themes include: the adoption and amalgamation of different military traditions and practices in the Muslim world; multiculturalism and its social, cultural, religious effects in the militaries and societies of the Muslim World; the significance of the different groups that provided the soldiers of the armies; the paradox of military slavery and the formation of a slave elite in several Muslim polities; the transfer of ideas and technologies; warfare and gender roles; religious and secular ideologies of warfare.

Questions?
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