

Curriculum CARAVAN

Formation Lebanon - on ground			
Subject	Title	Subtitle	
Lebanon	Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political system and administration 	Parties, constitution, proportional representation as a principle
	History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre- and early history 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roman-byzantine period 	Origin of oriental churches and states in and out of the roman-byzantine realm
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The arabic realm (7th century) 	History of the prophets, expansion to Spain and India, political unity, arabicization of the conquered territories
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Islamic countries (9th - 15th century) 	Political dissolution, Marmeluke dynasties, cultural flourishing
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Middle ages 	Crusades, mongolian invasions
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ottoman era and great Syria (1453 - 1918) 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> British and French mandate in Middle East (1918 - 1945) 	Fate of oriental Christians in consequence of imperialism of the European great powers
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After WW II / Political independence (1945 - 1975) 	Jewish-Arabic wars
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civil war Lebanon (1975 - 1990) 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post war Lebanon (1990 - today) 	Cedars revolution
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The presence of the order of Malta in Lebanon 		
	Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economy 	Importance of trade and services sector, nepotism, intermingling of politics and the economy
	Cultural studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unity in diversity 	Is there a single Lebanese culture?
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lebanon etiquette 	Do's and don'ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music and literature 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food and drink 		Mezze, azrak – field trips	

Religion	Islam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islam 	Roots of Islam in antique Philosophy, Judaism, Christianity
			Sharia
			History
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islamic sects 	Sunnite, Shiite (Imamite, Ismailite, Druze, Alawite)
			Fundamentalism (Muslim brotherhood, Hamas, Hezbollah)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islamic Theology 	Fundamentals of the religion (5 pillars of Islam, ...)
			Role of men and women
			Sexuality in Islam
			"Martyrdom"
			High feasts: Ramadan, aid al fitr, ...
	Koran (Development, ...)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islamic mysticism 	Tradition (hadit)	
		Sufism	
	Christianity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian churches in the Middle East: Maronite church • Christian churches in the Middle East: Dogmatic disputes • Christian churches in the Middle East 	Origin and history, organisational structure, liturgy, theological differences and similarities with the Latin church
			Gnosticism and Manichaeism; Trinitarian and Christological dogma
			Asceticism and monasticism as typical forms of christian life in the Orient
	Judaism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judaism 	Hierarchy and titles (Patriarch, Metropolitan, Titular Bishop, ...)
			History
			Scriptures and religious leaders
	Islam - Christianity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative religious studies 	Jewish feasts, rites and religious rules and regulations
Image of God, Christ, Maria			
Columns of faith (Christian vs. 5 pillars of Islam)			
Manners of praying			
High feasts			
Social situation of women in family and society			
Koran and Bible			
How do Muslims perceive Christian faith?			
Heaven			
Marriage			