Senior seminar is the capstone course for history majors. The main objective of the seminar is to provide a means for you to put into practice the skills that you have acquired as history majors and produce a substantial research paper in stages throughout the semester. In this paper, you are expected to use primary sources, engage with existing historiography on a specific topic, and show mastery in understanding the fundamentals of historical thinking. The central theme of the seminar is World War I in the Middle East. In the first few weeks of the seminar, we will focus on this theme with readings providing examples of social, economic, political, and cultural history perspectives on the history of the Great War in the region. The goal of these first few weeks is twofold: 1. You will be introduced to major historiographical discussions in the field of the Middle East. 2. The discussions and readings are meant to help you with coming up with a viable research project – one that you find interesting and exciting as you will be spending so many hours on this topic during the semester, you must conduct research on something that you find interesting.