JULY 28<sup>th</sup>-AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**ISRAEL’S NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE CHANGING MIDDLE EAST (3 Weeks = 6 Credits)**

This program is tailored to give students a comprehensive understanding of the changing Middle East. Throughout the program we will explore the various shifts that have occurred in the region in the last 7 years: political, societal, religious and economic.

The program brings together a unique combination of leading academic experts and experienced senior policy practitioners from both the Department of Middle Eastern and African History and the International MA Program in Middle Eastern Studies (MAMES) at Tel Aviv University and the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) who will share their experience and knowledge, and expose the students to different angles and perspectives.

By translating information taught in the classroom to relevant simulations and field trips, students will get a broad understanding of the region that no textbook can provide. The program will give the students a unique opportunity to study in the city that never sleeps, Tel Aviv.

**THE MIDDLE EAST AFTER THE ARAB UPHEAVAL (2 Credits)**

The Middle East is rapidly changing. Political structures are evolving, states have remained in name only and religious conflicts threaten to cause further destruction. Exploiting this chaos, external powers have stepped in, turning the region into a jostling arena. This course will give students the tools to understand the root causes of the major conflicts and their political and economic impacts on people, societies, and prospect for regional peace and stability.

**ISLAMIC JIHADI-SUNNI TERRORISM AS AN ONGOING CHALLENGE (2 Credits)**

The course will address the phenomenon of terrorism and its definitions, characteristics and changes over the years, focusing on violent organizations operating in the Middle East. After presenting the theoretical framework, the course will focus on Hamas, Hezbollah, and global Jihad (Al-Qaeda and ISIS) as well as terrorism outside of the Middle East, including in Europe and North America.

**ISRAEL’S NATIONAL SECURITY DOCTRINE IN AN UNSTABLE NEIGHBORHOOD (2 Credits)**

Following a conceptual and theoretical discussion of national security concepts, this course will present the development of Israel’s security doctrine and discuss its most prominent principles, focusing on its current challenges and past trials.
PROGRAM DATES
July 28th, 2019 - First day of class
August 15th, 2019 – Last day of class

ADMISSION
The application process is done entirely online
The following will have to be submitted:
• Official transcript – general grade point average
• requirement of 80 on a scale of 100, or 3.0 on a scale of 4.0
• Academic recommendation letter
• Demonstrate command of English: TOEFL test results (550 written* or 79 iBT**) or the IELTS test [minimum score: 6.5, all test components need to be in the B2 range]
  *No section below 52 **No section below 17
• 1000-word writing sample
• CV/Resume
• Application fee of $60

HOUSING
Students participating in the program are eligible to reside in the Tel Aviv University’s dormitories for the duration of the program. Housing is not included in the cost of tuition. For housing inquiries, please contact Mr. Gideon Kafri – gideonk@inss.org.il

SERVICES AND SOCIAL LIFE
Outside the classroom, an extensive program of cultural and social events will give students the chance to experience all that Tel Aviv and Israel have to offer.
You will enjoy the following:
• Orientation day before the start of the program
• Organized excursions to cultural destinations and subject-related sites of interest
• Social activities included
• 24/7 support from our madrichim [counselors], living in the dorms with the students
• Health insurance
• Access to our libraries and other on-campus services

APPLICATION DEADLINE JUNE 30th, 2019

ABOUT US
Tel Aviv University is located in Israel’s capital of innovation and culture. Ranked as one of the world’s top 10 cities, Tel Aviv is known for its entrepreneurial atmosphere and exciting social life. Ranked among the world’s top 100 innovation universities, Tel Aviv University is Israel’s largest and most comprehensive university, attracting talented students and renowned faculty from around the globe.

The Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) is Israel’s leading independent, non-partisan think tank focusing on issues of national security. Ranked among the world’s 50 leading think tanks in national security, INSS conducts innovative, policy-oriented research with a diverse team of researchers, many of whom held senior positions in Israel’s security and government institutions, and all of whom have strong backgrounds in security, international relations, and public policy. INSS is a feeding ground for learning about out-of-the-box viewpoints and policies concerning the Middle East.

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