



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

NATO after COVID - 54623

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HU Credits: 1

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Cont. German Studies:politics, Soc.&Cult

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course "NATO after COVID19" looks at the state of the alliance. The course consist of an online preparation stage in which the students can familiarise themselves with the organisation, its competencies and capabilities and decision-making principles. It will then cover alliance decision-making and crisis management. The current challenges, pre-existing as well as new, will be discussed. In a National Security Council simulation the students will then assume roles of decision-makers faced with a crisis. At this stage the students will have to implement the theoretical knowledge acquired in an active manner. The course is rounded off with a discussion on the alliance and prospects for the future.

Course/Module aims:

Students will better understand NATO today, after COVID19, and its crisis management procedures and capabilities. They will hone their diplomatic and negotiation skills as well as gain confidence dealing with complex issues of international politics in English.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Students will be able to discuss the alliance's agenda and have a better grasp of the opportunities and challenges that the pandemic poses for NATO. They will also be able to discuss possible future roles for the alliance and ways in which it needs to adopt to face hybrid challenges.

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Online tutoring, lectures and role play simulation

Course/Module Content:

The course will consist of a general preparation phase, a lecture phase, the simulation and a debriefing phase.

- 1) The general preparation will include studying NATO, its capabilities, decision making procedures as well as studying its role in (non-military) crisis management.
- 2) The lecture suit will cover the alliance, NATO's role during the, the threat environment after COVID (East, South, new threats), and NATO adaptation for the future.

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- 3) The simulation will have the students put the acquired insights into practice by applying them in a crisis situation.
- 4) To safeguard insights and lessons learned, students will write a graded paper.

Required Reading:

<https://www.nato.int/>

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 50 %

Project work 50 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: