Syllabus

Military Society and Politics in Israel - 56011

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: political science

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Ein Karem

Course/Module Coordinator: Dr. Amir Bar-Or

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Teaching Staff:
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Course/Module description:
A comprehensive view of the links between society, the political system and the army since Israel's establishment, with an emphasis on security issues

Course/Module aims:
An analysis of the interfaces between society and the political system, society and the army, and the political system and the army. Students are introduced to the complexity of challenges facing the only democracy in the Middle East

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
Examine the major interfaces that shape Israel's unique image
Evaluate the centrality of security issues and their influence on Israeli society
Identify the main characteristics in civil-military relations and in the relationship between the political and military levels

Attendance requirements(%):
Attendance compulsory in accordance with university regulations (100%)

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal lectures and class discussions

Course/Module Content:
1. Background and basic concepts: society-politics, society-army, army-politics
2. The theoretical context: national security policy
3. Israeli society: the political implications of sectoralization
4. The crystallization of Israeli society
5. The media and the political system
6. The crystallization of civil-military relations
7. The social impact of wars in Israel
8. Society, army and the occupation
9. Changes in civil-military relations
10. The IDF model: from a people's army to a professional army
11. Army and politics in Israel
12. Summary: army, society, and politics

Required Reading:

Additional Reading Material:
Upon request

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 100 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: