Syllabus

THE MILITARY & POLITICS IN ISRAEL - 56574

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: political science

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Dr. Amir Bar-Or

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Teaching Staff:
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Course/Module description:
An examination of a wide range of phenomena and processes in Israeli civil-military relations.

Course/Module aims:
An analysis of the major events that have shaped and continue to shape the relationship between the political and security systems against the background of the dominance of defense issues in Israel

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
Analyze the meaning of the major events that shape the relationship between the political and security systems
Examine the IDF's influence on the political decision making processes in Israel
Criticize the weakness of the civil control on military affairs
Recognize the supremacy of the military thinking over the civilian one
Identify the un formal processes of political-military relations in Israel

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. Introduction to the subject matter -theoretical and historical background
2. Israeli society and it's army
3. Civilian/political supervision over security
4. The Defense Ministry and IDF General Staff
5. Legal status
6. The IDF and inquiry commissions
7. National intelligence assessment and strategic planning
8. Israel's security concept/policy
9. Israel's wars and war aims - relations between the political level and military level
in times of war
10. Civil-military relations in times of limited conflicts and the transition to political arrangements
11. The religification of the IDF and equality in sharing the burden of compulsory service
12. The IDF and the media
13. Israel's political - security culture

Required Reading:
9. Z. Lanir, "Political Goals and Military Objectives in Israel's Wars," in A War of Choice - An Anthology of Articles, Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, Tel Aviv, 1985, pp. 117-156; also, B. Neuberger (ed), War and Agreements - Select Issues in Israel's Foreign Relations, Open University, 1992, pp. 11-44.
10. K. Michael, Between Militarism and Statesmanship in Israel - The Influence of the Army on Transitional Processes from War to Peace, Tel Aviv University, 2008, pp. 91-188.

Additional Reading Material:
Upon request

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

Additional information: