ISRAEL'S NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE CHANGING TURBULENT MIDDLE EAST (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 practitioners from both Tel Aviv University and the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) who will share their experience and knowledge with the students and provide the students with an intellectual experience from a very different angle and perspective.

By translating information taught in the classroom to relevant simulations and field trips, students will get a broad understanding about the region that no textbook can provide. It also gives the unique chance to study in the city that never stops, Tel Aviv.

THE MIDDLE EAST AFTER THE ARAB UPHEAVAL (2 Credits)

The Middle East is rapidly changing. Political structures are interchanging, states have remained only by name and religious conflicts threaten to cause further destruction. Into this chaos, some of the traditional external powers are drawn, with the region becoming a jostling arena.

During this course, students will be given the tools to understand the root causes of the major conflicts and their political and economic impact on people, societies, regional and world peace, as well as stability.

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

The course deals with the phenomenon of terrorism and its definitions, characteristics and changes over the years, focusing on the violent organizations operating today 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 taking place outside of the Middle East, in Europe and North America.

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

Following a conceptual and theoretical discussion over the nature of national security concepts, we will present the development of Israel’s security concept and discuss its most prominent principles. Focusing on the current challenges it faces and its past trials. We will review the various concepts and attempt to point to possible solutions.

Courses are subject to change. For information and updated dates please refer to our website.
PROGRAM DATES
July 26, 2018 – Mandatory orientation
July 29, 2018 - First day of class
August 16, 2018 – 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 exams: TOEFL test
  results (550 written* or 79 iBT**) or the IELTS test
  (minimum score: 6.5, all test components in need to
  be in the B2 range)
  *No section below 52  **No section below 17
• 1000 words writing sample
• CV/Resume
• Application fee of $60

HOUSING
Students participating in TAU International Summer
Programs are eligible to live in our dormitories.
For housing inquiries please contact Mrs. Smadar
Glikman at smadar@inss.org.il

SERVICES AND SOCIAL LIFE
Outside of the classroom, an extensive program of
cultural and social events gives 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 including
  • 24/7 support from our madrichim (social counselors),
    living in the dorms with the students
• Health insurance
• Access to our libraries and other on-campus services

APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2018

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 lifestyles. 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 which held
senior positions in Israel's security and government institutions, and all of who
have strong backgrounds in security, international relations, and public policy.
INSS is a breeding ground for learning about out-of-the-box viewpoints and policies
and receive an education from world-renowned experts of the Middle East.
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