

# **National Security Studies Program**

## **M.A. in Political Sciences with a specialization in National Security Administration**

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### **The Program**

Taught in English over one year from October through September, the International Graduate Program in National Security Studies is designed for students and professionals who are seriously interested in the field of national security in the broadest sense of the term. Students will examine the complex interrelationship between the social, political, ethical, diplomatic, economic and military dimensions of national security to create a comprehensive picture of the state of the nation.

The program aims to prepare graduates, to deal effectively with critical national decisions. The program targets mid-career officials, academics and students from Israel and around the world, as well as retired and active members of defense and foreign affairs establishments.

We will strive to introduce students to real-time dilemmas and choices of Israeli decision makers as well as high-ranking officials, in addition to examples of national security dilemmas from other national and regional conflicts.

In addition to gaining insight about national security, graduates of this program can expect to develop careers in governmental, security and private organizations, which are interested in enhancing their ability to deal with strategic affairs, challenges and opportunities. The course curriculum has been developed by the University of Haifa faculty in cooperation with Israel's National Security College, the highest course of study in the Israel Defense Forces.

Upon completion of the program, students will receive an MA in Political Science, with a specialization in National Security Administration from the School of Political Sciences and the Faculty of Social Sciences.

## Admission Requirements and Prerequisites

- ◆ An undergraduate degree in political sciences from an accredited university in Israel or abroad, diploma and transcript with a minimum of 3.0 GPA, 80% or equivalent.
- ◆ Candidates with an undergraduate degree in history or social sciences are also eligible and will be required to complete two introductory courses before the first semester of the program:
  - Introduction to International Relations
  - Introduction to Government and Politics
- ◆ TOEFL scores (if native language is not English or candidates have not previously studied at an institution of higher education where the language of instruction is English). A minimum of 570 (paper-based test); 230 (computer-based test) or 89 (internet-based test). Other proofs of proficiency in English will be considered.

## Program's structure:

The non-thesis program consists of 36 weekly semestrial hours of study, including 9 mandatory courses (4 hours each) and a final exam/ graduation project. The program includes a personally tailored practicum, adjusted to the qualifications and, wherever possible, to the career preferences of each student. The program is structured, the mandatory courses will be given on Thursdays and Fridays; elective courses will be offered also on other days. All courses will be semestrial and will be taught during three consecutive semesters from October through September (fall, spring and summer semesters) over one academic year. [

- ◆ **The Fall Semester** will offer three basic mandatory courses - 12 weekly semestrial hours of study: *The National Security of Israel, Approaches to Political Science and Management of geopolitical risks and opportunities in a global world.*
- ◆ **The Spring Semester** will offer three mandatory courses - 12 weekly semestrial hours of study: *National Security – The Practitioners' Perspective, Law and ethics in decision making process in national security and The management of economic statecraft.*
- ◆ **The Summer Semester** will offer three mandatory courses - 12 weekly semestrial hours of study: *Intelligence and National Security, Managing the*

*Democratic State: Dilemmas of Policy and Security and The Evolution of War: The Information and Cyber Age.*

## **Grading**

The grades of the different courses will count for 70 percent of the final grade. A final assignment - a research paper or an equivalent final integrative examination - will count for 30 percent.

\* \*courses are subject to change. Please see program website for the most up to date curriculum.

Further information regarding the Program may be found at

<http://securitystudies.haifa.ac.il/>