Course Description

This research seminar prepares BA Honors students for conducting research towards publication or presentation in an academic conference in the area of political decision making. We go over the steps in the research process, explore and discuss various methodological orientations and approaches to the study of political decision making (statistical, formal, experimental, case study) and their relevance to decision making and strategy in foreign policy, and national security. Students present their research design and final papers. Guidance in writing research papers is provided by the Instructor and the TA of the course.

Course Goals

Conducting research towards publication or presentation in an academic conference in the area of political decision making.

Grading

Active Participation: 20%

Paper: 80% due August 15, 2019

Lecturer Office Hours

Additional meetings, for guiding students in writing their research paper, will be scheduled.

Instructor: Prof. Alex Mintz

Tutor Office Hours

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Reading List

Maoz, Zeev et al. (eds.) Multiple Paths to Knowledge in International Relations. Lexington Books, 2004.

Mintz, Alex, Yi Yang and Rose McDermott, "Experimental Approaches in International Relations". International Studies Quarterly, June 2011.

Special issue of Political Psychology on Biology, Genetics and Politics, 2012.


*Hebrew edition

Additional items will be assigned in class based on students' research interests.