Course program and reading list
Semester 2 Year 2019

School: Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy B.A

Seminar in decision-making and political psychology

Lecturer:
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Course No.: 4397  Course Type: Lecture  Weekly Hours: 4  Credit: 4

Course Requirements: Final Paper  Group Code: 192439701  Language: Hebrew

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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Office hours: by appointment

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

זינילצ' דניאל, תכנית חסום: פעולות מדיניות, ארצות הברית, אפגניסטן, ירדן, סעודיה, ערב וישראל, סטנפורד, מכון הרצוג, 2016.

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