



# Course program and reading list

Semester 0 Year 2023

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

## Current Challenges Facing Israeli Society

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<b>Course No.:</b>	<b>Course Type :</b>	<b>Weekly Hours :</b>	<b>Credit:</b>
4238	Lecture	2	2

<b>Course Requirements :</b>	<b>Group Code :</b>	<b>Language:</b>
Final Paper	230423801	English

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### Course Description

This course involves 5-6 day tours throughout Israel during the academic year addressing various challenges facing Israeli society along with occasional preparatory lectures and follow-up discussions. The class also provides the framework of the Argov Class of 2022 social project, the student-run initiative to address some of the challenges facing Israeli society through a voluntary, year-long project.

(This is a required course for the Argov Fellows in Leadership and Diplomacy Program).

List of potential day tours (5-6 will be scheduled during the year)

1. An inside view of the Haredi sector (including a visit to the Hebron Yeshiva, various Haredi educational and charitable institutions, and dialogue with Haredim.)
2. An inside view of the Arab sector (including a visit to the Umm el-Fahem Art Gallery, a tour of Umm el-Fahem and a visit to Al-Qasemi Educational College including

- dialogue with students)
3. An inside view of Israeli government institutions (including a visit to the Prime Minister's Office, a meeting with emeritus Supreme Court Justice Elyakim Rubinstein and a meeting with Natan Sharansky, Head of the Jewish Agency)
  4. Challenges in Israel's Negev (including a meeting with Beersheva Mayor Ruvik Danilovitch, a visit to the Bedouin sector and NGOs active in the region)
  5. Day tour to the West Bank/Judea and Samaria
  6. Religious pluralism in Israel (visits to Reform, Conservative and Modern Orthodox institutions)
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## Course Goals

This year-long course gives students an in-depth perspective on some of the significant challenges facing Israeli society. Throughout the year, students participate in 5-6 day tours on specific challenges and/or sectors in Israeli society designed exclusively for the Argov Fellows. Students will tour institutions, visit sites and interact with a wide range of individuals throughout Israel. On each day tour, prominent guest speakers holding leadership positions in the academic, public, private sectors and non-profit sectors will address the students.

This class also provides the framework for the Argov Class of 2022 social project, a student-initiated and managed project to address some of the challenges facing Israeli society detailed in this course through a year-long, student-run initiative.

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## Grading

### Course Requirements and Grading

Attendance at each day tour (or class) is a requirement of the Argov Fellows Program in Leadership and Diplomacy. You must inform Argov Program Manager Leeya Fryder in advance with a justified reason if you will be unable to attend a day tour—and have it approved in advance. The use of laptops (and cellphones) is not permitted on day tours. Respectful attention to each of our speakers is required.

### Composition of the Grade for the course

\*(One final grade will be given for the course at the end of the academic year.)

Participation in all day tours (or getting an excused absence in advance) and in the Argov 2022 social project is required to pass this course.

In addition, each student is required to write a 5 page essay at the end of each semester detailing new insights he or she gained into the challenges facing Israeli society from the day tours. The specific assignment will be given during each semester.

## **Due Dates for the Essays**

Semester A: March 5, 2023

Semester B: July 23, 2023

**Submission of both papers is required in order to pass the course.**

## **Grade Components**

Active participation in study tours and the Argov 2021 social project--40% of final course grade

First paper--30% of final course grade

Second paper--30% of final course grade



## Lecturer Office Hours

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Please e-mail Leeya Fryder at [leeya.fryder@runi.ac.il](mailto:leeya.fryder@runi.ac.il) to schedule alternative and/or additional hours.



## Reading List

Prior to the day tours, readings may be given and will be distributed to the students via Moodle.