



Course program and reading list

Semester 0 Year 2023

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

Study Tour to the EU, US and China

Lecturer:

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Course No.:	Course Type :	Weekly Hours :	Credit:
4759	Lecture	0	3

Course Requirements :	Group Code :	Language:
Final Paper	230475901	English



Course Description

This year-long course gives students enrolled in the Argov Fellows in Leadership and Diplomacy program the opportunity to participate in a study tour abroad during the course of the fellowship year. For two weeks during the semester break, the students travel on an intensive study tour to Europe and the US, where they visit Brussels, New York, Washington, D.C. and Boston. For one week following the end of the second semester, the students may possibly travel to China (or India) or another location. The feasibility of the study tours depends on the travel restrictions during the current pandemic.



Course Goals

The purpose of the study tours is to give students an insider view of the politics, economics and society of the European Union, United States and China (or India or another location), three very important strategic partners for Israel. On each study tour, prominent guest speakers holding senior leadership positions in the academic, public,

private sectors and non-profit sectors will address the students. Students also visit key institutions including the EU, US Congress and Supreme Court, Columbia University, Harvard University, several universities and think tanks and Israeli embassies at each location. The students will also interact with students and members of Jewish communities around the world on the study tours. This year-long course gives students an unprecedented opportunity to understand Europe, the United States and China (or India or another location) in depth.

Grading

Course Requirements and Grading

Preparation, attendance and full participation in each study tour abroad 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 any portion of the study tours—and have it approved in advance. The use of laptops (and cellphones) is not permitted during study tour meetings. 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 the study tour (or getting an excused absence in advance) is required to pass this course.

Participation in the preparation of briefing books for the study tour is required to pass this course.

In addition, each student is required to write a 7 page essay on the study tour. The specific assignment will be given in advance of each study tour.

Due Dates for the Essay

TBA (generally 4 weeks after the return from the study tour)

*Late papers will be penalized 2 points per day

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

Grade Components

Active participation in study tours--20%

Preparation of study tour briefing books--pass/fail

Essay--80% of the final course grade



Lecturer Office Hours

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Tutor Office Hours

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Reading List

Readings, preparatory lectures and preparatory meetings will be assigned before each study tour.